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EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
Priority area 1b: To improve mobility and multimodality - rail, road and air links

The first annual stakeholder conference

THE DANUBE REGION TRANSPORT DAYS 2012

Towards coordinated efforts for efficient transport in the Danube Region

18th and 19th November 2012
Ljubljana / Slovenia
Venue: Hotel LEV, Vošnjakova ulica 1, Ljubljana

AGENDA

Sunday, 18 November 2012

19.30 – 22.00 *Networking Dinner*

Monday, 19 November 2012

08.30 – 09.00 *Registration*

09.00 – 09.30 **Welcome address and keynote speech**

Welcome address:

- **Danube strategy an opportunity for the prosperity of the region**
Mr. Ljubo Žnidar, State Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia

Keynote speech:

- **Developing the Danube region: Transport and Infrastructural Priorities**
Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet, Director, DG MOVE, European Commission
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09.30 – 10.30 **SESSION I: Implementation progress, next steps of the EUSDR and activities taken by the Priority Area 1b**

Speakers:

- **The Danube region: a gateway to Europe**
Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, DG Regio, European Commission
 - **The Danube strategy supports full modal integration**
Ms. Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Vice-chair of TRAN Committee, European Parliament
 - **Did we deliver? View from the NCP**
Ms. Andreja Jerina, Slovenian National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - **The Danube Strategy – PA1b “State of play and challenges ahead”**
Mr. Miodrag Poledica, State secretary and Priority area coordinator, Ministry of transport, Serbia and Mr. Franc Žepič, Priority area coordinator, Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial planning, Slovenia
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10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 13.00 **SESSION II: Challenges and solutions for transport in the Danube region**

Speakers:

- **Challenges and solutions for Air transport in the Danube region**
Prof. Sanja Steiner, Head of Department, Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- **Business models and solutions for the Adriatic – Danube multimodal platform**
Mr. Igor Hribar, Director of Freight Transport, Slovenian Railways, Slovenia
- **Slovenia your Logistic Gateway to Europe**
Mr. Robert Sever, Director, Transport Association, Chamber of Commerce, Slovenia
- **Industry involvement**
Mr. Igor Žula, Director, 3 Projekt, management d.o.o., Slovenia
- **Danube strategy – improving the connectivity of the region**
Ms. Nikolina Nikolova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria
- **Danube Knowledge Cluster - Tool of cooperation and solidarity in The Danube Region**
Mr. Lubomir Plai, Head of office, Danube Knowledge Cluster, Slovakia

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 15.30 **SESSION III: Views from regional organisations**

Speakers:

- **The RCC an active supporter of the EUSDR**
Mr. Hido Biščević, Secretary General, RCC (Regional Cooperation Council)
 - **Perspectives of cooperation and development within SEETO Comprehensive network?**
Ms. Angelina Živkovič, Steering Committee Chairperson, SEETO (South East Europe Transport Observatory)
 - **Synergies across stakeholders in the Danube Strategy**
Mr. Carlo Fortuna, Head of Transport and Regional Co-operation, CEI (Central European Initiative)
 - **Better efficiency of railway sector as a result of closer cooperation of Railway infrastructure managers**
Mr. Boris Živec, Managing Board Member, RNE (Rail Net Europe)
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15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*



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16.00 – 17.00 **SESSION IV: Financing mechanisms and solutions**

Speakers:

- **Existing financing mechanisms and future solutions for the Danube Region**
Mr. Ognjen Mirić, Serbian National Coordinator, Government of the Republic of Serbia, European Integration Office, Serbia
- **Transnational Cooperation for improvement of accessibility in SEE 2007-2013: experiences and characteristics of a successful project**
Ms. Roberta Calcina, Project Manager, SEE programme
- **European Investment Bank: EIB's Contribution to Transport Infrastructure Investments in the Danube Region**
Mr. Martin C. Brunkhorst, Head of Vienna Office, EIB (European Investment Bank)
- **Financing mechanisms – WBIF**
Mr. Jeremy Lazenby, Consultant, WBIF (Western Balkans Investment Framework)

Discussion

17.00 – 17.15 Closing remarks

Conference language: **English**. No interpretation available.