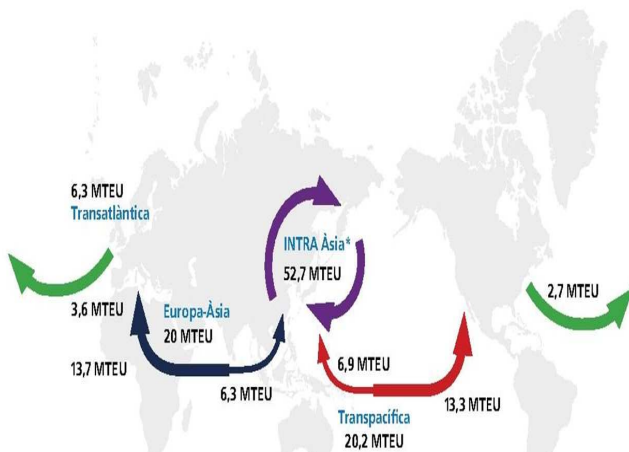


# FERRMED CONFERENCE: “The impact of intercontinental trade on EU competitiveness and Core Network Corridors (2015 – 2030)”

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## FOREWORD



**World Containers Traffic**

Source: UNCTAD, *Review of Maritime Transport 2013*  
and Drewry *Maritime Research 2012*



The intercontinental business between Europe and other continents is growing steadily every year. In fact the intercontinental traffic in 2014 increased by 5,2% in Asia-Europe, 5,5% in Africa-Europe and 4,8% and in America-Europe routes, and the projections for the coming years are that sustained growths of maritime trade flows would persist, be it with stronger concentration around Asia.

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This trends causes significant impacts on: the balance of trade and GDP growth in the EU; infrastructure, carriages and transport modalities; logistics costs and procedures; manufacturing activities; passenger and freight flows in the Trans-European Core Transport Networks and last but not least on the environment.

In this context, it is very important to identify the drivers of change, challenges and opportunities for the European economy and transport networks which relate to changes in trade balances.

Both the interconnection with neighbouring countries, particularly in the cases of Eastern Europe and Mediterranean basin, as well as the promotion of new intercontinental routes, are additional key issues. It is expected for instance that freight volumes over the Eurasian land bridge will increase with 80% by 2050.

Obviously, the economic activity is concentrated in the main cities and smart inter-cities links, including the efficiency of the major “gates” (ports, airports, railway stations and inter-modal terminals, where flows are canalized) are a vital requirement in this global world.

FERRMED and EU CORE NET CITIES PLATFORM promote the creation of Tribunes, in the most significant cities, in order to duly convey the bottom-up requirements posed by the aforementioned challenges and opportunities in the Core Network Corridors.

All these matters will be examined in the Conference by key experts from all over the world. Proposals and recommendations will be duly stated in the corresponding FERRMED Declaration.

We kindly ask you to participate in this innovative Top Conference.

## LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE

English, French, German, Russian and Spanish  
Simultaneous translation will be available

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## PROGRAMME

### 08.45h - Attendee Registration

Coffee and refreshments

### 09.30h - Opening Session

- **Mr. João AGUIAR MACHADO**, Director-General – EC Mobility & Transport Directorate-General
- Representative from the Latvian Presidency
- **Mr. Ramon Luis VALCÁRCEL**, Vice-President – EU Parliament
- **Mr. Michael CRAMER**, President – EU Parliament Transport Committee
- **Mr. Ramon TREMOSA**, Member of EU Parliament – Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- **Mr. Vladimir Ivanovich YAKUNIN**, Chairman – UIC
- **Mr. Rüdiger GRUBE**, Chairman and CEO – DB (tbc)
- **Mr. Joan AMORÓS**, President – FERRMED

### 10.25h - Future trends in inter-continental trade routes, Far East – Europe, Africa – Europe and Trans-Atlantic, and the impact in EU competitiveness

#### Introduction by

- **Mr. Xiaozhun YI**, Deputy Secretary General – WTO, Economic Research and Statistics (tbc)

#### Commentators

- **Mr. Yigit ALPOGAN**, Ambassador, Deputy Secretary General for Transport and Urban Development – Union for the Mediterranean
- Economists Association of Catalonia representative
- **Mr. Markus BEYRER**, Director General, Business Europe (tbc)
- **Mrs. Penelope NAAS**, Vice-President Public Affairs – UPS
- BOLLORE representative (tbc)

#### Moderator

- **Mr. Anton LA GUARDIA**, The Economist (tbc)

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## 11.25h - Competitiveness in Logistics and Transport. Drivers of change in maritime routes and ports

### Key note speeches by

- **Mr. Thierry VANELSLANDER**, Professor – Department of Transport and Regional Economics, University of Antwerp
- **Mr. Fotis KARAMITSOS**, Acting Deputy Director General – DG MOVE (Mobility and Transport)

## 11.46h - Competitiveness in Logistics and Transport

### Panelists

- Automotive industry
  - HYUNDAI representative
- Chemical industry
  - BASF representative
- Agri-Food Products
  - MERCABARNA representative (tbc)
  - **Mr. Javier SERRANO**, President – PORT RAIL ALMANZORA LEVANTE, SL
- Raw Materials
  - LKAB Representative

### Moderator

- **Mr. Josep ANDREU**, President – Port of Tarragona

## 12.24h Drivers of change in maritime routes and ports (1)

### ➤ Maritime routes

### Panelists

- APM-Maersk / MSC (2M Alliance) (tbc)
- CMA CGM (tbc)
- **Mr. Guillermo BELCASTRO**, General Manager – Barcelona Europe South Terminal (HUTCHISON WHAMPOA Co. Group)
- **Mr. Nik DELMEIRE**, Secretary General – European Shippers' Council - (tbc)

### Moderator

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- **Mr. John RICHARDSON**, Ambassador rtd. – FIPRA International

### 13.00h – Networking Lunch

### 14.00h - Drivers of change in maritime routes and ports (2)

#### ➤ Ports

##### Panelists

- Black Sea  
**Mr. Valeriu Nicolae IONESCU**, Director General – Constantza Port
- Adriatic/Eastern Mediterranean  
**Mr. Paolo COSTA**, President – Port Authority of Venice, representing the North Adriatic Ports Association
- Western Mediterranean  
**Mrs. Christine CABAU WOEHREL**, President – Directoire Port of Marseille, Representing INTERMED GATEWAYS
- Atlantic/North Sea  
**Representative of Port of Rotterdam**
- Baltic  
**Mr. Julian SKELNIK**, Chairman – Baltic Ports Organization (BPO)

##### Moderator

- **Mr. John B. RICHARDSON**, Ambassador rtd. – FIPRA International

### 14.50h – Developments in intercontinental land transportation

##### Introduction

- **Mr. Gennady BESSONOV**, Secretary General – Coordination Council on Trans-Siberian Transportation

##### Panelists

- **Deutsche Bahn** representative
- **Mr. Mikhail GONCHAROV**, Adviser to the President – Russian Railways
- **Mr. Ralf-Charley SCHULTZE**, Director General – UIRR (International Union for Road-Rail Combined Transport)
- **China Railway Corporation** Representative
- **UTLK**
- **Kazakhstan Railways** Representative
- **Mr Sven MERTES**, Directeur Commercial Activités Ferroviaires – CFL Multimodal

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**Moderator**

- **Libor LOCHMAN**, Executive Director – CER

**16.15h - Coffee break**

**16.45h - Measures to be taken in main EU Core Network Railway Corridors**

- Common standards implementation
  - **Mr. Joan AMORÓS**, President – FERRMED
- International freight trains paths assignation/control improvements
  - **ERA Representative**
- EU Core Network development Action Plan
  - **Mr. Herald RUIJTERS**, Head of Unit – Trans-European Network
- Main corridors penetration routes to neighbouring countries facilities :

- Belarus, Russia, Ukraine  
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- Morocco  
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- Turkey  
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Involved Corridor coordinators or Senior Advisors

**17.45h - Smart inter-cities links in EU**

- EU Core Net Cities Platform
  - **Mr. Antoni VIVES**, Third Deputy Mayor – Barcelona City Council (tbc)
- FERRMED – EU CORE NET CITIES Tribunes
  - **Mr. Joan AMORÓS**, President – FERRMED

**18.00h - Closing Remarks**

- **Mr Philippe MATTHIS**, Directeur général adjoint – Port of Brussels

**18.15h - End of the Conference**

**Note:** *There is free available space for companies and institutions interested in presenting their activities to the attendees of the Conference. For more details please get in touch with FERRMED Office (Mr. Branciard, [bureau@ferrmed.com](mailto:bureau@ferrmed.com), Phone: +32 2 230 59 50)*

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