



*European Economic and
Social Committee*



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Invitation: Hearing on a European rail network for competitive freight

Dear Madam / dear Sir,

On behalf of Mr Eric Ponthieu, Head of Unit of the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and Information Society of the European Economic & Social Committee (EESC), we are kindly inviting you to the **Public hearing on a European rail network for competitive freight** – draft **agenda** attached.

Following on its Communication from 2007 "*Towards a rail network giving priority to freight*" the European Commission has recently adopted a new legislative proposal in the field of rail transport. This new package **aims at establishing a European rail network for competitive freight**. The **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)** has been asked by the Council of the EU to issue an opinion on this major topic (Rapporteur: Mr Fornea, EESC Group II – Employees, Romania).

The **EESC** organises this hearing jointly with the **Czech Transport Research Centre (CDV)** and with the support of **the South-Moravian Region**.

The event will take place in the **morning of 28 April 2009**, at the **Office of the South-Moravian Region**, in Brno, Czech Republic (Žerotínovo náměstí 3/5, 601 82 Brno) – with **interpretation** from DE/EN/CS into EN/CS) and will be followed by a lunch cocktail hosted by the Office of South-Moravian Region.

For registering to this event, please send an e-mail with your name, contact and professional details to competitive.freight@eesc.europa.eu, indicating also whether you will attend the lunch cocktail reception after the presentation.

NB: In the absence of any message to the contrary, you should assume that this registration has been accepted.

The EESC cannot cover participants' travel and / or subsistence expenses.

Your accepting this invitation would give us great pleasure and we look forward to welcoming you on April 28, 2009. For any additional information you may contact the TEN Section Secretariat, by (e-mail to **AnaCristina.Costea@eesc.europa.eu** or **Katerina.Hanzlikova@eesc.europa.eu**).

Best regards,

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