

# TEN-T Days 2011

30 November 2011, 09:00-10:30h

Keurvels Hall

## WORKSHOP 5: Freight multimodality: Inland ports and waterways in the transport chain

Panel moderated by the European Transport Coordinator Ms Karla Peijs.

Panel Members:

<b>Ms Nikolina Nikolova</b>	<b>Deputy Minister, Bulgaria</b>
<b>Ms Sylvia-Adriana Ticau</b>	<b>MEP</b>
<b>Ms Karin de Schepper</b>	<b>INE</b>
<b>Ms Helen de Wachter</b>	<b>Freights &amp; Logistics</b>
<b>Mr Nicolas Bour</b>	<b>VNF</b>
<b>Mr Marc Descheemaker</b>	<b>SNCB</b>
<b>Mr Menno Menist</b>	<b>NEA</b>
<b>Mr Michael Nielsen</b>	<b>IRU</b>
<b>Mr Christian Steindl</b>	<b>Port of Enns</b>

Structure of the debate:

Mrs. Peijs will introduce the discussion making reference to key points for reflection by the Panellists. These points will range from economical aspects to opportunities for the development of the inland transport and its relation with the other modes of transport and in different regions of the Union. Panellists will be invited to express their opinion concerning initiatives that should be undertaken to support the development of a sustainable inland waterways transport system, most specifically in relation to the area of which they are experts.

- It is a common statement that congestion and pollution are strangling the modern society: what do the transport sector operators expect for the short, medium and long term transport system?
- What are the assets of inland waterways transport for your sector?
- Which measures should be taken in order to make inland waterways transport attractive to operators, forwarders and to your sector?
- Are incentives acceptable if the overall society will benefit from it?
- Multimodality: a fashion or an opportunity?
- What can boost a real multimodal system?
- Are transport operators and forwarders looking at multimodality? And which type of it?
- How to apply the rule "who pollutes, pays!"?
- Integral approach for inland waterways projects development in a region, including transport infrastructures, water management, water reservoirs, multimodal ports, tourism and social development are applicable everywhere? (like on the Seine-Scheldt project?)