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ATLANTIC ARC OF TRANSPORT

The TEN-T Revision in favour of strong Atlantic connectivity

Tuesday 10 September (9.00-16.00)

Meeting Venue: Autoridad Portuaria de Bilbao
Muelle Ampliación, s/n - 48980 Santurtzi (País Vasco-ES)

interpretation - The meetings will be held in FR, EN, ES, PT

DRAFT PROGRAMME

(Version on 08/08/2019)

8.30- 9.00: Arrival of participants and welcome coffee

9.00 – 9.10: Welcome speeches

- ☛ **Antonio Aiz**, Vice-Minister in charge of Transport
- ☛ **Vanessa Charbonneau**, Vice-President of Pays de la Loire Region, chair of the Atlantic Arc Commission

9.10 – 9.40: Keynote speeches

- ☛ Prof. **Carlo Secchi**, Coordinator of the Atlantic Corridor, European Commission
- ☛ MEP **Izaskun Bilbao Barandica** (Renew Europe/Spain), Member of the European Parliament and Member of the Transport Committee

A BLUE ATLANTIC ARC OF TRANSPORT

The vital role of ports and their connection to the hinterland

9.40 – 10.55: Enhance the strategic dimensions of Atlantic ports

- ☛ **Ricardo Barkala**, President of Port of Bilbao
- ☛ **Yasmine Brossaud-Prin**, Director in charge of Finance and Programming, Port of Nantes St Nazaire
- ☛ **Conor Dowd**, Galway Port CEO: Galway port, driver of regional growth
- ☛ **Michel Puyrazat**, La Rochelle Port CEO : a strategic importance for the Nouvelle Aquitaine Region
- ☛ *Port of Santander (tbc)*
- ☛ *Region of Brittany: reflection on the criteria of the TEN-T planning methodology (tbc)*
- ☛ Debate with participants

Coffee-Break 10.55- 11.10



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11.10-11-55: Develop hinterlands and promote multimodal nodes

- **David Minton**, Director at the Northern and Western Regional Assembly: development of hinterland in Ireland
- **Alejandro Montes**, Coordinador VSF de Euskal Trenbide Sarea (ETS): promoting Rail – Port multimodal connections in the Core Network, a new railway access to the Port of Bilbao
- *Region Nouvelle Aquitaine (tbc)*
- Debate with participants

A FRICTIONLESS ATLANTIC ARC OF TRANSPORT

Tackling missing cross-border links, bottlenecks and congestion

11.55-12.30: Further complete missing cross-border links and remove bottlenecks in the Atlantic corridor

- Example of the France-Spain border
 - **Imanol Leza**, Director General of Euskotren
 - **Jacques Coutou**, Director of Atlantic Freight Corridor
- Debate with participants

12.30-13.15: Connections with the comprehensive network & inter-Corridor connections.

- **Roberto Grilo**, President of CCDR do Alentejo: connection with Andalucía (tbc)
- **Francisco Martín Gallego**, Regional Minister in charge of Transport, Cantabria Region: the study on the railway connection in Cantabria
- **Ignacio Maestro Saavedra**, Director General for Mobility, Galician Regional Government (Xunta de Galicia): the railway connexion between Galicia and North Portugal
- *Navarra Region: New Basque HS Line – Zaragoza connection (tbc)*
- Debate with participants

TEN-T REVISION

13.15 – 13.45: Conclusions of the workshop on TEN-T revision

- **Arantxa Tapia**, Basque Country, Regional Minister in charge of Economic Development and Infrastructures, Chair of the AAC Transport Working Group: proposals for an Atlantic Position on the TEN-T revision
- Prof. **Carlo Secchi**, Coordinator of the Atlantic Corridor, European Commission

Lunch 13.45 – 15.00

15.15: Site-Visit of the Port of Bilbao