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Session 1

**Towards a sustainable and integrated
European multimodal transport system**



Session 1

Moderator:

- **Magda Kopczynska**, Director, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission

Speakers and Panelists:

- **Olle Isaksson**, Technology & Emerging Business, Ericsson
- **Ben Maelissa**, CEO, Danser Group
- **Peter Marshall**, Director of Logistics Europe, Middle East, Africa and India, DOW Europe
- **Beloslav Pavlov**, Director Logistics Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Procter & Gamble
- **Catrien Scheers**, Chairman, Fast Group
- **Antonio Stoean**, Director, TTS Group



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- Beloslav Pavlov, Director Logistics Eastern Europe & Central Asia
- Cathrin Scheers, Chairman, Fast Group
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Session 2

**Role of rail and port connections
for efficient multimodal freight
transport and logistics**



Session 2

Moderator:

- **Matthew Baldwin**, Deputy Director-General, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission

Speakers and Panelists:

- **Bernhard Kunz**, Managing Director, Hupac Group
- **Hervé Martel**, Vice President, Haropa and CEO, Port of Le Havre
- **Alain Quinet**, Chief Operating Officer, SNCF Réseau
- **Ralf-Charley Schultze**, President, UIRR
- **Anguel Zaboutov**, Director-General, Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company



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- Alain Quinet, Chief Operating Officer, SNCF Réseau
- Ralf Charley-Schultze, President, UBR
- Angelina Zaborova, Director-General, Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company



Session 3

Multimodal challenges and opportunities for the region



Session 3

Moderator:

- **Maja Bakran**, Deputy Director-General, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission

Speakers:

- **Franc Žepič**, Coordinator for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (PA1b), Ministry of Infrastructure, Slovenia
- **Dejan Lasica**, General Manager, South East European Transport Observatory (SEETO)
- **Ventsislav Trifonov**, Deputy Director, Railway Association of Signalling, Information, Technologies and Automation
- **Ivan Petrov**, Secretary General, CLECAT





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connectivity systems in Western Balkans
impairs the ability to export efficiently

need to address physical and non-
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Session 4

Sustainable Funding Architecture



Session 4

Moderator:

- **Dimitar Savov**, Director of National Transport Policy Directorate, Bulgarian Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications

Speakers:

- **Maja Bakran**, Deputy Director-General, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission
- **Simon David Ellis**, Program Leader for the Sustainable Development Department for the Western Balkans Region, World Bank
- **Andreas Beikos**, Head of Office, European Investment Bank Group Office of Bulgaria





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operations and market access, if
the EU works with marginal
investment, would lead to
possible savings of about 2% of
the region's GDP or about 3.8
billion a year.



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Concluding remarks

Matthew Baldwin

Deputy Director-General

DG Mobility and Transport European Commission





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