



COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 2012

On 3 December 2012 the East-West Transport Corridor Association (EWTCA) organised the meeting of the Association Council which includes the partners from 13 European and Asian countries. Participants of the meeting discussed the Association's Action Plan for 2013.

The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Anna-Lena Cederstrom, CEO of Region Blekinge Administration (Sweden) and Algirdas Šakalys, President of EWTCA.

Ms Anna - Lenna Cederston noted that during the two years of its existence the Association has already established an impressive network committed to facilitate further development of the corridor. The aim is to develop a green and efficient transport corridor where sustainable transport operations could contribute to the increase of stakeholders' attractiveness. She highlighted that outputs produced during the EWTC II Project and the recommendations in the Action Plan are very valuable as an input to strengthening joint work along the corridor.



Moments from EWTCA Council meeting

According to EWTCA President, the importance of the International East-West Transport Corridor Association which has been identified as a product of EWTC II Project, has been increasing gradually, and today the Association is becoming an important instrument in realising ambitious goals, decisions and recommendations of EWTC II Project.

"Future corridor development guidelines are based on the forecasts pursuant to which the capacity of the East-West Transport Corridor which will potentially cross Baltic States and Scandinavian countries by 2030 will account for 5 percent of trade flows between Asia and Europe, and by the year 2050 it will reach 10 percent. The volumes are quite impressive, moreover that in 2010 the total trade turnover between the two continents totalled to EUR 552 billion or LTL 2 trillion. By the way, two years ago, the market share of the East-West Transport Corridor accounted for 2,3 percent in the southern Baltic Sea region" said Mr. Algirdas Šakalys.



According to EWTCA press release, the Action Plan of the Association for 2013 anticipates establishment of five working groups for implementation of strategic goals of the Corridor. A special attention will be given to the elaboration of scientific strategic decisions. Members of the Council approved the proposal to establish Strategic Research Centre or Research & Development Platform within the EWTCA framework.

THE COUNCIL DECIDED:

- to approve EWTCA 2012 activity report
- to approve EWTCA Action Plan 2013 taking into account the proposals of Belarusian and Lithuanian partners.
- to approve working groups and contact persons proposed by EWTCA Secretariat;
- to approve Laima Greičiūnė as Financial Manager
- to approve the measures implemented from the funds of the EU Grant.
- to approve membership of Ukrzovnshtans and LLC PPL 33-55 in EWTCA



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CONTACT POINTS & AMBASSADORS

The Council has approved the first two contact points: **NETPORT (SWEDEN)** and **PLASKE (UKRAINE)**. The contact points in each country along EWTC should be appointed by 15th January, 2013.

The meeting has also approved **MARK MILLER** the EWTC Ambassador in Asia (Honkong). The Council agreed to ask **MR. PETER WOLTERS** (European Intermodal Association) to become the ambassador in Europe.

NEW MEMBERS JOINED EWTC ASSOCIATION

The EWTC welcomed new Council members from Ukraine: Company **PPL 33-55 LLC** implementing the national „single window“ system in Ukraine, and the Ukrainian Transport Forwarders Association **UKRZOVNISHTRANS**. The number of the Association members has increased by one third compared to the year of its establishment.



EWTC ASSOCIATION SIGNED NEW COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The cooperation agreement was signed between the EWTC and the association „Infobalt“ joining Lithuanian IT companies.



THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP IN EWTC ASSOCIATION



UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Council has also approved the schedule of main Association 2013 events which are anticipated in:

- HOHHOT (CHINA),
- MINSK (BELARUS),
- BRUSSELS (BELGIUM).
- ODESSA (UKRAINE),
- KLAIPĖDA

THE NEXT EWTC MEETING IS PLANNED IN JANUARY 2013 IN BRUSSELS.



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