



NORTHERN DIMENSION FUTURE FORUM ON TRANSPORT:

Emerging trade routes between Europe and Asia – Impacts of China’s Belt and Road Initiative on Northern Europe

DATE: Tuesday 20 November 2018, at 9:00 – 14:00

VENUE: Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

PROGRAM

09:00 **Registration and coffee**

09:30 **Welcoming words**

- Ms. Riitta Kosonen, Director, Center for Markets in Transition, Aalto University; Lead Coordinator, Northern Dimension Institute
- Mr. Oddgeir Danielsen, Director, Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics

09:40 - **Keynote speeches**

Connecting Europe and Asia – building blocks for an EU Strategy, Mr. Gunnar Wiegand, Managing Director for Asia and Pacific, European External Action Service, European Commission

Perspective Development of Euro-Asian Transport Links, Mr. Maxim Ilyukhin, Deputy Head of the Division of the International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, Russia

10:00 - **Knowledge Arena 1: Land connections between Europe and Asia**

Transit Potential of Kaliningrad Railway, Mr. Victor Golomolzin, Head of the Kaliningrad Railways, JSC Russian Railways, Russia

Railway links between Europe and Asia, Dr. Gerhard Troche, Senior Scientific Researcher – Rail Freight and European Issues / EU Rail Freight Corridors, Royal Institute of Technology KTH, Sweden

Challenges and Opportunities of the Transportation Developments and Economic Integration Processes in the Greater Eurasia, Dr. Elena Rovenskaya, Program Director, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis IIASA, Austria

Railway Corridor Finland-Asia, Mr. Tero Kosonen, Director Sales & Marketing, VR Transport, Finland

Asia from/ to Europe railway network – shorten the distance. The new Silk route – opportunities for European railway network, Mr. Ainis Stūrmanis, Vice-president, SJSC Latvian Railways, Latvia

11:00 – 11:40 Discussion and comments from decision-makers

- Mr. Risto Murto, Development Director, Finnish Transport Agency
- Ms. Merja Kyllönen, Member of European Parliament

11:40 – 12:10 Coffee break

12:10 - Knowledge Arena 2: Arctic Maritime Connections

Ship Traffic Analysis on the NSR and development of the NSR's Transport and Logistics System, Mr. Bjørn Gunnarsson, Associate Professor, Centre for High North Logistics (CHNL) at Nord University Business School, Bodø, Norway

Business views on the Northern Sea Route, Ms. Piia Heliste, Project Manager, Aalto University, Finland

Atomic icebreaking fleet development for support of Arctic navigation, Mr. Leonid Irlitsa, Captain of nuclear icebreaker, Rosatomflot, Russia

Experiences from the Northern Sea Route, Mr. Carsten Andersen, General Manager, Nordic Bulk Carriers A/S, Denmark

Public-private-partnerships in large infrastructure projects: Case Finna Fjord, Mr. Hafsteinn Helgason, Business Development and R&D Director, EFLA Consulting Engineers, Iceland

13:00 – 13:40 Discussion and comments from decision-makers

- Ms. Marie-Anne Coninx, Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs of the European Union
- Ms. Magda Kopczynska, Director, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport
- Ms. Tone Cecilia Lang, Councillor, Mission of Norway to the European Union

13:40 Concluding remarks

Buffet lunch

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