

## 2009 International Transport Forum

*'Transport for a Global Economy: Challenges and Opportunities in the Downturn'*

Leipzig, 27 May

### Railways in a Globalised World

#### 14.00 - 15.30 Resolving both economic and environmental crises: the role of rail

**Can rail investment support economic recovery and also contribute to meeting targets for cutting CO2 emissions in the transport sector?**

##### *Key points for discussion:*

- Meeting economic and environmental needs - Investment in rail supports the economic recovery and can also be aimed at meeting emissions targets.
- Providing for future growth - Rail traffic will, upon economic recovery, eventually surpass pre-crisis levels. What necessary steps (in particular investment) need to be taken now while there is spare manufacturing and construction capacity?
- Setting transport emissions targets - Emissions targets could be set specifically for the transport sector: means for achieving these include internalisation of external costs and optimising the roles of different modes, particularly through intermodality.
- Increasing efficiencies - How are rolling stock and infrastructure efficiencies improving, and what is the potential for further improvement?

#### 16.00 - 17.30 Global transport governance: realising the potential of rail

**Governments and railways need to accept a common responsibility, and improve the efficiency and reliability of key administrative, governmental and operational processes for cross-border and long-distance rail systems.**

##### *Key points for discussion:*

- Developing international rail services - Governments need to remove operational and administrative barriers for international rail traffic.
- Charging and reliability - Infrastructure access charges and freight tariffs for international rail traffic can be uncompetitive and subject to short-term change, and transit times can be unreliable. How can rail improve its potential offer?
- Infrastructure maintenance - Governments must coordinate and agree upon the prioritisation of maintenance activities along international links. Reliable and consistent financing of maintenance must be anchored in transparent contractual relations between the Government and the infrastructure manager.

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