1st ASEM Transport Ministers' Meeting

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Lithuanian transport network



Klaipeda seaport's hinterland connections

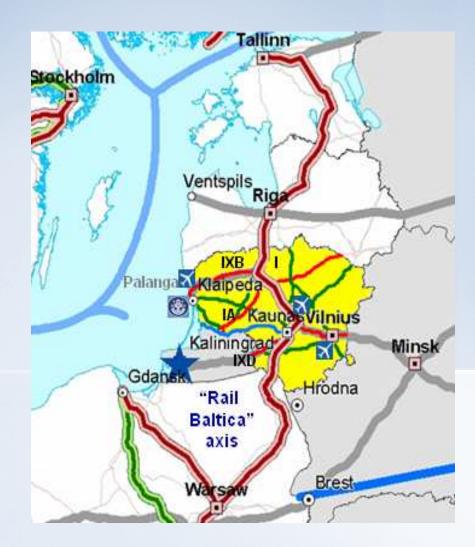


Main long-term priorities of transport system development

Development of North — South transport axis "Rail Baltica" "Via Baltica

Modernization of East – West transport axis

Combined transportation; SSS via motorway of the Baltic sea; Public logistics centers.







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- A new cooperation format has been launched;
- ASEM Transport Ministers' Meeting: 43
 ASEM countries, European Commission and the ASEAN secretariat;



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- The main aim: Joint transport policy to improve mobility between Asia and Europe;
- The main outcomes: Vilnius Declaration, Joint co-Chairmens Statement



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The ministers agreed to:

- Strengthen cooperation and work towards positive contributions to sustainable transport development and to the growth of the global economy;
- •facilitate trade between the regions by promoting sustainable, effective, safe and secure transport systems;
- develop an ASEM Action Plan on the developing of Europe –
 Asia transport as well as to provide future Policy Directions developing trans-Asia-Europe towards transport corridors.



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Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) was established.

The next ASEM meeting on Transport will take place in Asia in 2011



Asia-Europe Transport Development Forum



19 October 2009, Vilnius

- Over 250 participants with a wide geographical coverage;
- Active and intensive information sharing and debate on key issues
- Business input to Euro-Asian transport policy agenda, recommendation to Ministers' given.

Thank you for attention!



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