

Conference on “Sidings & Last Miles”

- An EU approach based on national best practices -

Date: 28th November 2008
 Time: 9.30 am – 16.30 pm
 Venue: Hotel Sofitel Louise, 40, Av de la Toison d’Or, B-1050 Brussels (B)
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Context:

Infrastructure preconditions rail operations.

Its quality and quantity will more than ever determine the potential of growth in volumes and scope of rail freight. Whilst the main corridors in the EU are attracting the main attention, independent infrastructures as well as infrastructure start points (sidings) and end points (last mile) tend to be forgotten.

However, at the source, i.e. via existing **sidings**, they contribute a great deal to trigger modal shift, en route, i.e. via **independent infrastructures**, they ensure connectivity between the mainline corridors and at the end, i.e. via **last miles**, they determine very much the competitiveness of rail traction services vs road.

Consequently, sidings, independent infrastructures and last miles are important **business vectors** for ports, forwarders, rail freight opera-

tors, infrastructure managers, wagon keepers and customers. They also provide for additional **safety**, reliability and independence regarding transport planning and are a clear asset for the environment as they help reducing lorries.

The morning session of the conference will be dedicated to take stock of existing national funding instruments whilst the afternoon session will look at the importance of sidings, independent infrastructures and last miles for the different market actors.

The final objective of the conference will be to develop together with **EU and market actors solutions how to incentivise, maintain and upgrade independent infrastructure sections, including the potential need for an EU-wide register for sidings, EU-wide standardisation approaches and harmonised pricing.**



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Programme:

| 09.00 | Registration of participants | Conference desk |
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| 09.30 – 12.00 | Morning Session | Moderator: Mr Wolf Gehrman, UIP |
| 09.30 – 09.35 | Short introduction | Mr Bruno Dambrine Spokesman HoR, President of UIP |
| 09.35 – 09.45 | Presentation of topics and speakers | Mr Wolf Gehrman Secretary General UIP |
| 09.45 – 10.00 | The German situation | Mr Norbert Tiedemann Head of Department Freight transport & Logistics German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs (D) |
| 10.00 – 10.15 | The Austrian situation | Mr Franz Schwammenhöffer Austrian Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (A) |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | The Italian situation | Mr Mauro Pacella Secretary General ASSOFERR (I) |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Coffee Break | All |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | The Swiss situation | Dr Arnold Berndt Head of Section, Section Freight Traffic Swiss Federal Office of Transport FOT, Bern |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Point of view of a rail regulator | Professor Dr Karsten Otte Director Federal Network Agency - Germany |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | Point of view of a customer | Mr Ulrich Walt Head of Logistics Holcim Schweiz AG, Zürich |
| 11.45 – 12.00 | Point of view of a railway undertaking | Mr Michail Stahlhut Chairman Arriva - Germany |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | Point of view of the EU | Mr Maurizio Castelletti Head of Unit European Commission, DG TREN |
| 12.15 – 14.00 | Lunch | All |
| 14.00 – 16.30 | Afternoon Session | Moderator: Mrs Monika Heiming, ERFA |
| 14.00 – 14.15 | Presentation of topics and speakers | Ms Monika Heiming Secretary General ERFA |
| 14.15 – 16.15 | <u>Round Table Discussion</u> “Public & private involvement in sidings & last miles” | Lord T. Berkeley, Chairman, RFG (UK) Prof. Dr K. Otte, Director, Fed. Network Agency (D) Mr O. Krüger, Chairman, Kühne & Nagel (D) Mr M. Stahlhut, Chairman, Arriva (D) Mr E. Muzio, President, UIRR (I) Mr Chris Geldar*, AB Ports (UK) Mr Jan Scherp, European Commission, DG TREN |
| 16.15 – 16.30 | Conclusions | F. Castagnetti (Vice-President F & L) |
| 16.30 | End of conference | |

* speakers to be confirmed

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Practical information

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| Price: | The participation in the conference is free. A lunch will be offered by the conference organisers. The deadline for registrations is <u>14th November 2008</u> |
| Language: | The conference language is English only. |
| Accommodation: | The participants are asked to take their own arrangements. A list of suitable hotels nearby the location can be sent on simple request. |
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