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## MISSING RAILWAY LINKS: A CHALLENGE FOR COHESION AND GROWTH IN BORDER REGIONS

11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 ||| 14:00 – 16:30

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### PROGRAMME

Simultaneous translation in English, French and German

**14:00 ||| WELCOME**

**Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ**

President European Committee of the Regions

**14:10 ||| MISSING LINKS – A EUROPEAN CHALLENGE**

**Rémi BERTRAND**

President EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA

**14:30 ||| UNLEASHING POTENTIALS:  
EMERGING CROSS-BORDER PILOT INITIATIVES**

#### Introduction

**Patrice HARSTER**

Director EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA

#### Seifhennersdorf [DE] – Rumburk [CZ]

Missing Link N° 101

New construction, reactivation and electrification: New cross-border railway lines in the triangle Germany-Poland-Czech Republic

**Hans-Jürgen PFEIFFER**

Director Zweckverband Verkehrsverbund Oberlausitz-Niederschlesien (ZVON)

#### Oberwart [AT] - Szombathely [HU]

Missing Link N° 185

SMART Pannonia: planning measures for the reactivation and new construction of the "Grenzbahn" using European Union financial instruments

**Torsten HEID**

Symbios Funding & Consulting GmbH

Economic and social development of a border region by recovering a missing railway link

**Nelly SÄMANN**

Project manager EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA

**15:15** | | | **EU FUNDING: INSTRUMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**  
PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

**Isabelle BOUDINEAU**

Chair of COTER, European Committee of the Regions  
Vice-President Région Nouvelle-Aquitaine

Being part of the TEN-T: an essential condition for *Missing Links*

**Michael CRAMER**

Member of the European Parliament

Do we need a different priority setting in European investment policy in order to sustainably promote cross-border rail connections?

**Herald RUIJTERS**

Director, DG Mobility and Transport (MOVE)  
MOVE B – Investment, Innovative & Sustainable Transport

Connecting Europe Facility Calls: results, lessons learnt and perspectives

**Nathalie VERSCHELDE**

Deputy Head of Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy  
D2 – Interreg, Cross-Border Cooperation, internal borders

The administration of cross-border investments in the up-coming programming period (2021-27): Where are we at?

**16:25** | | | **CLOSING**

**Rémi BERTRAND**

President EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA

**16:30** | | | **GET-TOGETHER**