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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

TRANSPORT ACCESSIBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Hearing - Programme

Brussels, 2 December 2014

15:00 - 18:30

Room P1A002

15h00 Opening by Michael CRAMER, Chairman TRAN Committee

**15h05 Panel I: General overview of the transport infrastructure and
accessibility in the Member States of Central and Eastern Europe**

Presentations by the following organisations (6 minutes per speaker):

- Tālis Linkaits - Head of Secretariat of the Baltic Sea Region Spatial Planning Initiative “VASAB”: Transport accessibility and connectivity challenges in the Baltic Sea Region
- Prof. dr hab Jacek Szlachta - Warsaw School of Economics: Territorial accessibility in light of the ESPON ET2050 project
- Matthias Jurek, UNEP Vienna Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention: Optimizing transport infrastructure by the development of sustainable freight and passenger transport

Questions and answers: 45 minutes

16h10 Panel II: The development of transport infrastructure and the missing cross-border links - the voice of the regions and civil society

Presentations by the following organisations (6 minutes per speaker):

- Zoltán Pajna, President of the Hajdú-Bihar County, Hungary, Debrecen: Development of cross border links and projects
- Władysław Ortyl, Marshall of the Podkarpackie Region, Poland: The state of transport infrastructure and its impact on the cross-border traffic
- Daniel Popov, CEE Bankwatch Network: Sustainability and environmental and societal impact of cross-border transport infrastructure projects

Questions and answers: 45 minutes

17h15 Panel III: Transport infrastructure as a prerequisite for the socio-economic development, sustainable growth and competitiveness - views of users and businesses

Presentations by the following organisations (6 minutes per speaker):

- János Vincze, European Passengers' Federation board member: The passengers' perspective on the connectivity of the Central-Eastern European Member States
- Kathrin Obst, Director of the European Federation of Inland Ports (EFIP): Danube: Influence of the inland waterways' on the socio-economic development, sustainable growth and competitiveness
- László Mosóczy, President of the Hungarian Rail Association "HUNGRAIL": The logistics sector's view on the infrastructure in Central-Eastern European Member States

Questions and answers: 45 minutes

18h20 Remarks by DG MOVE of the Commission

18h25 Concluding remarks by the Chair

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