



Hellenic Republic  
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## South East European Transport Axis Cooperation

### 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING & INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM (SEEIF)

**“SEE Transport Networks. Joining our forces: Together we can do better”**

**Athens, 21-22 May 2012**

**at the Royal Olympic Athens Hotel  
28-34 Athanasiou Diakou str.**

#### **PROGRAMME - AGENDA**

##### ***First Day - Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2012***

20:00 Dinner at the Royal Olympic Hotel - roof Garden (*offered by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*)

##### ***Second Day - Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012***

08:00 - 08:30 Registration of participants

**08:30 - 13:00 SEETAC INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM (SEEIF)**

**08:30 - 08:45 Opening Speeches**

- *Mr. Marios Miltiadou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*
- *Mrs. Heleni Zacharaki, Advisor to the Secretary General, Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks*
- *Amb. Gerhard Pfanzelter - Secretary General of the Central European Initiative*
- *Mr. Alain Baron, European Commission - DG MOVE*

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08:45 – 10:15 **SEEIF Session 1 – Infrastructure Focus: Coordination of planning and investment priorities in EU and SEETO area**

**Introduction: the SEETAC project in the context of SEE Transport development, Mr. Carlo Fortuna, Central European Initiative**

**Moderator: Mr. Carlo Fortuna, Central European Initiative**

Fil conducteur: regional cooperation and coordination is a key need in the area to ensure:

- (1) the upgrading of the transport system that has been undermined by the Balkanic wars and decade of under-investments,
- (2) the successful implementation of the EU transport policy to the EU member states and to the future member states

**Panellists:**

- *Ms. Angelina Zivkovic - Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transport of the republic of Montenegro,*
- *Mr. Roberto Ferrazza, Ministry of Economic Development, Infrastructure and Transport*
- *Mr. Thomas Spiegel, Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria*
- *Mr. Alain Baron, European Commission - DG MOVE*
- *Mr. Alfredo Diaz, European Investment Bank*
- *Mr. Konstantinos Tzanakakis, Hellenic Railways*

**Issues for discussion:**

- *Perspectives and problems for improving the coordination of National and International priorities*
- *Measures and Instruments for fostering synergies between investment priorities*
- *TEN-T Revision Process and SEETO priorities in a European Corridor Approach*
- *South East Europe Transport Network (EU countries – Western Balkans and SEETAC)*
- *Extension of the TEN-T to the EU neighbouring countries and regions*
- *Investment Priorities in the region - Financing Framework and Opportunities (IFIs, WBIF, CEF)*

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee Break



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10:45 – 12:15 **SEEIF Session 2 – Horizontal Issues – Going Beyond Infrastructure: Overcoming obstacles for the improvement of transport connections in the SEE region**

**Moderator : Mrs. Aikaterini Vitou, TRAINOSE**

**Panellists:**

- *Hon. Deputy Minister Ylli Manjani, Ministry of Public Works and Transport of Albania*
- *Mr. Izet Bajrambasic, SEETO Steering Committee*
- *Mr. Helmut Adelsberger, European Commission – DG MOVE*
- *Mr. Christos Gofas, European Commission – DG Enlargement, Regional Cooperation and Programmes*
- *Mr. Michael Nielsen, International Road Transport Union*

**Issues for discussion:**

- *Multi-modal transport approach in South East Europe: problems and solutions*
- *Administrative Boundaries and Border Crossings issues*
- *Ports -Logistics – Rail Services*
- *Intelligent Transport Systems and Interoperability*
- *Co-modality: perspectives for developing the Road network in South East Europe*

12:15 – 12:30 **Conclusions of Sessions 1 & 2 (Moderators and Rapporteurs of each Session)**

12:30 – 12:45 **Questions and Answers**

12:45 – 13:00 **SEEIF Final Conclusions (European Commission - DG MOVE, Central European Initiative)**

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch Break (offered by the Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)**



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15:00 – 17:00 **MINISTERIAL SESSION**

**Moderator: Mr. Georgios Patsiavos, Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks**

- *Opening address by the Secretary General, Mr. Aristeides Bourdaras, Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks*
- *Opening Speech by Amb. Gerhard Pfanzelter, Secretary General of the Central European Initiative*
- *“TEN-T Revision and SEE cohesion”, Mr. Helmut Adelsberger, European Commission DG MOVE*
- *“Prospects for future coordination of priorities on the basis of the SEETAC project results”, Mr. Carlo Fortuna - Central European Initiative*
- *Intervention by European Commission, European Investment Bank and South East Europe Transport Observatory*
- *Statements by SEETAC National Delegations: Albania, Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Ukraine*
- *“Priorities in Southeast Europe Transport Networks – Conclusions of the meeting”, Mrs. Vassiliki Kolovou, Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks*

17:00 – 18:30 Free time

18:30 – 20:00 Visit to Acropolis Museum

20:00 Dinner at the Restaurant of the Acropolis Museum (*offered by the Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks*)