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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND
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REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

**CONCEPT
OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON CONNECTIVITY AND COMPATIBILITY IN THE REGION
OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN INITIATIVE
("Wider Connectivity in the CEI Region: Building bridges between Europe and
Asia") in relation to the new Silk Road
June 8, 2017, President Hotel, Minsk**

I. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the conference is to provide a platform for the presentation of projects in the sphere of transport and logistics, discussion of applied technologies, practices and results, to make recommendations for their implementation and application, as well as creating a platform for discussions of plans and possible further cooperation.

The objective of the conference is to discuss world and European trends in the development of transport and logistics systems, in the context of new geopolitical threats on the Eurasian continent, ways and forms of international and interregional cooperation of transport, customs and other state organizations to find ways to reduce transportation costs, increase the scope of transport work, including transit through the Republic of Belarus, the formation of neoeducation in transport and logistics, the use of the scientific potential of the Republic of Belarus.

II. KEY SPEAKERS

The key speakers of the conference are heads of ministries and transport departments, infrastructure and communications, customs administration, representatives and coordinators of European and international political, social and economic organizations in the Republic of Belarus (EU, UNDP, UNECE, UNCTAD, OSCE, EBRD, the World Society of Logistics etc.), grantors and grantees of international projects, representatives of business community (the leading international transport and logistics companies, logistics operators).

III. PARTICIPANTS

The conference will include the heads of ministries and departments of the Republic of Belarus, state bodies, representatives of distribution networks, the largest export-oriented enterprises in the country, and establishments of higher education of transport and logistics orientation, scientific personnel, representatives of non-governmental and public organizations.



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Expected number of participants: foreign participants - 25-30 persons, including those with VIP-status - 15-20 persons, national participants - 250-300 persons, including those with VIP-status - 100-125 persons. Reserve quota - 50 persons. The participation may be declared according to the application form for participation (access via the web-form on the website of Ministry of Transport), the scope of which covers the following criteria:

- 1) promotion of national infrastructure projects in transport and logistics;
- 2) development of express container trains in the direction of Scandinavia-the Balkans-Persia and Europe-Asia (China);
- 3) conjugation of the Republic of Belarus transportation and technology infrastructure with the initiative of the PRC “One belt, one road” and the EU project “Via Carpatia”;
- 4) the formation of political and infrastructural idea “border-without barriers”;
- 5) information technologies in transport;
- 6) “Green Logistics”;
- 7) replicating the experience of grant projects carried out in Belarus;
- 8) transport and logistics education;
- 9) practical implementation of research projects in the transport and logistics.

IV. PARTICIPATION OF MEDIA

Interested representatives of mass media will be invited to this event.

V. VENUE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

The conference will be organized by the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus together with the Ministry of Economy, the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus, the Minsk Regional Executive Committee.

Date of the event - June 8, 2017

Venue - President-Hotel in Minsk

Work of a thematic panel will be organized in the form of free presentations and discussions.

The costs on organizing the thematic panel are carried out according to the mechanism approved by the Government.

Simultaneous interpretation in French-English-German-Belarusian-Russian languages will be provided during the event.



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VI. EXHIBITION

An exhibition of produced information materials (videos, brochures, infographics, illustrations, etc.), on the transport and logistics topics, including presentations of logistics centers and projects on this topic will be organized in the framework of the conference.

VII. CONFERENCE DETAILS **

(**time, venue, participants and topics can be adjusted)

1. TOPICAL PANEL «MODERNIZATION OF TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS INFRASTRUCTURE»

Time: 08.06.2017 10.00 – 13.30

Venue: Conference hall “Minsk”, President Hotel, Minsk (capacity - 598 people)

VIP-negotiations: Round Hall of negotiations, President Hotel, Minsk (capacity - 30 + 35 people)

Opening speech: the Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus Sivak A.A.

Moderator: Director of the department of sustainable transport of UNECE Eva Molnar.

Topics and speakers:

1. Conjugation of the Republic of Belarus transportation and technology infrastructure with the initiative of the PRC “One belt, one road” and the EU project “Via Carpatia”.
- Representative of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus;
2. Development of express container trains in the direction of Scandinavia-the Balkans-Persia and Europe-Asia (China).
- Representative of Belarusian Railways;
3. The formation of political and infrastructural idea “border-without barriers” in the Republic of Belarus.
- The representative of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus;
5. The digital transformation of the trade and transport sectors in the Republic of Belarus";
- Representative of the Ministry of Communications (“Infopark”).
6. Replicating the experience of EU grant projects carried out in Belarus
- The representative of National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Belarus;
7. Transport and logistics education in the Republic of Belarus.



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- Ivanov Evgeny Alexandrovich, Head of Logistics department of AE of the Federation of Trade Unions of Belarus “International University MITSO”.

2. TOPICAL PANEL «TRADE FACILITATION THROUGH HARMONIZATION OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS AND CUSTOMS PROCEDURES»

Time: 08.06.2017 14.30 – 17.30

Venue: Conference hall “Minsk”, President Hotel, Minsk (capacity - 598 people)

VIP-negotiations: Round Hall of negotiations, President Hotel, Minsk (capacity - 30 + 35 people)

Opening speech: Chairman of the State Committee for Standardization of the Republic of Belarus Nazarenko V.V.

Moderator: will be specified later.

Topics and speakers:

1. The implementation and adaptation of the best European practices in the national standards in the field of logistics and transport of the Republic of Belarus;
- representative of the Belarusian State Institute of Standardization and Certification "BelGISS";
2. Simplification and harmonization of business conditions in the framework of the EAEC."
- Representative of the BCCI;
3. Technical and customs regulation in the new Customs Code of the EAEC.
- The representative of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus;
4. Border-without barriers. Formation of political ideas for Europe and the CEI.
- Representative of BAMAP Association;
5. Barriers and solutions in the formation of distribution networks of the Republic of Belarus in the countries - participants of the CEI.
- Representative of the Ministry of Industry of the Republic of Belarus.

3. TOPICAL PANEL «DIGITAL TRANSPORT CORRIDORS»

Time: 08.06.2017 10.00 – 13.30

Venue: hall “Nationale”, President Hotel, Minsk (capacity – 180/100 people)

VIP-negotiations: conference hall “Premier” (capacity - 20 + 25 people)

Opening speech: the Minister of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus Popkov S.P.

Moderator: will be specified later.



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Topics and speakers:

1. Creating a digital transport corridors in the countries of the EAEC.
 - Representative of the "Infopark" and IBA Group companies;
2. Implementation of eCommerce, eCustoms and eLogistics in the Republic of Belarus.
 - Representative of the company "SaM Solutions";
3. Investments in digital infrastructure of the Republic of Belarus.
 - Representative of the State Committee for Science and Technology;
4. Paperless technologies in transport along the corridors of Silk Road Economic Belt.
 - Representative with be specified later.

4. TOPICAL PANEL «DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SERVICES ALONG THE NEW "SILK ROAD"»

Time: 08.06.2017 14.30 – 17.30

Venue: hall "Nationale", President Hotel, Minsk (capacity – 180/100 people)

VIP-negotiations: conference hall "Premier" (capacity - 20 + 25 people)

Opening speech: the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Belarus Zinovskiy V.I.

Moderator: will be specified later.

Topics and speakers:

1. Modernization of transport and logistics infrastructure with the involvement of resources of JSC Development Bank of the Republic of Belarus
 - Shved Vasily Alfeyevich - Deputy Chairman of the Board;
2. Attracting investment in the development of logistics in the free economic zone (FEZ) "Minsk".
 - Ahremchik Alexandr Sergeevich, the head of the administration of the free economic zone "Minsk";
3. Chinese-Belarusian Industrial Park "Great Stone". Experience and practice-related loans of PRC.
 - Koroteyev Kirill Yuryevich, First Deputy Director General of the Chinese-Belarusian CJSC "Company on development of the industrial park";
4. European financial institutions as a strategy of innovative development of transport and infrastructure.
 - Mikolaj Dovgelevich, the Director General and the Permanent Representative of the European Investment Bank (EIB).