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CZECHREG DAYS IN BRUSSELS

The regions of the Czech Republic are currently contributing to the agenda of the Semester of Czech Presidency to the EU Council by holding thematic seminars, conferences and accompanying cultural events. The entire program has been entitled "CzechReg Days". It will create a platform for inter-regional cooperation, as well as inter-institutional discussion on strategic topics.

The goal is to support the role of regional and local governments in the policy-making process of the EU, as they are being mostly the primary beneficiaries of the policy results.

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Building the Bridge: international conference on the regional dimension of TEN-T projects

The Zlin Region in Brussels is coordinating the thematic event of the "CzechReg Days" devoted to transport & connectivity: an international conference focusing on the future of the main EU networks for mobility of people and freights.

The Zlín Region in Brussels is organizing the TEN-T conference that will occur on February 24th at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels. The main aim is to raise the attention of all interested parties on one of the still missing elements for the completion of the internal market: the transport infrastructures, especially in their connections with the local and regional networks. Absent or inadequate capacities not only create gaps in the effective operation of the EU network as a whole, but are also one of the remaining barriers to unify the market.

Speakers and participants will share their visions on the state of art of TEN-T schemes and explore the immediate future of the three strategic dimensions of TEN-T projects: the political, the financial and the environmental ones.

Main issues treated will include expected accomplishments of TEN-T axes on the basis of the orientation outlined by the new EC Green Paper of the European Commission – entitled "Towards a better integrated TEN-T networks at the service of the common transport policy". A balance of Public-Private-Partnerships in this field, an evaluation of possible new formulas that could be experimented for a better combination of the EU, national, regional and private capitals for the realisation of the transport infrastructures will be part of the event. Examples of successful projects will come from Poland, France and Italy.

The results of the conference will be used in the follow-up consultations on the Green Paper on the revision of the TEN-T guidelines.

For more information about the CzechReg Days, see:

www.czechreg.eu

For more information about the activities of the Zlin Region in Brussels, see:

www.zlinregioninbrussels.eu



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