

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

THE CHAIRMAN

To the Chair(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

Dear colleague,

A future progress of the European Union's Transport Policy is closely linked with the further infrastructural development of the trans-European transport network.

Planning, developing and operating the trans-European transport networks (TEN-T) contributes to achieving major Union objectives, such as the smooth functioning of the internal market and the strengthening of economic, social and territorial ties. Those networks constitute the key arteries of Europe's economy and enhance the well-being of its citizens. Moreover, against a challenging economic background, investments into key infrastructural developments with strong EU added value will help boost Europe's competitiveness.

A considerable amount of financial investment is required for implementing the TEN-T projects in the current EU programming period, 2014 to 2020. Talks will begin soon on the matter of EU funding for the next financial programming period from 2021, which will be crucial to the completion of the TEN-T Core Network Corridors, as well as of key importance towards ensuring other transport infrastructure investments.

Building on the successful event of three years ago, the Committee on Transport and Tourism of the European Parliament would like to invite Members of the national Parliaments of the EU Member States, the candidate countries, and the countries of the European Economic Area to attend an interparliamentary committee meeting on the topic of:

“EU Investing in its Transport Networks beyond 2020”

I look forward to discussing experiences and best practices on the implementation of TEN-T projects, with particular attention to cross-border links, which include much European added value, as well as your outlook for the post-2020 period in the field of transport infrastructure investments. The meeting would also provide an opportunity to address investment challenges in a context of scarce financial resources, and to discuss how TEN-T projects could benefit from innovative sources of funding.

The meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday, 20 June 2018, 15h00 to 18h30 in the European Parliament in Brussels.

I am pleased to invite up to four Members of the relevant Committees(s) from every national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend the meeting. Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome your written contributions (to be sent to tran-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu) which would be then distributed to the respective Members and other participants.

All the relevant practical and organizational details on this meeting, as well as an updated draft programme, will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept my invitation, and I am looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 20 June 2018.

Yours sincerely,



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