

FUTURE OF EUROPEAN TRANSPORT

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The European Commission published the White Paper on Transport "Roadmap to a single European transport area – Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system" on 28 March, 2011. It includes proposals to modernise and decarbonise transport sector in order to create a competitive and sustainable transport system. The European Commission therefore prepared set of measures to establish genuine Single European Transport Area without internal barriers, to make transport safer and more secure, developing and supporting new technologies for vehicles and traffic management, break the transport system's dependence on oil, intelligent traffic management or improvement of logistic and modernize the infrastructure and introduce smart funding. The reduction of the CO₂ emissions' production is not only focused on the road vehicles but also on other transport modes. The European Commission also intends to launch an European "green" car initiative that will help promote new technologies through a mix of research, establishing of common standards and developing the necessary infrastructure support.

What does currently European transport sector lack? How to enhance competitiveness of the European transport sector? What should be done to create a genuine Single European Transport Area? Will the reduction of CO₂ emissions jeopardize competitiveness of companies of transport sector? How to support and promote new technologies? Should be the policy framework for transport industry adopted at EU level?

These are only some of questions addressed by the below mentioned distinguished speakers. Interventions will be followed by a debate.

Introduction:

- **Mrs. Lucie ŠESTÁKOVÁ**, Acting Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to COREPER I, Czech Permanent Representation to the EU

Speakers:

- **Mr. Gergely SÜLYÖK**, Economic analyst, DG MOVE , European Commission
- **Mr. Jan NĚMEC**, Expert on road and rail transport, horizontal transport issues, maritime and inland waterways transport, Czech Permanent Representation to the EU
- **Mrs. Olga SEHNALOVÁ**, Member of the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism
- **Mr. Marc BILLIET**, Head of EU Goods Transport & EU Environmental Affairs Dept., IRU - International Road Transport Union
- **Mr. Petr JONÁK**, Director of Corporate Communication, AWT Group
- **Mrs. Anna CONSTABLE**, Adviser for Internal Market Department, BUSINESSEUROPE