

**Euro-Asian Transport Links
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Consultations on the next steps in the operationalization of Euro-Asian transport corridors**

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10:15-11:15 – Euro-Asian Transport Links Operationalization – Setting the scene

Moderator: Mr. Roel Janssens, Secretary, Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics, UNECE Sustainable Transport Division

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Sandra Gehenot Director of Freight, International Union of Railways (UIC)</p> | <p>Ms. Sandra Géhenot worked as Key Account Manager for Railfreight Distribution (international freight division of British Rail) and EWS (now DB Cargo) for 10 years before joining UIC in 2000 as Senior Freight Advisor where she managed many projects with special focus on combined transport and rail operation. She was also in charge of corridor development through the ECCO project for European Rail Freight Corridors and the Global Team of Experts (GTE) for transcontinental developments. In this context she has collaborated regularly with many international partners such as UNECE, OTIF, CIT, UIRR, BIC, CCTT. She was appointed UIC Freight Director in November 2016.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Satoko Kagawa Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate World Customs Organization (WCO)</p> | <p>Ms. Satoko Kagawa is a Technical Officer in the World Customs Organization (WCO). She is responsible for matters relating to trade facilitation and Customs procedures within the WCO, with a special focus on the comprehensive review of the Revised Kyoto Convention, cross border e-commerce, free zones and railway transportation. In her previous post as a Deputy Director in Japan's Ministry of Finance, Ms. Kagawa worked on modernization of Customs procedures by utilizing Customs declaration data as well as Big Data analysis and by introducing modern inspection techniques. She holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Virginia - Darden School of Business.</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Kees Verweij Partner, Buck Consultants International</p> | <p>Mr. Kees Verweij is a Partner at Buck Consultants International, focusing on strategy, policy and innovation in freight transport and logistics. He specializes in research and advice at the intersection of economics, logistics and freight transport, and works for companies, governments and not-for –profit organizations.</p> <p>He has been working for Buck Consultants International since 2010, after a career at among others the Dutch research organization TNO and the Holland international Distribution Council. In recent years, he has worked extensively for Dutch and international government agencies, seaport authorities and companies. The focus in these projects was on organizing and optimizing logistics activities in a robust and sustainable way, now and in the future, Also, in most projects new opportunities are explored using various innovations. The use of different transport modalities often plays an important role in exploiting these opportunities.</p> <p>In recent years he has been intensively involved in starting various initiatives of the Top Sector Logistics in the Netherlands, including the introduction of Synchronodal Transport, the Lean & Green Off-Road program and the establishment of sustainable international freight transport corridors. Finally, he is also one of the authors of the book “The Vitality of Intermodal Transport”, which was published in 2018.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Alberto Grisone Director Development Russia and CIS Countries at HUPAC Intermodal</p> | <p>Mr. Alberto Grisone is the Director of Development for Russia and CIS Countries at HUPAC Intermodal since 2017. He is also a Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hupac LLC, Moscow, a company of the Hupac Group and a member of the CCTT Working Group on increasing competitiveness of Trans-Eurasian transportation.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Elena Rovenskaya Program Director of the Advanced Systems Analysis Program at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)</p> | <p>Elena Rovenskaya, Program Director of the Advanced Systems Analysis Program at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria. IIASA has been conducting several projects related to the connectivity between Europe and Asia and this presentation is based on the insights from these projects.</p> |

11:15-11:45 - Examples of succesful regional cooperation/ corridor coordination mechanisms

Moderator: Mrs. Eni Gjergji, Economic Adviser, OSCE Secretariat

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Kristoffer Refberg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DG MOVE Trans-European Transport Network TEN-T/ European Commission</p> | <p>Kristoffer Bang Refberg, the European Commission. Mr. Refberg is Adviser to the European Coordinator and works on the implementation of the policy for the trans-European transport network, the TEN-T.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Natalia Stepanova</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deputy Secretary-General, Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT)</p> | <p>Mrs. Natalia Stepanova is the Deputy Secretary General of the International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT) and the Deputy Head of the CCTT Representative Office in the Russian Federation. Her experience at CCTT exceeds 20 years. She graduated from St. Petersburg State University and has a degree in philosophy. She is also the leader of the subgroup "Security of East-West Freight Corridors" of the UIC Security BIRC Working Group, as well as the leader of the CCTT project "Multimodal Transport Network of Trans-Eurasian Routes", editor of the "Trans-Eurasian Routes" yearbook.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Oscar Oliver</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director-General, Centre for Transportation Studies for the Western Mediterranean (CETMO)</p> | <p>Òscar Oliver is an architect with a master's degree in business administration and management (MBA). He has held different responsibilities in the field of transport both in the public and private sectors. Between 2011 and 2017 he was Commercial Director of the public company "Aeroports de Catalunya", dependent on the Catalan Government. In the last three years, he has held the position of Director General of the Center for Transport Studies for the Western Mediterranean (CETMO).</p> |