



Welcome to

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

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

09:00 **Registration and coffee**

09:30 **Welcoming words**

- Ms. Riitta Kosonen, Director, Center for Markets in Transition, Aalto University
- Mr. Oddgeir Danielssen Director, Northern Dimension Partnership in Transport and Logistics

09:35 - **Keynote speeches**

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

N.N. Russia (tbc)

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

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

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

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

The new Silk route – opportunities for European railway network, Mr. Ainis Stūrmanis, Vice-president, SJSC Latvian Railways, Latvia

NN, Russian Railways RZD (tbc)

10:40 – 11:15 Discussion and comments from decision-makers

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 - Knowledge Arena 2: Arctic Maritime Connections

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

Ship Traffic Analysis on the NSR and development of the NSR's Transport and Logistics System,

Mr. Bjørn Gunnarsson, Managing Director, Center for High North Logistics CHNL, Norway

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

Mr. Mads Boye Petersen, Nordic Bulk Carriers A/S, Denmark (tbc)

Mr. Mikhail Belkin, Rosatomflot, Russia (tbc)

12:50 – 13:20 Discussion and comments from decision-makers:

- Ms. Marie-Anne Coninx, Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs of the European Union

13:20 Concluding remarks

Buffet lunch

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