

Macro-regional Cooperation in Transport

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| <p>First part</p> <p>09:00 - 10:30 BAC initiative as a macro-regional cooperation model in transport infrastructure projects</p> | <p>Welcoming address and opening of the seminar Mr. Mieczysław Struk, Marshal of Pomorskie Region Moderator Mr. Jan Kozłowski, MEP (former Marshal of Pomorskie Region)</p> <p>09:00 - 09:10 Mr. Jan Kozłowski is currently a Member of the European Parliament and he takes an active part in the works of the Committee on Budget, the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee and the Baltic Intergroup. From 2002 to 2010, Mr. Kozłowski held an office of the Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship. In the period 1992-1998, he held the position of the Mayor of Sopot. Mr. Kozłowski was also involved in the activities of the Baltic Euroregion.</p> |
| <p>09:15 FAMILY PHOTO of the Heads of delegations</p> <p>10:20 Question time & coffee break</p> | <p>Introduction to the BAC Initiative Ing. Jaroslav Drozd will introduce the initiative for the promotion of the Baltic-Adriatic Axis, highlighting its bottom-up approach and its value as a model for the macro-regional cooperation action at the EU level. His presentation will be comprised of three parts: the main features of BAA, its potential impact on the development of the involved regions and the added-value of the cooperation framework established among 14 regions of the BAA Initiative.</p> <p>Speaker: 09:20 - 09:35 Mr. Jaroslav Drozd, Vice President of the Zlin Region in the field of transport</p> <p>Ing. Jaroslav Drozd, economist who graduated from the University of Economics in Prague, has a background as an industrial manager and a managing official. Since 2008, he is the Vice President of the Zlin Region and a member of the Regional Council responsible for transport. Mr. Drozd has gained direct experience in a number of regional and national expert committees and serves currently as the President of the Transport Committee for the Association of the Czech Regions. In 2000, Mr. Drozd became a member of the Regional Council of the Zlin Region for the first time, assuming then the role of a member of the Financial Committee between 2003 and 2006.</p> |
| | <p>Presentation of regional initiatives: BAA connecting Europe and beyond Within the revision of the Ten-T transport network, the EU is about to establish its core network for a coherent future transport policy. The Baltic-Adriatic Axis should be a part of this network, given its strategic role connecting the Baltic with the Adriatic Sea, the North with the South, the old Member States with the new ones as well as its contribution to sustainable and green transport and the economic development of regions linked to it. The former border-region Carinthia has a vital role to play since the BAA's centre piece is the Koralm tunnel. Carinthia is thus an active supporter of the BAA, developing initiatives such as the EU project BATCo which seeks to interconnect the regions along the BAA through technical, environmental and economic interventions.</p> <p>09:35 - 09:50 Speaker: Mr. Gerhard Dörfler, President of the Carinthia Region</p> <p>Mr. Gerhard Dörfler is the Governor of Carinthia. In 2001, he started his political career as the Regional Minister of Carinthia for road construction and transport, child care, family, youth and sports. In the years 2006-2008, Mr. Dörfler was the Vice Governor in Carinthia. Since 2008, he has been the Governor of Carinthia responsible for the departments for road construction and transport, child care and family, sports, seniors, ethnic groups, technology, elections and citizenship, constitutional office, disaster control and internal service. In January 2010, Mr. Dörfler became the Vice Party Chairman of the FPÖ. He is also a member of the Committee of the Regions.</p> |
| | <p>Complementary actions: the TransBaltic Project The presentation portrays TransBaltic as a macro-regional initiative, implementing the EU Baltic Sea Strategy in Priority Area 11 ('To improve external and internal transport links'). The project aspires to develop measures dedicated to the integration of national and regional transport networks and logistics solutions across the borders of the Baltic Sea Region countries and to prepare the area for absorbing the growing intercontinental freight flows. The presentation highlights the project milestones achieved so far, focuses on the results of transport foresight debates around the Baltic Sea, and informs about assignments of the Pomorskie Region in the project activity plan.</p> <p>09:50 - 10:05 Speaker: Dr Wiktor Szydarowski, TransBaltic Project Manager, Pomorskie Region</p> <p>Dr Wiktor Szydarowski is a geographer and a regional planner by education as well as a freelance adviser in international co-operation initiatives dedicated to the local and regional development by profession. Currently, Mr. Szydarowski leads 'TransBaltic' - a strategic transnational project dedicated to the development of an integrated multimodal transport system in the Baltic Sea Region. In the past, Mr. Szydarowski was employed on managerial positions in local and regional administration offices in Poland where he coordinated the preparation of strategic policy documents, the programming of the pre-accession aid and the establishment of a management system for the upcoming Structural Funds in the Pomorskie Region in the years 2004-2006.</p> |

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| | 10:05 - 10:20 | <p>Complementary actions: the Adria-A Project</p> <p>The intervention will focus on the relation between the metropolitan system and the core network of the ongoing ten revision with their interconnection, PP23 extension PP6 and the motorways of the sea. The role of the port and the rail system under the light of a medium-small scale and the last mile intervention will be also taken into consideration as a neglected and fundamental tool for boosting investments and creating a transport intermodal network.</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Carlo Fortuna, Central Directorate for Infrastructure and Transport, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region</p> <p>Mr. Carlo Fortuna is the Councillor of the Regional Minister at the Regional Transport Directorate of Friulia Venezia Giulia Region for Tent-T and EU Transport affairs. He is a member of the Italian-Slovenian Intergovernmental Commission for the transborder section Trieste-Divaca and the appointed member of its Common Executive Body. Mr. Fortuna is also a transport co-ordinator of a number of the EU projects in the central and south-eastern Europe (ADRIA A, SEETAC) on behalf of the Central European Initiative (a Trieste based International organisation comprised of 18 Member States of Central and Eastern Europe) where he is the Transport Adviser.</p> |
| <p>Second part</p> <p>10:30 - 12:00 BAC from a wider perspective: from transport to socio-economic development at regional level</p> <p>11:20 Question time</p> <p>12:00 - 13:00 Networking</p> | 10:35 - 10:50 | <p>Regional dimension of transport</p> <p>European Commission, DG Regio</p> |
| | 10:50 - 11:05 | <p>From transport to socio-economic development: a regional approach</p> <p>In his presentation, Mr. Marcin Podgórski focuses on the transport sector as a drive for regional growth and sustainable development. Taking the Łódź Region into account, he starts with the presentation of the geographical location as a potential regional asset which can have a direct impact on the wide range of sectors of the local economy. Simultaneously, Mr. Podgórski presents the importance of the active policy carried out in the field of transport by the regional authorities both in the sphere of strategic planning and implementation of specific projects supported from the Structural Funds. Concluding, Mr. Podgóski pinpoints that the integrated approach to the transport policy can serve as a key factor aiming not only at the further increase in the competitiveness and investment potential of the region, but also at its social, economic and territorial cohesion.</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Marcin Podgórski, Director of the Regional Office of the Łódź Voivodeship in Brussels</p> <p>Mr. Marcin Podgórski graduated from the Faculty of Economics and Sociology at the University of Łódź. He also studied at Albert-Ludwigs Universitaet Freiburg in Breisgau and completed courses at the National Tsing Hua University, College of Technology Management in Taiwan, Polish Academy of Sciences and Polish Agency of Ecology which ended with the title "Trainee of European Affairs." Since 2001, Mr. Podgórski has been working at the Marshal's Office in Łódź where he is responsible for the Regional Operating Program for the Łódź Region. He successfully prepared the structure of the Marshal's Office to absorb funds from the ESF in the framework of HCOP (Human Capital Operating Program) and oversaw the implementation of the system project Strategic Regional Map and international projects Euris, INNOPOLIS, MKW. Mr. Podgórski also gives lectures at many institutions, including the University of Łódź, the Foundation for Promotion of Entrepreneurship, Forbes, Forum of European Funds, the European Institute in Łódź.</p> |
| | 11:05 - 11:20 | <p>Development of Trójstyk – Rozvoj Trojmedzia</p> <p>Within the framework of a joint initiative INTERREG IIIA, a project under the name "Trójstyk" was developed. It required the cooperation between the Polish, Czech and Slovak authorities. The project focused on the development of transborder infrastructure between three countries with the purpose of creating a meeting point and a new tourist attraction where the borders of three parties were joined together. By June 2007, the assignments initiated by the Polish and Slovak sides were accomplished. New hiker and bike routes were developed, making up a new popular tourist attraction in the area.</p> <p>Another stage of cooperation was the "TROJMEZI-TROJSTYK-TROJMEDZIE" agreement that was adopted to create the "European Territorial Cooperation Group" based on the European Parliament Directive (ES) No. 1082/2006 as of July 2006. Again the Czech, Slovak and Polish communities were joined together to modernize the border area and road connections between the countries. The overall aim is to establish a unique tourist product that bonds not only three borders, but also three nations.</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Bożena Mendrek-Gańczarczyk, Marshal Office of the Silesian Voivodeship</p> <p>Ms. Bożena Mendrek-Gańczarczyk is the main expert in the European Territorial Cooperation within the structures of the Department of Regional Development of the Marshal Office of the Silesian Voivodeship. Since 2002, she has been working on cross-border cooperation, performing tasks implemented by the Regional Contact Point in the field of the Polish-Czech and Polish-Slovak cross-border cooperation. She is also a member of international workgroups drafting Polish Cross-Regional Cooperation Programmes 2007-2013: Poland-Slovakia and Czech Republic-Poland.</p> |
| | 11:30 - 11:45 | <p>Conclusions</p> <p>Expert from SONORA project, Fasslia-Veneto Region</p> |