

**Agenda of the European Commission workshop on agreements concerning cross-border
rail transport
Brussels, 13 July 2006**

1. Introduction (Commission)
2. Rationale and key features of agreements on cross-border rail transport under today's regulatory framework in Europe – the Czech point of view (Martin Vosta, CZ Ministry of transport)

Discussion

3. Agreements on the general framework for cross-border rail transport:

- a) within the Community

Agreement between the Czech Republic and Germany of 1997 and work in progress concerning the an agreement between the Poland and Germany (Katrin Topsch, DE Ministry of transport)

- b) at the external border of the Community

Agreement between Finland and Russia of 1997 and its current revision (Reino Lampinen, FI Ministry of transport)

Discussion

4. Agreements addressing problems related to different technical system specifications and safety rules:
 - a) Agreement between the Dutch and German safety authorities on mutual recognition of train drivers (Caroline Fischer, EBA- German rail safety authority)
 - b) Agreement between SNCF (FR) and Deutsche Bahn (DE) on cross-border rail traffic on the Woippy-Mannheim line (Claire Morell, FR Ministry of transport)

Discussion

5. Closure of the workshop (Commission)