

Report from the Secretariat of the Intergroup

**Subgroup “Transport & Tourism”
Meeting between Mr Koch and stakeholders**

**Thursday, 12th November (8.30-10.00)
Room A3F383**

The meeting with Mr Koch, Chair of the subgroup “Transport and Tourism”, enabled stakeholders to present the issues that they would like to see addressed under this subgroup in 2010 and during the legislature.

A list of issues based on this preliminary discussion will be shared and discussed with Members of the European Parliament who expressed their interest for the subgroup “Transport and Tourism”. Then stockholders will be consulted again. The Bureau of the Intergroup, bringing together the Chair and Vice-Chairs, will decide on the agenda for 2010 in January.

1. State of play of the Intergroup – EBCD & IUCN

The Intergroup “Sustainable Development” was established in 1994. It was renamed in February 2009 as the Intergroup on “Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development” to focus on these two critical issues. It aims to provide information, bring knowledge in the European Parliament and build consensus.

The Intergroup is in the process of being renewed. To this end, it has to get the support of at least three political groups. The political groups will vote on the various Intergroups by the end of November. The Conference of Presidents will endorse the decision of political groups on the 10th of December. This is the first time that there are so many proposals of Intergroups. The Intergroup can continue to function and organise events until the formal decision.

2. Presentation by each stakeholder of issues of interest for 2010 and the new legislature

Mr Koch introduced himself: he has been a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for several years and member of the Transport Committee.

With regard to the scope of the subgroup, “all transport modes and tourism issues” will be dealt.

Mr Eydaleine (Air France) explained how critical **greening the economy** is. To this end, there is a need to **finance new technologies and innovative solutions**. Air France is also involved in **tourism**.

Mr Billiet (International Road Union) insisted on the fact that road transport of goods and passengers is trying to **reduce toxic emissions**. A lot of efforts are putting into place in order to reduce dependence on oil.

He underlined the importance to explore **alternatives to fossil fuel**. **Intelligent transport system** could lead to a more efficient transport with a reducing carbon footprint.

Ms Reijalt (European Hydrogen Association) insisted on the importance of coordinating **transport technologies**. Car makers consider **electric vehicles** powered by conventional batteries or fuel cells as the most carbon clean transport solution. She explained that the European Hydrogen Association facilitates **development of urban integrated hydrogen projects**.

Technologies transfer from the North to the South is another issue of interest.

Mr Fuglesang (Intertanko) identified several issues of interest such as **piracy, ship recycling, the criminalisation of seafarers, and the implementation of the Third Maritime Safety package** (in particular regarding places of refuge). With regard to environmental issues Mr Fuglesang highlighted Intertanko's high level of interest in **air emissions**, including **greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants**. **Invasive alien species**, which are typically carried in ships' ballast water are also an issue. Another field of interest includes the different aspects of the **Integrated Maritime Policy** and the implementation of its Action Plan.

Maritime safety and greenhouse gas emissions were underlined as important issues by Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Wright, both representing the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS). IACS emphasised its technical adviser role at the International Maritime Organisation and urged the European Parliament to use it in a similar expert adviser role.

Any issues that could impact on marine liability, such as air emissions, and the implementation of the Third Maritime Safety package have been identified by Mr Bardot (International Group of P&I Clubs) as critical issues.

Intertanko, the International Association of Classification Societies and the International Group of P&I Clubs have been involved in the Intergroup for several years and believe it to be a very good channel for bringing and sharing relevant knowledge with MEPs.

Messrs Ledbury and Mussini (Community of European Railway) mentioned **climate change** as the dominant political issue. It regretted the fact that the climate change package does not deal with transport in a comprehensive way. They welcomed the objective of **decarbonising transport** set by Mr. Barroso in his Guidelines. Another issue of concern is **external costs of transport** which are artificially cheap.

Mr. Friederich (IUCN) emphasized the **impact of transport on natural resources**, particularly on land use planning. Furthermore, several issues related to maritime transport could be discussed, namely **invasive species and ballast water**. The **impact of tourism on natural resources** could be also addressed, notably skiing industry.

Mr Koch concluded the meeting by saying that he looks forward to learning from stakeholders. He would like the subgroup to meet every two months. Ms Symons (EBCD) stated that meetings will be organised as much as possible in Brussels. She added that tourism sector, not represented in the meeting, will be consulted.

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Due to other commitments, Transport&Environment and Michelin apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. Here are their issues of interest:

- Transport&Environment:
 - * **Put climate and energy at the heart of transport policy;**
 - * **Decarbonisation of transport.** A new approach to transport demand growth is needed. The EU should be the most transport efficient economy in the world.
 - * **Revitalise transport pricing** towards cutting emissions and **fostering clean technologies.**
 - * **Managing transport speed.** Lower speed leads to decrease notably CO2emissions and energy consumption.
 - * **Investing in clean and safety technology.**
 - * **Electric cars.** T&E advocates a cautious approach. Electric cars are too often seen as the panacea to solve transport's climate problems.
 - * **Make trucks cleaner, safer and slower.**

- Michelin:
 - ***Energy & climate package** including Emissions trading scheme directive, energy efficiency, energy taxation and building directive

- * **Greening logistics**
- * **Future of transports**
- * **Urban mobility action plan**

SUMMARY OF ISSUES IDENTIFIED

- Decarbonisation of transport/Transport efficient economy (overall issues)
- Transport, Energy and Climate Change (overall issue)
- Future of transports (overall issue)
- Financing new technologies and innovative solutions
- Technologies transfer from the North to the South
- Intelligent Transport System
- Electric vehicles
- External costs of transport
- Managing transport speed
- Urban mobility projects
- Impact of transport and tourism on natural resources
- Maritime transport: piracy, implementation of the Third Maritime Safety package, air emissions, ship recycling, criminalisation of seafarers, and invasive alien species

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