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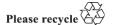
Inland Transport Committee

Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

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Item 3 of the provisional agenda
Workshop on Ports Hinterland connections:
the case of the South East Transport Axis project

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Submitted by the South East Transport Axis (SETA)









INVITATION & AGENDA

SETA HIGH LEVEL MEETING HL2, UN ECE WORKING PARTY 5 ON TRANSPORT TRENDS AND ECONOMICS 10-11.09.2013, GENEVA, CH

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SETA session and the UN ECE Working Party on Transport Trends and Fconomics

Overall topic: Optimization and small scale investments for improved railway connections between Vienna/Bratislava and the northern Adriatic ports - the SETA experience

The last few decades have seen rapid growth in port throughput resulting from the liberalization of international trade and the geographical dispersion of manufacturing. Considerable strain has been placed on port hinterland connections, with consequent economic, environmental and social problems. In particular, inefficient hinterland links lead to increased supply chain costs and inefficiencies and greater environmental impacts.

Following the work done by the Group of Experts on Hinterland Connections of Seaports, the Working Party invited experts from the South East Transport Axis (SETA) project to present the results of their work so far.

The SETA project refers to the optimization and small scale investments for improving railway connections between Vienna-Bratislava and the northern Adriatic ports.

The demonstration trains implemented by the project representatives together with railway companies and the responsible authorities have shown that improving railway connections for people and goods must not always cost billions of Euros. Process optimization and small scale investments may cause additional effort for transnational coordination, but generate huge value for money. The provision of enhanced railway infrastructure and new services along the shortest route between Central Europe and the Northern Adriatic ports enables efficient and competitive railway transport between the regions from the Baltic to the Adriatic Sea.

The UN ECE Working Party will review, discuss and adopt conclusions that reflect the presentations.

We would be happy to welcome you at this very special project session in Geneva!

Peter Zinggl, Head of transport coordination department Regional Government of Burgenland (Lead Partner of the project SETA)

SETA session and the UN ECE Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics

- **10.09.2013, Organisations:** UN premises with Italian Government Representatives in Geneva and at the International Organisations.
- 14:15 Press Conference on "Potentials of the Northern Adriatic Ports' system in relation with Central Europe".
- 18:00 Evening reception on invitation of the Municipality of Monfalcone and the participation of the Italian Representatives in Geneva
 - Introductory note by Amedeo Trambajolo, Minister Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the U.N. and the other International Organisations in Geneva
 - Introductory note by Andrea Bertozzi, Consul General of Italy in Geneva

11.09.2013, Organisations: Palais des Nations, Room VII

09:30 Registration at the UN offices (1 h anticipated for registration procedure), please make sure you have sent back the registration form to maria.mostovets@unece.org, provide original form and valid ID at the Palais des Nations

10:30 Introduction UN Transport Division

Eva Molnar, Director Transport Division, UN ECE

10:45 SETA project - objectives, current status, outlook

- Peter Zinggl, Project Lead Partner, Regional Government of Burgenland, Austria
- Andreas Friedwagner, Project Coordination, Austria

11:15 Benefits from improved port-hinterland connections

- Port of Rijeka, Croatia: Vojko Obersnel, Mayor, City of Rijeka
- Port of Koper, Slovenia: Miha Kalčič, Luka Koper
- Port of Monfalcone: Silvia Altran Mayor, Municipality of Monfalcone, Italy

11:45 Railway network development plans in Western Hungary

- Béla Nemeth, Szilard Kövesdi (General Director to be confirmed),
 Győr Sopron Ebenfurth Railways (GySEV), Sopron, Hungary
- László Jakab, GySEV Cargo, Sopron, Hungary

12:15 Transnational project cooperation - a benefit for the development of transnational transport networks?

- Andreas Friedwagner, SETA Transnational Cooperation Platform
- Ambassador Giovanni Caracciolo di Vietri Secretary General CEI

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Central European Initiative, Carlo Fortuna - International Relations Transport Sector - CEI Central European Initiative, ACROSSEE & SEETAC - fruitful cooperation networks

12:30 MEDNET (Mediterranean Network for Custom Procedures and Simplification of Clearance in Ports),- Liaison and Synergies with SETA

Professor Dimitris Tsamboulas, Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering National Technical University of Athens

12:40 Discussion and outlook UN Transport Division

Change to new location:

Premises of the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva, Conference Room

13:00 **Networking Lunch** on invitation of the Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN

- Introductory note by His Excellency Mr. Thomas Hajnoczi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
- Slide show demonstration train Zagreb Vienna
- Contributions by the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF)

Please register until August 26th, 2013 at:

PRISMA solutions

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Important information:

Official language of the meeting is English.

Meeting venues:

10.09.2013:

Press conference UN ECE

Palais des Nations Press Room 1

(ground floor, post office side)

Building C - Door C23 CH-1211 Genève

Evening Reception: UN ECE

Palais des Nations Delegates Restaurant A Building - Door A13/15

8th floor

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<u>11.09.2013:</u>

Morning session: UN ECE

Palais des Nations

Room VII

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