

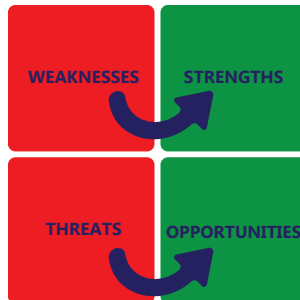


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Second Annual Stakeholders' conference

Objective : Seamless, Sustainable and Resilient logistics chains in Europe



Let us convert “Weaknesses” and “Threats” for the logistics chain into “Strengths” and “Opportunities”!

Episode 1: Infrastructure, bottlenecks and IT

Brussels, December 8th, 2016

On December 8th 2016, FEPORG will organise the second Stakeholders' conference gathering representatives of the supply and logistics chain as well as institutional actors.

The conference will be kindly hosted by the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU (situated Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussel, Belgium). The event will start as **from 8:45 a.m and end at 6:00 p.m.** On-site registrations will be open as from 8:00 a.m.

FEPORG is honoured to announce that Transport Commissioner Violeta Bulc will attend and open the conference.

Past economic growth has boosted business profitability and increased revenues. It has probably also disguised weaknesses of logistics chains, negative cascading effects of market strategies and process inefficiencies. The context today is different. Growth is depressed and demand is dropping.

The objective of the upcoming conference is to talk about weaknesses and threats characterizing and affecting the logistics chain with a **positive and constructive mindset**. The aim is indeed to focus on how to convert difficulties and challenges into strengths and opportunities.

If we do want to have seamless sustainable and resilient logistics chains in Europe, it is crucial to assess the level of integration (physical and digital) of each mode in the logistics chain.

Better integration will certainly be facilitated by a holistic policy framework which acknowledges the interdependence of all industries of the logistics chain and encourages modes and nodes to serve each other.

The European Union has strong assets. The TEN-T networks and the corridors approach are a real “launching ramp” for competitiveness. A lot has been achieved so far in terms of development of physical networks and the best evidence of this success is that neighbouring non-EU countries want to connect their networks to have access to the European market.

Invited organizations and attendees include institutional stakeholders (different Directorates of the European Commission), Transport Attaches, MEPs, EIB, the European Court of Auditors, journalists, experts, companies' senior executives, representatives of relevant stakeholders' organizations : ESC, ECG, ELP, CLECAT, UIRR, IRU, UIP, FEPORG, EBU, INE, AIVP, EFIP, ETF, IDC, T&E, Sea Europe, EMPA, EBA, ETA, EuDA, UNISTOCK, WSC, ICHCA, PEMA, INTTRA, ESPO, ECSA, IPSCA, GSF, T&E, FONASBA, ECASBA, CER, Shipbreaking platform, TT Club, BIC...

To address all the above mentioned topics, FEPORG is glad to propose the following sessions and is looking forward to welcoming you all.

Provisional program of the conference

8h45

Opening speeches

- **Ms. Barbara Schretter**, Director of the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU
- **MEP Markus Ferber**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- **Mr. Gunther Bonz**, FEPOR President

Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, Secretary General of FEPOR

9h15

Key note speeches

- **Ms. Violeta Bulc**, Transport Commissioner
- **Dr Martin Stopford**, non-Executive Director of Clarkson Research

The two morning sessions will be dedicated to hard Infrastructure:

Moderator : **Mr. Jakob Svane**, Confederation of Danish Industry

10h00

Session one : Investment in transport infrastructure in the EU

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the existing infrastructure in light of recent market developments and the needs of customers? What adjustments/actions should be taken to avoid that threats further deteriorate the situation and how to convert those challenges into opportunities?

What should be the key requirements to meet before proceeding with further investments? What should be the priorities for upcoming investments?

Key note speakers :

- **Mr. Luc T'Joen**, European Court of Auditors
- **Ms. Karin de Schepper**, Inland Navigation Europe
- **Mr. Nik Delmeire**, European Shippers' Council

Panel one :

- **Mr. Stefan Verberckmoes**, Shipping analyst & Editor North Europe, Alphaliner (short introduction to the panel discussion)
- **Mr. Magnus Kårestedt**, CEO Port of Gothenburg
- **Mr. Lennart Heip**, ITO/MPC/Air Mode Leader Europe, Dow Logistics
- **Ms. Catherine Trautmann**, TEN-T coordinator
- **Mr. Boris Wenzel**, Managing director of Terminal Link
- **MEP Wim van de Camp**, Member of the TRAN Committee, European Parliament
- **MEP Dominique Riquet**, Vice President of the TRAN Committee, European Parliament
- **Mr. Guy Janssens**, Policy Manager, Port of Antwerp

Q&A from other stakeholders' organizations' representatives and the audience

11h30

Wrap up

11h35

Coffee break

11h50

Session two : Investment in infrastructure outside the EU and its impact on trade flows and existing capacities

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the existing EU infrastructure network?

Are there opportunities deriving from connections to non-EU networks?

What should the EU request from neighbouring and non-EU countries before committing to common projects?

What will be the impact of OBOR on the existing TEN-T network?

Key note speakers :

- **Mr. Alain Baron**, Head of Sector, DG MOVE, European Commission
- **Pr. Theo Notteboom**, Professor at Shanghai Maritime University, University of Antwerp and Ghent University

Panel two :

- **Pr. Hercules Haralambides**, ERASMUS University Rotterdam
- **Mr. Olaf Merk**, Administrator , OECD ITF
- **Mr. Michiel Nijdam**, Port of Rotterdam International
- **Mr. Jan Nemec**, Deputy General Delegate, IRU
- **Mr. Werner Van Dessel**, Vice President, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Belgium
- **Mr. Niels van der Vlist**, Samskip Vandieren

Q&A from other stakeholders' organizations' representatives and the audience

Wrap up and summary of key messages and recommendations

Closing speech of the morning session :

- **Mr. Matthew Baldwin**, Deputy Director General of DG MOVE, European Commission

13h30

Lunch break

The two afternoon sessions will be dedicated to soft infrastructure, IT and bottlenecks:

Moderator : Mr. Tom Antonissen, ECG, the Association of European Vehicle Logistics

14h15

Session three : Weaknesses and strengths of the existing TEN-T IT soft infrastructure?

How industry solutions improve B2B communication ?

What are the opportunities for the supply and logistics chains of Europe deriving from efficient B to B communication solutions (ie Internet of Things (IoT, APIs))?

Are there technical barriers to interoperability?

What are the best practices and innovative solutions already introduced by industry?

Key note speakers :

- **Mr. Alex Van Breedam**, CEO, TRI VIZOR
- **Mr. Rob Bagchus**, Chief Public Affairs & Public Relations Officer, Europe Container Terminals

Testimonials and innovations :

- **Mr. Juergen Ehrke**, Export Control and Customs, GS ECC CU, Siemens AG
- **Mr. Godfried Smit**, Manager European Affairs, Transfollow

Q&A from other stakeholders' organizations' representatives and the audience

15h45

Coffee break

16h00

Session four : Opportunities for the supply and logistics chains in Europe deriving from efficient B2G2B communication?

Does the new Union Customs Code and IoT represent real opportunities for governments and businesses to improve efficiency of logistics chains and facilitate trade?

Is there a need for more legislation or better implementation of existing instruments?

Data sharing implies agreement on access rights: what information should be pushed and what information could be pulled by industry?

Should upcoming legislation primarily aim at facilitating movement and tracking of cargo along the logistics chain ?

Key note speakers :

- **Ms. Susanne Aigner**, Head of Unit Customs Legislation, DG TAXUD, European Commission
- **Mr. Sandro Santamato**, Head of Unit Maritime Transport and Logistics, DG MOVE, European Commission
- **Mr. Michael Bünning**, Managing Director at BLG Automobile Logistics GmbH & Co. KG

Q&A from other stakeholders' organizations' representatives and the audience

General wrap up of the conference by the two moderators of the conference

Closing speech of the afternoon session :

- **Mr. Stephen Quest**, Director General of DG TAXUD, European Commission

17h45

Closing speeches :

- **Mr. David Kerr**, Head of unit of the Transport, Telecoms and Energy Unit at the Permanent Representation of Malta to the EU
- **Mr. Gunther Bonz**, FEPORT President

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