Press Release

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Travel Grant for journalists to attend Transport Ministers’ Summit

Registration open now - deadline for applications 16 March

The 2012 Summit of Transport Ministers, organised by the International Transport Forum at the OECD, will convene on 2-4 May in Leipzig, Germany. The Summit brings together Ministers, industry leaders and top thinkers from the Forum’s 53 member countries and beyond to examine the issue of connectivity.

Themed "Seamless Transport: Making Connections", the 2012 Summit will focus on the ways in which seamless transport can better connect people and markets, systems and sectors. With a wide range of global players present and a Ministerial meeting at its core, the Summit will push the agenda on better connectivity.

The Summit provides unique opportunities for journalists:

- Full immersion in issues that profoundly affect the global economy, technological progress, urban development, the environment and more.
- Engaging with Ministers and top decision-makers through interviews and background briefings.
- Getting fresh perspectives on topical issues relating to mobility.
- Listening in on top experts exchanging on cutting-edge developments.

Attractive technical tours (Porsche plant, BMW factory) and cultural visits in Leipzig and Berlin also form part of the event.

The International Transport Forum is offering to cover travel costs and accommodation for a limited number of journalists from non-European countries to attend the Summit in Leipzig under the Media Travel Grant programme. Please pass this information on to colleagues who may be eligible. Applications for the Media Travel Grant will be accepted until 16 March 2012. For more details and the application form, visit: www.internationaltransportforum.org/2012/MediaTravelGrant.html

Journalists from European countries wishing to report from the Summit are invited to register here.

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