



Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links

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and the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation



Third Expert Group Meeting and Inter-Regional Workshop on Developing Euro-Asian Transport Links

11 – 13 November 2009, Istanbul, Turkey

DRAFT PROGRAM

1st Day – Wednesday 11 November 2009 - Morning Session		
9:00	Registration	
9:30	Welcome addresses	<p>Mr. E. Direkler, Ministry of Transport, the Republic of Turkey</p> <p>Ambassador Sumru NOYAN, First Deputy Secretary General, BSEC</p> <p>Mr. M. Adamantiadis, Transport Division, UNECE</p>
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE , FACILITATION AND POLICIES IN THE BSEC REGION		
10:00	<p>Liberalization of road transport of goods in the BSEC region</p> <p>Environmental Impact Assessment for Roads in the European Union: the Austrian Approach as a Possible Model for the BSEC Area</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Mr. Adrian Albu, BSEC-URTA</p> <p>Mr. K.Nemec, Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria</p>
11:00	Coffee Break	
11:15	<p>"Development of the Sochi Transport Hub"</p> <p>Developing the North-South intermodal rail route</p> <p>Liner shipping connectivity</p> <p>Development of transport infrastructure: the Black Sea Ring Highway</p> <p>TER transport corridors in the BSEC region</p> <p>Inland transport at the OSCE in 2010</p>	<p>FSUE "Rosmorport", Russia</p> <p>Mr. G. Manding, UIC</p> <p>Mr. J. Hoffman, UNCTAD</p> <p>Mr. A. Goulas, Mr. J. Koutras, EGNATIA ODOS S.A.</p> <p>Mr. H. Meelich, TEM/TER</p> <p>Mr. G. Leonte, OSCE</p>

	Discussion	
13:00-14:30	Lunch – compliments of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Turkey	
1st Day - Wednesday, 11 November 2009 – Afternoon session		
INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES IN THE BSEC AND EATL REGIONS		
14:30	<p>The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)</p> <p>Railways' single transport documentation: optimizing the Black Sea ferry connections</p> <p>NELTI initiative: Progress report</p> <p>Modernization of border crossings points in Turkey</p> <p>Freight forwarding in the BSEC region</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Ms. I. Jankauskaite, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Lithuania</p> <p>Mr. E. Evtimov, CIT</p> <p>Mr. H. Özkan, IRU</p> <p>Mr. A. Gurlek, TOBB</p> <p>Mr. K. Sandalci, FIATA</p>
16:00	Coffee Break	
16:15	<p>Latvia – Central Asia – China corridors</p> <p>“TRANSIB in seven days”</p> <p>OSJD rail corridors</p> <p>TEM/TER Master Plan</p> <p>Container block trains in Central Asia: theory and practice</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Ms. Maria Tapine, Ministry of Transport, Mr. Maris Kancans, Latvian Railways</p> <p>Mr. N. Kotelnikov, Russian Railways</p> <p>Mr. V. Zhukov, OSJD</p> <p>Mr. Pospisil, TEM/TER</p> <p>Mr. C. Alexopoulos, expert</p>
18:00	Summary	Mr. J. Tomczyk
19:00	Dinner – hosted by the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Turkey	
2nd Day – Thursday 12 November 2009 – Morning Session		
NATIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH EURO-ASIAN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITATION		

09:30	Presentations by national focal points	Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania
11:00	Coffee Break	
11:30	Presentations by national focal points (continued)	Luxembourg, Moldova, Mongolia, Pakistan, Romania, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
13:00	Lunch – compliments of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Turkey	
2nd Day – Thursday 12 November 2009 – Afternoon Session		
EURO-ASIAN TRANSPORT LINKS - PHASE II		
14:30	Transport infrastructure: identification of priority routes and investment	UNECE, national focal points
16:00	Coffee Break	
16:30 - 18:00	Transport infrastructure: identification of priority routes and investment (continued)	UNECE, national focal points
3rd Day – Friday 13 November 2009 – Morning Session		
EURO-ASIAN TRANSPORT LINKS - PHASE II		
9:30 – 11:00	Studies to identify and analyze inland transport options, examine non-physical obstacles to transport and collection of data on transport flows	UNECE, national focal points
11:00	Coffee Break	
11:30	Studies to identify and analyze inland transport options, examine non-physical obstacles to transport and collection of data on transport flows (continued)	UNECE, national focal points
12:00	Concluding remarks	
13:00	Lunch – compliments of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Turkey	
3rd Day – Friday 13 November 2009 – Afternoon Session		
14:30	Visit to historical sites in Istanbul (TBC)	