

"Impact of the economic recession on the road transport market"

Hearing of the road haulage sector

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Venue: Conference Centre Albert Borschette, room 0/A, 36 Rue Froissart, B1049 Brussels.

Interpretation: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided to and from the following languages: English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish and Spanish.

09:30: Registration.

10:00-10:30: Introductory session

- Matthias Ruete, Director General for Energy and Transport, European Commission
- Mathieu Grosch, Member of the European Parliament

10:30-11:30: The economic downturn

- Christian Kille, Head of Logistics Market Intelligence, Fraunhofer Institute: "The economic and financial crisis and its impact on the road transport market"
- Pere Padrosa, Vice President, International Road Transport Union (IRU) and President, IRU Goods Transport Council: "The hauliers' perspective"
- Q&A

11:30-12:30: Employment situation

- Eduardo Chagas, General Secretary of the European Transport Workers Federation: "The employees' perspective"
- Francesco Del Boca, President, Union Européenne des Transporteurs Routiers and UEAPME Transport Forum: "The situation of small operators in the haulage industry"
- Q&A

12:30-14:00: Buffet lunch offered by the Commission

14:00-15:15: Innovation in transport

- Boguslaw Liberadzki, Member of the European Parliament: "Preparing for the future of road transport"
- Guido Prud'homme, Managerial Adviser Operational Lending Policies, European Investment Bank: "Transport technology innovation – the role of the EIB"
- Hasse Johansson, ACEA and Executive Vice President R&D, SCANIA: "Technical progress in the truck manufacturing sector"
- Q&A

15:15-16:30: Business and policy strategies

- Paolo Uggé, former Transport Secretary of State and President of Italian road haulage association Confrasperto: "Dealing with the crisis"
- György Wáberer, CEO of Waberer's Holding "The road of the future: intermodal logistic services"
- Zoltán Kazatsay, Deputy Director General for Energy and Transport, European Commission: "Community strategies"
- Q&A

16:30-17:00: Concluding remarks

- Prof. Brian Bayliss, University of Bath
- Matthias Ruete, Director General for Energy and Transport, European Commission