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High-level Conference on European Multimodal Freight Transport better Transport Connectivity

National Palace of Culture (NPoC), Conference hall 6

Bulgaria Square 1, Sofia

Programme

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- 07:30 **Bus departure from hotels to the venue**
Central Hotel Sofia, Crystal Palace Hotel, Sofia hotel Balkan, Hotel Vega
Sofia, BW Premier Sofia Airport Hotel, Holiday Inn, Ramada Sofia City Centre
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- 08:30 › 09:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**
Registration at info desk – entrance A4
Welcome coffee in front of hall 6
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- 09:30 › 10:00 **Official opening**
Ms Violeta Bulc, EU Commissioner for Transport
Mr Ivaylo Moskovski, Bulgarian Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications
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- 10:00 › 11:15 **Session 1: Towards a sustainable and integrated European multimodal transport system**
The session will address challenges and opportunities including enablers such as digitalization as well as innovative concepts for more sustainable and efficient multimodal transport and logistics chains in Europe and beyond.
- Speakers and Panelists:*
- Olle Isaksson*, Technology & Emerging Business, Ericsson
- Ben Maelissa*, CEO, Danser Group
- Peter Marshall*, Director of Logistics Europe, Middle East, Africa and India, DOW Chemical
- Beloslav Pavlov*, Director Logistics Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Procter & Gamble
- Catrien Scheers*, Chairman, Fast Group
- Antonio Stoean*, Director, TTS Group
- Moderator: Matthew Baldwin*, Deputy Director–General, Mobility and Transport DG, European Commission

11:15 ▶ 11:45 **Coffee break**
In front of hall 6, NPoC

11:45 ▶ 13:00 **Session 2: Role of rail and port connections for efficient multimodal freight transport and logistics**

The session will discuss in particular the importance of rail and port connections for multimodal transport addressing operational issues as well as multimodal infrastructure including e.g. terminals, hinterland access, last-mile accessibility.

Speakers and Panelists:

Bernhard Kunz, Managing Director, Hupac Group

Hervé Martel, Vice President, Haropa and CEO, Port of Le Havre

Alain Quinet, Chief Operating Officer, SNCF Réseau

Ralf-Charley Schultze, President, UIRR

Anguel Zaboutov, Director-General, State Company Port Infrastructure Bulgaria

Moderator: Magda Kopczynska, Director, Mobility and Transport DG, European Commission

13:00 ▶ 14:30 **Lunch**

Restaurant Sky plaza, floor 8, NPoC

14:30 ▶ 15:30 **Session 3: Multimodal challenges and opportunities for the region**

The session will elaborate challenges and opportunities for multimodal transport in the region, addressing infrastructure gaps, missing links, investment plans and best practice in order to move towards a seamless transport network and well connected with the neighbouring regions.

Speakers:

Franc Zepic, Coordinator for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (PA1b), Ministry of Infrastructure, Slovenia

Dejan Lasica, General Manager, South East European Transport Observatory (SEETO)

Ventsislav Trifonov, General Director, Association for Railway Automation, Signalling, Telecommunications and Industry

Ivan Petrov, Secretary General, CLECAT

Moderator: Maja Bakran, Deputy Director-General, Mobility and Transport DG, European Commission

15:30 ▶ 16:15 **Session 4: Sustainable Funding Architecture**

The session will discuss possible funding mechanisms especially for transport infrastructure, with a specific view on the financial challenges for multimodal connections between the EU and the European Western Balkan countries.

Speakers:

Maja Bakran, Deputy Director-General, Mobility and Transport DG, European Commission

Simon David Ellis, Lead Transport Specialist, World Bank

Andréa Beikos, Head of Office, European Investment Bank Group Office of Bulgaria

Moderator: Dimitar Savov, Director of National Transport Policy Directorate, Bulgarian Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications

16:15 ▶ 16:30 **Concluding remarks**

Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director-General, Mobility and Transport DG, European Commission
