



PRESS MEMO

TEN PROJECTS

The idea of Trans-European Networks (TEN in the EU jargon) emerged by the end of the 1980s in conjunction with the proposed Single Market. The functioning of the EU market, based on the freedom of movement for goods, persons and services, requires that the various regions and national networks are properly linked by modern and efficient infrastructures. Thus, the EC finances the realisation of a series of transport projects of common interest all around the Union. These strategic projects altogether constitute the essential skeleton for the transports within the EU.

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Deputy Governor of the Zlín Region, Mr. Vojtěch Jurčík, has met EC Director for TEN projects at DG Transport

The Zlín Region needs to develop its road connections both within the Czech Republic and the Central Europe: the meeting at DG Transport has created the basis for the cooperation with the European Commission in this strategic field.

The 10th of October 2007, on the occasion of the Open Days Week 2007, the Representative Office of the Zlín Region in Brussels organised a bilateral meeting between the Regional delegation and the Directorate General for Transport and Energy of the European Commission.

The Deputy Governor of the Region, Mr. Vojtěch Jurčík, guided a delegation including among others Mr. Petr Hradecký, member of the Regional council responsible for transports, to a meeting with the EC Director for the Trans European Networks (TEN), Mr. Jonathan Scheele, and the Head of Unit for the TEN policy, Mr. Edgar Thielmann.

The meeting focused on the realisation of the road project „R49“, aiming at linking the local transport network to the main national and international axes already part of the Trans European Networks.

The results have been absolutely positive. The European Commission will now examine together with the Czech Authorities the possibility of including the R49 in the TEN schemes, as a strategic connection between the Zlín Region, the national transport scheme and those of the bordering Slovak Republic.

The Zlín Region in Brussels will continue to work closely in touch with the DG Transport for further developments of the dossier.

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