Seamless Transport: Making Connections

2-4 May 2012
Leipzig, Germany
Dear Guests,

Seamlessness in transport is the physical expression of one of the megatrends of the 21st century: complete connectivity. Seamlessness is about better connecting people and markets, but also about linking sectors, business cases and ideas. Not least, seamlessness is about the convergence of traditional transport infrastructure with the digital sphere, a process that is already changing the way we think about and use transport.

Seamless transport is a powerful strategic vision for our future. Wherever people and goods move in highly connected ways, transport has proved a dynamic engine for growth and well-being. Seamless connections between cities and regions, notably through high-speed rail, have had huge impact on national and regional economies. Seamless access to transport improves citizens’ access to schools, universities, labour markets and leisure activities. Being able to move between geographic locations and transport modes with minimal impediments is a prime desire of all transport users.

Yet the structure of our transport systems with modal transfers, different ownership, international border crossings and security threats makes overcoming the inherent friction in our transport system a permanent challenge. How can we improve seamlessness? To what extent is complete connectivity ultimately feasible? What approaches should be taken politically, institutionally, and technologically?

These are the issues that transport leaders from government, public administration, business and academia will explore at the International Transport Forum’s Annual Summit on 2-4 May 2012 in Leipzig, Germany. Through your participation in this unique global platform, you can help shape the transport policy agenda and the future of transport.

We welcome you to the 2012 Summit of the International Transport Forum on "Seamless Transport: Making Connections" held under the Presidency of Japan.

Mr. Takeshi Maeda
Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

Dr. Peter Ramsauer, MdB
Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Urban Development, Germany
10:00–12:00
Panel discussion with transport and regional leaders

- Mendelssohn Hall, Level 1
Collaboration in Connectivity: Focus on Regions
Case Studies in Review: Achieving seamless transport in cities, regions and across borders

Keynote: Catherine Ross
Director, Georgia Institute of Technology's Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development, USA

12:00–12:30

- Off Site
Leipzig by Bicycle
Cycle with the Leipzig Mayor to see how the city has implemented various seamless transport measures

- Off Site
Technical Tour
Goldschmidt-Thermit Plant

12:00

- Off Site
Cultural Programme
Leipzig Tour

13:00–15:30
Ministers’ Roundtable: Ship Safety

13:00–15:30
Ministers’ Roundtable: Piracy at Sea

11:00–11:15
Panel discussion with Ministers and industry leaders

- Hall 1, Level 1
Transport for Growth: Developing Connectivity
How does seamless transport drive economic growth?

Keynote: Angel Gurría
Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

11:15–11:45
Break

11:45–13:15
Panel discussion with Ministers and industry leaders

- Hall 1, Level 1
International Transport Forum: 2012 Awards
Presentation of the Young Researcher of the Year Award and Transport Achievement Award

- Hall MPA 3/4, Level 0
From Supply Chain to Supply Stream: Creating Seamless Logistics
What are cost effective solutions to enhance supply chain connectivity and reliability in freight?

- Hall 2, Level 1
Facilitating Global Trade: Connectivity Across Borders
Can customs and security processing be better integrated?

12:30
Lunch

13:15–14:30
Ministerial Session

14:30–15:30
Transport Innovation Talks
Highlights from the cutting edge of seamless mobility

16:00–16:15
Panel discussion with Ministers and industry leaders

- Hall 1, Level 1
Opening Plenary: From Here to Seamlessness Defining the Roadmap for 21st Century Transport
What should connected transport look like and how can we get there?
Opening by the Japanese and German Ministers
Panel with Ministers from Japan, Germany and other countries

Keynote: Luca di Montezemolo
Chairman, Ferrari and Chairman, Nuovo Trasporto Viaggiatori, Italy

16:15–16:30
Break

16:45–16:50

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A Low-Carbon Emissions Event: The emissions resulting from the on-site activities of the Annual Summit will be offset through climate protection projects. Delegates have the option through the registration process to pay a carbon offset charge for their participation in the Summit.

Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, German and Russian (Halls 1, 2 and 3).

Summit conference facilities are accessible for all delegates.

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Mark your diary with the dates for the 2013 Summit Funding Transport 22-24 May
11:30 – 13:30 ▸ Room BK2, Level 0
Logistics Performance Measurement
Organised by the World Bank, Turku School of Economics, International Transport Forum

12:30 – 14:30 ▸ Hall 4, Level 1
Follow-up Zurich Process
Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the Alpine Region

16:30 – 18:00 ▸ Room BK1, Level 0
Seamless Urban Freight Transport: The need for a new policy approach (Part 2)
Organised by the World Conference on Transport Research Society

14:00 – 15:30 ▸ Hall 4, Level 1
Future Requirements and Needs for Humanitarian Air Services
Organised by Airbus

14:00 – 15:30 ▸ Hall 5, Level 1
Synchronodal Transport: Modal shift is mental shift
Organised by Dinalog

14:30 – 15:30 ▸ Hall MPA 3/4, Level 0
Best Practice at Border Crossings: A trade and transport facilitation perspective
Jointly organised by OSCE and UNECE

SIDE EVENTS
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Exhibition
Visit our exhibition in the Congress Center as well as our outside exhibition which offers many opportunities to delegates to participate in live demonstrations, including:
• Park4U Remote Parking by Valeo: Automatic parking using a Smartphone
• Ecodriving courses offered by FIA
• Ride & Drive sessions offered by Michelin in two advanced technology electric vehicles
• Gulliver’s Auto by Dekra: See how children perceive cars and understand the risks of this perspective

Networking at the Summit

The International Transport Forum’s Annual Summit is the leading global platform for debate on the future of transport. Networking activities are an essential part of the Summit programme:
• Presidency Reception hosted by Japan
• International Transport Forum Gala Dinner
• Technical tours to transport-related manufacturing or logistics sites
• Cultural tours

Technical and cultural programme tours are optional activities available to delegates.

International Transport Forum

The International Transport Forum is an intergovernmental organisation within the OECD system. Its 53 member countries are committed to tackling mobility issues for the 21st century. The International Transport Forum acts as their platform to advance transport policy and practice, with a view to ensuring transport’s contribution to economic growth, environmental protection, social inclusion and the preservation of human life and well-being. The cornerstones of this work are the International Transport Forum’s Annual Summit and the Research Centre.