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14:30 – 15:00 **Welcome Coffee**

15:00 – 16:00 **Opening Speeches:**

- Hon. Joe Mizzi MP, Maltese Minister for Transport and the Infrastructure (*confirmed*)
- Mr Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment (*confirmed*)
- Mr Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions (*confirmed*)
- MEP Miriam Dalli, Member of the European Parliament Environment (ENVI) and Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committees (*confirmed*)
- Mr Matej Zakonjšek, Head of Cabinet of European Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc (*confirmed*)
- Mr Philippe Citroën, Director General of UNIFE (*confirmed*)

16:00 – 16:30 **Introduction**

- Dr Joanna Drake, Deputy Director General, DG Environment (DG ENV), European Commission (*tbc*)
Environment and Climate challenges in a post-COP22 world: an urban transport perspective

16:30 – 16:50 **Press Conference**

Coffee Break sponsored by [Malta Public Transport](#)

16:50 – 18:50 **First Panel: Tackling environmental and congestion challenges: integrating urban rail in a multimodal public transport system**

Rationale:

Urbanisation has been a major trend of the past decades that is expected to continue. Thus, urban transport now accounts for 40% of CO₂ emissions and 70% of emissions of other pollutants arising from road transport; in addition, it is the main source of congestion, which costs nearly €100 billion, or 1% of the EU's GDP, annually. Hence, urban transport must meet the challenge of an increased demand for mobility and safety while reducing pollutant emissions.



The rail supply industry provides solutions for urban transport with low, or even zero emissions of CO₂ and other pollutant gases. Trams and metros reduce congestion in cities by providing people with a quick, reliable, high-quality alternative to the car. With an average energy consumption of 0.12 kWh per passenger-km, they are also 7 times more energy efficient than cars in urban areas and thereby helping to cut both greenhouse gas emissions and local emissions harmful for human health.

Based on concrete experiences from other parts of Europe, this session will aim at discussing the benefits of integrating urban rail in a multimodal public transport system from an environmental and quality of life point of view.

Impulse speech (and later on concluding remarks):

- Ms Karen Vancluysen, Secretary General of POLIS (*confirmed*)

Panel discussion:

- Ms Claire Depré, Head of Unit Sustainable & Intelligent Transport, DG Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE), European Commission (*tbc*)
- Mr Ioannis Palaistis, Chairman of the Public Transport Authority of Thessaloniki (ThePTA) (*confirmed*)
- Ms Regina Hartig, Coordinator for European Affairs, City of Karlsruhe (*tbc*)
- Ms Laurence Broseta, CEO International Zone, Transdev Group (*confirmed*)
- Dr Sebastian E. Schmid, Head of Product Strategy and Business Development, Locomotives and Light Rail Vehicles, Bombardier Transportation (*confirmed*)
- Mr Siegfried Rupprecht, Executive Director of Rupprecht Consult (*confirmed*)

Moderator: Mr David Briginshaw, International Railway Journal (*confirmed*)

20:00 – 22:00

Reception and dinner sponsored by **Alstom**

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09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome coffee sponsored by Malta Public Transport**

09:30 – 10:00 **Keynote speeches:**

- MEP Dominique Riquet, Vice-President of the European Parliament Transport (TRAN) Committee and Chairman of the Parliamentary Intergroup on Long-term Investment (*confirmed*)
- Mr Daniël Termont, President of EUROCITIES and Mayor of Ghent (*tbc*)

10:00 – 12:00 **Second Panel: Funding and financing solutions for urban rail systems**

Rationale:

Investments in public transport are essential for the future of cities and their citizens in Europe and globally. In this respect, the European Institutions and financial institutions have a decisive role to play to incentivize local Authorities invest in rail-bound urban projects. However, European support will only provide a fraction of the required Capex and in time of tight public budgets, it is critical to review alternative funding models. Therefore, this session will aim at understanding all the existing funding and financial instruments at the disposal of local Authorities that are considering to build-up a new urban rail network or to expand/modernise their existing one. The session will provide an opportunity to learn from concrete experiences from other cities in Europe.

Impulse speech (and later on concluding remarks):

- Mr Alain Flausch, Secretary General of UITP (*tbc*)

Panel discussion:

- Mr Stéphane Ouaki, Head of Unit Transport Investment, DG Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE), European Commission (*confirmed*)
- Mr Peter Berkowitz, Head of the Competence Centre for Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), European Commission (*tbc*)
- Mr Max Jensen, Head of Sustainable Urban Mobility Division, European Investment Bank (*tbc*)
- Mr Johan Nyhus, Deputy Mayor of Gothenburg and Chairman of the Transport Committee (*tbc*)
- Mr Metodi Avramov, Sofia Urban Mobility Centre, City of Sofia (*confirmed*)
- Dr Kálmán Dabóczy, CEO of BKK, Centre for Budapest Transport (*tbc*)
- Mr Jean-François Blanc, Concessions Development Director, Alstom (*confirmed*)

Moderator: Mr David Briginshaw, International Railway Journal (*confirmed*)



12:00 – 12:15

Summary of the debates:

- Mr David Briginshaw, International Railway Journal (*confirmed*)

12:15 – 12:30

Conclusions:

- Hon. Joe Mizzi MP, Maltese Minister for Transport and the Infrastructure (*confirmed*)

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch sponsored by [Bombardier Transportation](#)