



INTERMODAL TRANSPORT BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

**ECMT/UNECE Seminar hosted by the
Ministry of Transport of Ukraine
27 and 28 September 2004**

OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME

Kiev, Ukraine

Objectives of the Seminar

Given the present and forecasted traffic increases between Eastern and Western Europe, to what extent and under what conditions could intermodal transport play a significant role in dealing with these additional traffic flows?

How to promote alternative modes to road transport, given the present difficulties of the European intermodal system?

To answer these questions, the ECMT and UNECE have been invited, by the Minister of Transport of Ukraine to hold a Seminar on “Intermodal Transport between Europe and Asia: Opportunities and Challenges” that took place in Kiev on 27 and 28 September 2004.

The Minister of Transport of Ukraine has also invited the Joint ECMT/UNECE Working Party/Group on Intermodal Transport and Logistics to hold its autumn session immediately after the Seminar, i.e. on 28 and 29 September 2004.

The venue of this Seminar was Kiev, an interface between European and Asian trade flows, and brought together more than 120 participants interested in the improvement of intermodal land transport relations between Europe and Asia.

Participation

The Seminar was attended by more than 120 participants representing the following ECMT and UNECE member States: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the European Commission.

The following international and national organizations participated: ECMT, UNECE, UNESCAP, Co-ordinating Transport Meeting (CTM) of the CIS, CLECAT, International Union of Combined Road-Rail Transport Companies (UIRR), International Union of Railways (UIC), International Road Transport Union (IRU), International Multimodal Transport Association (IMMTA), Organization for Cooperation of Railways (OSJD), Europlatforms, Steering Committee of Pan-European Transport Corridor III, Steering Committee of Pan-European Transport Corridor VII, TRACECA Programme, World Road Association (PIARC), Association of International Freight Forwarders of Ukraine, Association of Forwarding Companies of Ukraine “Ukrzovnishtrans”, “Belarus shipping company”, “Delta-Lozman” (Ukraine), NESTEAR (France), Plaske (Ukraine), Société Aérospatiale Adour Technologie (France), “Ukrferry” (Ukraine).

Programme

Three successive sessions were organized, devoted to the analysis of the present situation of transport relations and to the opportunities and challenges of intermodal transport in East-West trade.

The programme of the Seminar was as follows:

Monday, 27 September 2004

OPENING OF THE SEMINAR BY THE FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT OF UKRAINE, Volodimir KORNIENKO

Welcoming speech on behalf of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Viktor YANOUKOVICH

1st SESSION: Development of Intermodal Transport between Europe and Asia

Chairman: Semen KROL, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications, Ukraine

Speakers:

Jack SHORT, Secretary General, ECMT

José CAPEL FERRER, Director, Transport Division, UNECE

Barry CABLE, Director, Transport and Tourism Division, UNESCAP

Hélène CHRAYE, Head of Operations, Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine

Arvidas VAITKUS, State Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Lithuania

Evgeni KAZANTSEV, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Co-ordinating Transport Meeting (CTM) of the CIS

Muammer TÜRKER, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Turkey

Vigo LEGZDINS, Head of Foreign Investment Division, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Latvia

2nd SESSION: Intermodality: Significance and Comparative Advantages

Chairman: Henry MAILLARD, Chairman of the ECMT Group on Intermodal Transport and Logistics

Co-Chairman: Martine-Sophie FOUVEZ, Principal Administrator of Transport Policy Sector of ECMT

Speakers:

Igor PALIK, Head of Unit of the Ministry of Transport of Russian Federation

Igor MATVIIV, Head of Foreign Affairs, Department of State Administration of Railway Transport of Ukraine “Ukrzaliznitsia”

José CAPEL FERRER, Director of UNECE Transport Division

Otto SCHWETZ, Chairman of Steering Committee of Pan-European Transport Corridor VII

Jürgen PAPAJEWSKI, Chairman of Steering Committee of Pan-European Transport Corridor III

Vesselin SIAROV, Consultant NESTEAR, France

Lydia FEIGE, Head of Department of Combined Transport of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology of Austria

Gyorgy SZABO, Head of Department for International Affairs of Hungarian State Railways

Victor KUSHNIRCHUK, Director of the Ukrainian State Centre of Transport Service “Liski”

Jaroslav PASEK, Deputy Director of Strategic Planning Department of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Poland

Marin STANCU, Advisor, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Tourism, Romania

Igor PRINCIC, Undersecretary, Ministry of Transport, Slovenia

Eichi TANIGUCHI, Professor, Kyoto University, World Road Association (PIARC)

Tuesday, 28 September 2004

3rd SESSION: Intermodality: Development and Improvement Perspectives

Chairman: Michel VIARDOT, Chairman, UNECE Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics

Co-Chairman: Martin MAGOLD, Chief, Border Crossing Facilitation Section, UNECE

Speakers:

Rudy COLLE, Director General, International Union of Combined Road-Rail Transport Companies (UIRR)

Vadim TURDZELADZE, Co-ordinator of Project TRACECA

Viktor BEZDOLNUI, Director of Enterprise "Delta-Lozman"

Eric PEETERMANS, Chairman of the Group on Combined Transport, International Union of Railways (UIC)

Viktor ZHUKOV, Deputy Chairman of OSJD Committee

Hubert LINSSEN, General Delegate, International Road Transport Union (IRU)

Roman MORGENSHTERN, Deputy President of the Shipping Company "Ukrferry"

Gilberto GALLONI, President of "Europlatforms E.E.I.G."

Yuriy PRIHODKO, President, Association of International Freight Forwarders of Ukraine

Evgen NOVIKOV, President, Association of Forwarding Companies of Ukraine
"Ukrzovnishtrans"

Jean LESCAT, President, Société Aérospatiale Adour Technologie

Marc SENEPART, Engineer, Société Aérospatiale Adour Technologie

Desislava DIMITROVA, Expert in National Transport Policy Directorate, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Bulgaria

OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE SEMINAR by Semen KROL, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of Ukraine

ADOPTION OF CONCLUSIONS