

## PROGRAMME

# RHINE-ALPINE CORRIDOR CONFERENCE 2018

## ALLIANCE FOR A FUTURE-PROOF RHINE-ALPINE CORRIDOR – Joining Hands for a Resilient and Sustainable Development –

**07 June 2018**

**10:00–16:00**

**Committee of the Regions  
Jacques Delors Building  
Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels**

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## WELCOME

### Chair of the Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor



Three years ago the Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor EGTC has been established. It is a unique alliance, gathering 21 members from cities, regions and ports along this corridor. We are keen to shape the future of our corridor together.

The EGTC acts as an interface, as an intermediate entity facilitating consultation and dialogue between the different levels of government and between the various stakeholders from public and private scope.

Thanks to our members from the local and regional level, we are close to the citizens, close to the different users including logistics companies, passengers and the affected population. Our objective is to make the Rhine-Alpine Corridor a better place for all its inhabitants, users and companies!

In this context, it is my pleasure to invite you to our first Rhine-Alpine Corridor Conference. Presenting our activities, treating current issues and exploring new visions, the programme is as colourful as the challenges and opportunities that affect corridor development. As we bring together political, economic and academic stakeholders, we are aiming for lively debates and new insights.

I would be delighted to welcome you on 7 June 2018 in Brussels!

**Conny Bieze**

Chair of the EGTC and Vice Governor of the Province of Gelderland

### European Coordinator for the TEN-T Rhine-Alpine Corridor



For a network concept, such as the Rhine-Alpine Core Network Corridor, collaboration among stakeholders is critical. In this regard, the EGTC “Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor” plays a crucial role. It ensures the link between the TEN-T development and regional and local benefits. It is an important partner, which can bring the corridor closer to people.

It is instrumental in explaining the corridor concept to citizens affected by transport infrastructure and its effects. I have a privilege to work closely with the EGTC and I am happy to have it as a member of the Corridor Forum. EGTC’s active approach and constructive views are an important input when it comes to planning the future development of the Rhine-Alpine Core Network Corridor.

**Paweł Wojciechowski**

European Coordinator for the TEN-T Rhine-Alpine Corridor

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### Registration

09:20–10:00 Entrance

### Opening of the Conference

10:00–10:30 **Welcome Address and EGTC Video Presentation**

### Parallel Thematic Workshops

10:30–12:30 **Smart Terminals and Intercity Cargo Trains**

10:30–11:30 **Visionary Workshop for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor**

10:30–11:30 **Future Priorities for the Development of the Rhine-Alpine Corridor**

11:30–12:30 **Chinese Belt and Road Initiative – Gateway Function of the Rhine-Alpine Corridor**

11:30–12:30 **Experience with the EGTC as a Legal Form**

### Lunch

12:30–14:00 Atrium 5

### Political Plenary Session

14:00–16:00 **Joint Efforts for Shaping the Future of the Rhine-Alpine Corridor**

### Reception

16:00–18:00 Atrium 5

### Exhibition

All day Foyer

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### Opening of the Conference

**10:00–10:30**

#### **WELCOME ADDRESS AND VIDEO PRESENTATION**

**Conny Bieze**

Chair of the EGTC, Vice Governor of the Province of Gelderland

### Parallel Thematic Workshops I

**10:30–12:30**

#### **SMART TERMINALS AND INTERCITY CARGO TRAINS**

This session presents results of the ERFLS project that is co-financed by the Connecting Europe Facility. Partners from the Netherlands, Germany and Italy, in close cooperation with intermodal terminals, have studied an innovative European Rail Freight Line System (ERFLS) aimed at making combined rail-freight traffic on the Rhine-Alpine Corridor more competitive and reliable.

**Moderator: Dr. Thomas Ertel**

Director, et-environment and technology

▶ **Joost Roeterdink**

Programme Manager Logistics and Freight Transport, Province of Gelderland

▶ **Andrea Rosa**

Senior Consultant, SiTI Istituto Superiore sui Sistemi Territoriali per l'Innovazione

▶ **Matthias Hofer**

Senior Consultant, EBP Schweiz AG

▶ **Jana Koppe**

Researcher Economic Geography, University of Duisburg-Essen

▶ **Markus Ibert**

Managing Director, startKLahr

▶ **Luca Zanetta**

Project Manager, Uniontrasporti Scarl

▶ **Maurizio Arnone**

Project Manager, SiTI - Istituto Superiore sui Sistemi Territoriali per l'Innovazione

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## Parallel Thematic Workshops II

**10:30–11:30**

### A) VISIONARY WORKSHOP FOR THE RHINE-ALPINE CORRIDOR

Creative and fresh ideas for the future of the Rhine-Alpine Corridor are key in this workshop. With the input of two academic experts, the workshop provides for a frank discussion and reflections off the beaten tracks.

**Moderator: Christian Specht**

Chair EGTC Advisory Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Mayor, Mannheim

- ▶ **Prof. Dr. Peter Ache**  
Department of Spatial Planning, Radboud University Nijmegen
- ▶ **Prof. Dr. Bernd Scholl**  
Institut for Spatial and Landscape Planning, ETH Zurich

**10:30–11:30**

### B) FUTURE PRIORITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RHINE-ALPINE CORRIDOR

Bringing together experts from different perspectives, we will explore the future development of the Rhine-Alpine Corridor. The speakers represent logistics and passenger stakeholders and also give a forecast on future EU-funding opportunities.

**Moderator: Paolo Balistreri**

Vice chair EGTC, General Secretary, Confindustria Piemonte

- ▶ **Freek Bos**  
Policy and Public Affairs advisor, European Passengers' Federation
- ▶ **Guy Janssens**  
Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Port of Antwerp
- ▶ **Dr. Christiane Warnecke**  
Managing Director, Rail Freight Corridor Rhine-Alpine (tbc)

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## Parallel Thematic Workshops III

**11:30–12:30**

### A) CHINESE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE – GATEWAY FUNCTION OF THE RHINE-ALPINE CORRIDOR

The Rhine-Alpine Corridor is affected by the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative. Understanding the interests of this initiative and presenting insights on appropriate reactions towards it are in the focus of this workshop.

**Moderator: Menno Menist**

Managing Director, Panteia

- ▶ **Karl Gheysen**  
Chief Executive Office, DP World – Khorgos Gateway
- ▶ **Alain Baron**  
European Commission, DG Mobility and Transport (tbc)
- ▶ **Sascha Noreika**  
Head of Project Cargo, duisport agency GmbH

**11:30–12:30**

### B) EXPERIENCE WITH THE EGTC AS A LEGAL FORM

The Rhine-Alpine corridor is the only TEN-T-corridor where regional and local actors have created a European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation. It is also one of the few EGTC with an interregional and transnational scope. Three years after its founding, initiators of the EGTC and their European counterparts share their experiences with this legal form.

**Moderator: Ralph Schlusche**

Director, Rhine-Neckar Regional Association

- ▶ **Jörg Saalbach**  
Director, Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor EGTC
- ▶ **Slaven Klobučar**  
European Committee of the Regions, Administrator EGTC Platform
- ▶ **Mathieu Mori**  
Secretary General, Assembly of European Regions

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# AROUND THE CONFERENCE

## Political Plenary Session

14:00–16:00

### JOINT EFFORTS FOR SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE RHINE-ALPINE CORRIDOR

As the future of the Rhine-Alpine Corridor can only be shaped jointly, this political session will highlight the future challenges and opportunities.

With key notes from the European Coordinator for the TEN-T Rhine-Alpine Corridor and the EGTC chair, we may expect renewed commitment for the Corridor. The panel discussion reunites representatives from politics, economy and academia and aspired interaction with the audience.

**Moderator: Katrina Sichel**

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#### Keynotes:

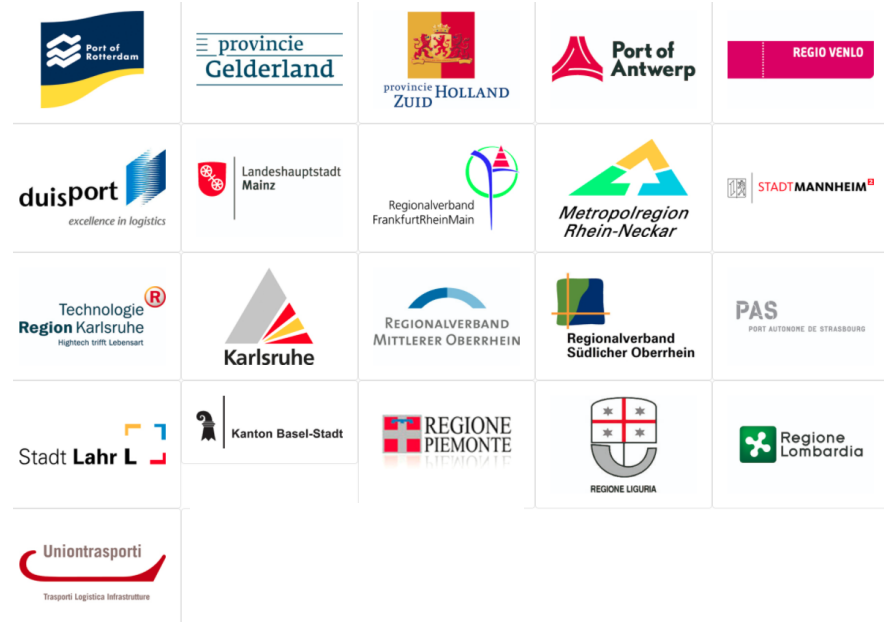
- ▶ **Conny Bieze**  
Chair of the EGTC, Vice Governor of the Province of Gelderland
- ▶ **Paweł Wojciechowski**  
European Coordinator of the TEN-T Rhine-Alpine Corridor
- ▶ **Catherine Trautmann**  
European Coordinator of the TEN-T North Sea-Baltic Corridor (tbc)

#### Statements from Corridor Stakeholders:

- ▶ **Dr. Andreas Backhaus**  
BASF SE, Senior Vice President, European Site Logistics Operations
- ▶ **Herald Ruijters**  
European Commission, Director, DG Mobility and Transport
- ▶ **Prof. Lanfranco Senn**  
Emeritus Professor, Bocconi University, President of Gruppo CLAS PTS
- ▶ **Floor Vermeulen**  
Regional Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Province of Zuid-Holland

**Interactive Panel discussion with all the participants**

## MEMBERS OF THE INTERREGIONAL ALLIANCE



## Registration

Due to security rules of the Committee of the Regions, it is mandatory to register for the conference. Please indicate all the demanded details.

Registration is possible **until 22 May 2018**.

Please register under the following link:

<https://egtc-corridor-conference.eventbrite.de>

– Admission free of charge –

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