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Better Rail Networks

Quality of Networks for All - Speed on Corridors for a Few

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We need to build a bridge between railways and other modes of transport, by improving connectivity and inter-operability

We must improve the decision-making processes in transport by increasing transparency and participation of users and stakeholders

We can improve European railways by switching funding away from mega high-speed projects toward networks which enhance services for all travellers

Programme:

*Introduction: **WHY DO NETWORKS MATTER?***

- 15:00 - 15:10 Isabelle Durant MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament

*Setting the Scene: **QUALITY FOR ALL VERSUS SPEEDY CORRIDORS FOR A FEW***

- 15:10 - 15:30 Moritz Leuenberger, Former Minister of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications of Switzerland
- 15:30 - 15:45 Discussion

*Success Stories Part 1: **SERVICES / INVESTMENTS***

- 15:45 - 16:05 Integrating high-speed and regional rail?
Matthieu Chabanel, RFF, France
- 16:05 - 16:25 (Re)organising networks across borders
Gösta Weber, RoCK Project

- 16:25 - 16:40 Discussion

Success Stories Part 2: TICKETING / OPERATIONS

16:40 - 17:00 Rail within an inter-modal concept

Per Homman Jespersen, Roskilde University, Denmark

- 17:00 - 17:20 Providing information, ticketing and reservation systems
Mark Smith, the man in Seat 61 (www.seat61.com)
- 17:20 - 17:25 Cross-border rail services
Ian McDonald, Railfuture, UK
- 17:25 - 17:40 Discussion

Conclusion: 10 THESES - BEYOND DOGMAS AND TABOOS

- 17:40 - 18:00 Michael Cramer MEP

Cocktail reception

Simultaneous Interpretation: EN, DE, FR, IT, ES, NL

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