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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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#### **Bus departure from hotels to the venue**

07:30 Ramada Sofia City Centre, Central Hotel Sofia, Best Western Premier Sofia Airport, Holiday Inn Sofia  
08:00 Sofia Hotel Balkan, Sheraton, Crystal Palace Hotel

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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*, 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 digitalisation as well as innovative concepts for more sustainable and efficient multimodal transport and logistics chains in Europe and beyond.

##### **Moderator:**

*Magda Kopczynska*, Director, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission

##### **Speakers and Panelists:**

*Olle Isaksson*, Principal in Group Strategy, Technology and Emerging Business, Ericsson

*Ben Maelissa*, CEO, Danser Group

*Peter Marshall*, Director of Logistics Europe, Middle East, Africa and India, DOW Europe

*Beloslav Pavlov*, Director Logistics Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Procter & Gamble

*Catrien Scheers*, Chairman, Fast Group

*Antonio Stoean*, Director, TTS Group

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11:15 ▶ 11:45	<p><b>Coffee break</b> In front of hall 6, NPoC</p>
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11:45 ▶ 13:00	<p><b>Session 2: Role of rail and port connections for efficient multimodal freight transport and logistics</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Matthew Baldwin</i>, Deputy Director-General, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers and Panelists:</b> <i>Bernhard Kunz</i>, Managing Director, Hupac Group <i>Hervé Martel</i>, Vice President, Haropa and CEO, Port of Le Havre <i>Alain Quinet</i>, Chief Operating Officer, SNCF Réseau <i>Ralf-Charley Schultze</i>, President, UIRR <i>Angel Zaborotov</i>, Director-General, Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company</p>
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13:00 ▶ 14:30	<p><b>Lunch</b> Restaurant Sky plaza, floor 8, NPoC</p>
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14:30 ▶ 15:30	<p><b>Session 3: Multimodal challenges and opportunities for the region</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Maja Bakran</i>, Deputy Director-General, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Franc Žepič</i>, Coordinator for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (PA1b), Ministry of Infrastructure, Slovenia <i>Dejan Lasica</i>, General Manager, South East European Transport Observatory (SEETO) <i>Ventsislav Trifonov</i>, Deputy Director of Railway Association of Signalling, Information Technologies and Automation <i>Ivan Petrov</i>, Secretary General, CLECAT</p>
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15:30 ▶ 16:15	<p><b>Session 4: Sustainable Funding Architecture</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Dimitar Savov</i>, Director of National Transport Policy Directorate, Bulgarian Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Maja Bakran</i>, Deputy Director-General, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission <i>Simon David Ellis</i>, Program Leader for the Sustainable Development Department for the Western Balkans Region, World Bank <i>Andreas Beikos</i>, Head of Office, European Investment Bank Group Office of Bulgaria</p>
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16:15 ▶ 16:30	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b> <i>Matthew Baldwin</i>, Deputy Director-General, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission</p>
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