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to the Commission**
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Subject: Need for infrastructure investment in northern Europe: addressing gaps in the Trans-European Transport Network through Military Mobility initiatives

The geopolitical landscape in northern Europe has changed significantly, with Russia's aggressive actions and Sweden and Finland's NATO membership highlighting the critical need for improved infrastructure, particularly east-west connections. No other area in Europe shows such a pronounced lack of connections in the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) as northern Europe. This deficiency is particularly evident in Sweden, where a stretch of nearly 1 000 kilometres from central to northern parts of the country contains just a single east-west connection in the TEN-T network.

Given these circumstances:

1. How is the Commission planning to address the significant infrastructure gaps in northern Europe, particularly the lack of east-west connections, in the light of the changed security situation and enhanced EU security cooperation, in which Sweden and Finland play an important geopolitical role?
2. How will the Commission help facilitate the integration of strategically important current and future routes, such as those connecting Sweden, Norway and Finland, into the military mobility map to enhance both civil and military preparedness in the region, and ensure co-financing opportunities through the Connecting Europe Facility for these critical infrastructure projects?

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