

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting
Trans-European transport network (TEN-T), including cross-border links

Tuesday, 13 October, 15.00 - 18.30,

European Parliament, Brussels
József Antall building, room 4Q2

15.00 – 15.05 **Opening by Mr Michael CRAMER**, Chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

15.05 – 15.15 **Key note speech by Ms Violeta BULC**, Commissioner for Transport

SESSION 1: Implementation of TEN-T projects

Moderator: **Mr Michael CRAMER**, Chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

Speakers:

15.15 – 15.25 **Mr Olivier ONIDI**, Director, DG MOVE, EC

15.25 – 15.35 **Mr Mathieu GROSCH**, European Coordinator for Orient-East Med Core Network Corridor

15.35 – 15.45 **Mr Karel VINCK**, European Coordinator for European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS)

15.45 – 16.50 Debate / question and answers

Possible topics and positions during SESSION 1 could include:

Core network corridors: benefits and challenges of an approach across national borders and transport modes

Evaluation of past EU infrastructure policies against the background of the goal of the “Single European Transport Area” and reasons for failures to connect transport infrastructure across borders (in particular for Single European Sky, rail networks)

New / innovative aspects of TEN-T policy

Link between TEN-T and tourism policies in view of the potential economic benefits, e.g. cultural heritage and EuroVelo-routes;

Combining action at EU level (TEN-T policy and Cohesion policy, enlargement, R&I, environmental and other policy areas)

Opportunities for National Parliaments to support TEN-T policy implementation

SESSION 2: TEN-T funding

Moderator: **Mr Michael CRAMER**, Chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

Speakers:

16.50 – 17.00 **Mr Dirk BECKERS**, Executive Director, Innovation and Networks Executive Agency

17.00 – 17.10 **Mr. Pim van BALLEKOM**, Vice President, European Investment Bank

17.10 – 18.20 Debate / question and answers

Possible topics and positions during SESSION 2 could include:

Coherent priority setting at European and national levels: key to success

A new era of TEN-T financing: Broadening the scope for private sector involvement through innovative financial instruments

"Designing" successful projects (streamlining procedures across borders, setting up efficient project structures, considerations on profitability vs. general interest and EU 2020 goals , overcoming non-financial obstacles etc.)

National Parliaments' views on related EU action (e.g. on charging and taxation ...)

CEF calls for proposals

18.20 – 18.30

**Concluding remarks Mr Michael CRAMER, Chairman
TRAN Committee**

18.30 End of programme

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