

EAST WEST TRANSPORT CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The mission of the International East-West Transport Corridor Association (EWTCA, hereinafter referred to as "Association") is to be a platform for inter-regional cooperation, innovation promotion, new technologies, business models and transportation management systems, market analysis, new logistics schemes and business plans.

The International EWTCA was established in June 2010 with the aim to improve the competitiveness of the global East-West Transport Corridor (EWTCA) linking the Baltic Sea region with the Asian and European countries surrounding it. The Association unites partners representing business, academic and public structures from 13 states: Belarus, Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Sweden, Slovenia and Ukraine.

The Association is an innovative instrument for regional and inter-regional cooperation, uniting partners with the primary task to reach a high level mutual dialogue that would lead to the most environmentally friendly, sustainable, efficient and safe connection and freight transportation through the East-West intermodal transport corridor. The tasks and functions of the Association are to implement the concept of the green corridor, to establish intermodal transport corridor flows and link Europe with other countries, namely China, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

The Association is promoting adoption and implementation of common KPIs and common standards of services. These instruments will help to achieve closer cooperation, they are compatible with the concept of the green transport on the Corridor and enhance the efficiency of the EWTC connecting EU and non-EU countries. The Association is seeking to link the European Neighborhood Policy and the European Transport Policy and extend them to the neighboring countries.

FUNCTIONS

- To strengthen the co-operation between transportation, logistics companies, intermodal terminal operators, shippers and consignees, national, regional and domestic authorities, science and research institutions along the EWTC
- To develop the links and services between the EWTC and different Europe-Asia regions
- To initiate the simplification of procedures and documentation
- To initiate the removal of bottlenecks in the development of infrastructure and operations
- To initiate and promote implementation of common KPIs and services standards along EWTC (with focus on green transport)
- To promote co-operation between private and public sectors
- To disseminate best practices and modern logistics solutions
- To support IT networks development among EWTC partners;
- To represent the associated EWTC partners in the European Commission and international transportation organizations, as well as in the national and regional authority institutions.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2010

29TH JUNE, 2010

CONSTITUTIVE MEETING OF EWTCA

The Constitutive conference of the EWTCA was held in Vilnius, welcomed over 100 representatives of business governmental and academic institutions from Belarus, Belgium, Denmark, Kazakhstan, China, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Mongolia, France, Russia, Sweden, Germany and established the new EWTCA to represent business interest of the global Asian and European transport and logistics chain. The establishment agreement was signed by 26 business, academic and administrative bodies from 11 Asian and European countries along EWTC. The members of the Association are from twelve states, namely: Belarus, Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Sweden and Ukraine. The main transport and logistics actors across the corridor are: Lithuanian Railways, Ukraine Railways, National Company Kazakhstan Temyr Zholy, Asia Continental Landbridge Logistics Association Council, Berlin-Brandenburg Logistic Network, VPA Logistics, JSC Plaske, Tuuchin Co. Ltd., Belintertrans JSC, Lithuanian National Road Carriers' Association Linava, Lithuanian National Freight Forwarders Association LINEKA, Port of Karlshamn, Hohhot Export Processing Zone, Terminal of Mockava, Lithuanian Stevedoring Companies Association, Lithuanian Intermodal Transport Technology Platform, DFDS Sea ways, Region Blekinge, Karlshamn city Municipality, Baltijsk Municipal District, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Wismar University of Technology Lohr industrie and etc. The European Intermodal Transport Association (EIA) is also among the Association's partners.

The EWTCA was expected to enhance co-operation between the transport and logistics companies, intermodal transport operators, consignors and consignees, governmental bodies, academic and research institutions. It promotes the dialogue with a view to addressing the emerging problems.

Two main documents were adopted during the Constitutive Meeting: the establishing agreement and the statutes of the Association.

Dr. Algirdas Šakalys, an adviser to Prime Minister and one of the heads of the Lithuanian Intermodal Transport Technology Platform, was elected as President of the Association. The involvement of the high governmental and business representatives in the establishment of the Council of the Association was welcomed and evaluated by the participants and the initiators of the Constituent Assembly. Lin Beizhang, a representative of powerful Europe – Asia Continental Landbridge Logistics Association (China), was elected as Vice-President of the Association; Vice-President's duties were passed to Mr. Sven- Ake Svensson, a member of Blekinge Regional Executive Council, Mayor of the City of Karlshamn (Sweden).

25TH -26TH OCTOBER, 2010

LITHUANIA - CHINA ECONOMIC COOPERATION FORUM 2010 (SHANGHAI, CHINA)

The main objective of the EWTCA delegation in the forum was to attract the shippers and transport/logistic operators to the EWTC and to extend the number of EWTC Association members in China.

At the Forum in Shanghai, Eligijus Masiulis, Lithuanian Minister of Transport and Communications, presented Lithuanian transport system and logistics opportunities in servicing transit freight flows between China and Western Europe.

“East-West transport corridor provides a reliable inland link between Europe and Asia; it opens new opportunities for countries to develop their trade, thus stimulating their national economies. Contributing to the development of this transport corridor Lithuania is ready to become a logistics node of the Baltic Sea and provide high quality services of transport and logistics”, said Minister Masiulis.

During the presentation about the Lithuanian-Chinese cooperation vision Minister Masiulis acquainted participants of the Forum with the Lithuanian transport system and freight transit transport opportunities, as well as with the advantages of Klaipėda State Seaport.

Lithuania proposes to revive the old-time trade routes of road and railway transport, such as the Silk Road and Trans-Siberian Railway. The latter, including the capacities of the train “Viking” and container shipping lines of the Black and Baltic Seas, can be used for transportation of goods to Klaipėda Seaport or further to West European countries by European gauge railways.

According to the World Bank’s data, in the period from 2007 to 2010 the rating of Lithuanian logistics services increased by 10 positions – currently Lithuania keeps the 45th position out of 155 countries. During the forthcoming several years we plan to continue the improvement of logistics infrastructure and seek even more significant progress”, said Minister Masiulis.

During the forum, contacts were established with another important structure - China International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFA) and China Communications & Transport Association - (CCTA)) which unites various transportation companies. During the meeting with CCTA Secretary General Suo Husheng it was decided to exchange information about the interests and proposals for cooperation initiated by EWTCA and CCTA partners.



EWTC Association members visiting the container terminal of Shanghai Seaport

8TH – 9TH NOVEMBER 2010

EWTC'S BUSINESS DAYS IN KLAIPEDA (LITHUANIA) AND KARLSHAMN (SWEDEN)

On 8-9 November the Port of Klaipeda and Karlshamn Municipality were hosting the EWTC Meeting.

The meeting was held to e.g. familiarize the members of the Association with the transport corridor and the Swedish transport market. First of all participants met in Klaipeda. After a day of discussions, participants were shipped to Karlshamn with the DFDS Lisco line.

The main goals of the meeting held in Klaipeda were to initiate direct business contacts among major transport and other companies of the Baltic Sea region interested in the development of the EWTC, to identify instruments to overcome problems of the “Viking” project, to exchange views and opinions on how

to further develop Baltic-Black Sea transport chain in the North and West directions and organize teta-a tete business discussions. The motif of cooperation dominated during the meeting.



Round table discussion on development EWTC during Business Day in Klaipeda

The activities in Karlshamn began with a visit to the Port of Karlshamn, followed by networking activities and seminars on transport and logistics in the EWTC. On 9 November Mr. Sven-Åke Svensson, the mayor of the city of Karlshamn, Vice Chairman of the EWTC Association, welcomed participants in the harbor of Karlshamn. During the event Heads of logistic departments from Swedish companies (Volvo, Hennes&Mauritz, Tetra Laval and others), local transport and logistics businesses and academic institutions expressed their interest in starting the dialogue with the EWTC Association.



Per Nilsson, Tetra Laval (Foto: Eric Sandström, Municipality of Karlshamn)

12TH-13TH NOVEMBER 2010

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE IN FT. LAUDERDALE (FLORIDA, USA)

The conference took place the day before the start of the annual Expo of the Intermodal Association of North America (IANA) and was organized by UIC, IANA, International Container Bureau (BIC), Coordinating Council on Trans Siberian Transportation (CCTT), Eno Transportation Foundation, European Intermodal Association (EIA), the National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) and Lithuanian Technology Platform of Intermodal Transport (LITTP - as member of EWTCA). About a hundred participants attended the

conference. ALGIRDAS ŠAKALYS (as EWTC Association President) held a presentation "Joining Efforts Integrated Transport Network along EAST-WEST (Asia-Europe)" which was prepared together with Mr. Wang Peng (Euro Asia Continental Land Bridge Logistics Association, People's Republic of China). It was first EWTC presentation in USA together with globally recognized transport associations.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2011

27-28 MAY, 2011

EWTC ASSOCIATION FORUM IN ODESSA

The conference of the Association took place in the Ukrainian port of Odessa under the title "The role of the East-West transport corridor extending economic cooperation between regions of the Southern Baltics and the Black Sea". The forum was organized by the EWTC Secretariat and its members: Administration of Blekinge County (Sweden), the Ukrainian company "PLASKE" JSC and the Lithuanian Railways.

30 PARTICIPANTS discussed broadly and in detail the potential of the EWTC Black Sea route, its current status and positive developments of the organization on carriage of goods as well as obstacles to the efficient operation.

The Association has set its primary task to reach high level of competitiveness of the intermodal carriage corridor as well as the shuttle train "Viking" running on this route, particularly in the areas of speed, punctuality, freight safety, client information and attractive rates. The forum has become a prominent step in the coordination of customs activities of the states across the EWTC passage.

In particular, the Ukrainian and Belarusian customs chiefs agreed to make a wider use of the internationally recognized experience of the Lithuanian Customs along the EWTC. Equally important were considerations to conclude agreement between the EWTC Association and the TRACECA transport project, linking countries in the Black Sea area on common efforts in extending a high quality transport artery to Turkey, Caucasus and Central Asia.

AT THE SAME TIME, forum participants were unanimous in their views that this goal represented only the first stage of activities. The potential of the Association allows for a greater influence on the cooperation of the states linked by the EWTC, both among their businesses and among their people. The forum also discussed and revised the Association's action plan.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST to forum participants were direct business meetings (B-2-B) held on the second day of the event, which resulted in important bilateral agreements. Members of the Association and guests took part in technical visits to the ports of Odessa and Illichivsk where one of the two branches of the EWTC corridor reaches the Black Sea and where the route of the shuttle train "Viking" comes.

22ND JUNE, 2011

HIGH LEVEL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AT EUROPEAN INTERMODAL ASSOCIATION

On 22nd June 2011 (Brussels), a round table discussion was jointly organized by EWTC & European intermodal association (EIA), with participation of members of European Parliament, on two major current topics: the key priorities of the new EC white paper on transport and the realization of a green corridor concept through the formation of intermodal transport corridors, linking Europe with third countries.

14TH-15TH SEPTEMBER, 2011

PRAGUE (CZECH REPUBLIC): THE CONCLUDING MEETING OF THE 19TH OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM ON THE "PROMOTION OF COMMON ACTIONS AND CO-OPERATION IN THE OSCE AREA IN THE FIELDS OF DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND TRANSPORT",

This forum was focused on the theme of "Promotion of common actions and co-operation in the OSCE area in the fields of development of sustainable energy and transport".

The Economic and Environmental Forum is the main and the highest level annual meeting within the economic and environmental dimension of the OSCE. Its objective is to give political stimulus to the dialogue on economic and environmental issues linked to security, as well as to contribute to the elaboration of specific recommendations and follow-up activities to address these challenges. The Forum meetings brought together more than 350 high level participants representing governments, civil society, business community and other international organizations, to engage in the dialogue and consultations on how to address and identify practical solutions for common economic and environmental concerns.

The concept and the functions of the EWTCA was presented during the Economical and Environmental Forum President of the EWTCA Algirdas Šakalys delivered a special speech during the Debate Panel devoted to the Promotion of Sustainable Transport. The Association was presented as an innovative instrument for regional and inter-regional cooperation.

The presentation also focused on the EWTCA capabilities to function as an effective organization for implementing the strategic aims of OSCE in transport sector.

5TH OCTOBER, 2011

MINSK (BELARUS): FORUM ON TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS IN LITHUANIA AND BELARUS

On 5 October, 2011 the 5th Belarusian Transport and Logistics Forum took place in Minsk, it gathered over 80 companies from 10 countries: Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, the Czech Republic, Austria, Sweden and Germany. On the initiative of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania it was agreed to organize a Lithuanian – Belarusian Forum on Transport and Logistics within the frame of the 5th Belarusian Transport and Logistics Forum. The work of the Lithuanian – Belarusian Forum was organized by the Lithuanian Business Confederation and EWTCA.

The Forum was moderated by Tautginas Sankauskas (President of the Lithuanian National Forwarders Association LINE KA) and Algirdas Šakalys (President of EWTCA), Stasys Gudvalis (Deputy general manager of Lithuanian Railways), Mathias Roos (EWTCA II Project manager). The event was well attended by representatives of local transportation and forwarding companies, and state officials.

The discussion at the Forum covered such aspects as international tendencies in development of transportation and logistics systems, innovation instruments for development of international intermodal corridors, practice in implementing leading technologies and methods of organizing international cargo transportations, experience in operational activity in transport logistics (based on the example of the Viking project), areas for improving intermodal communications between economic regions of the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea, assistance to international cargo transportations by approving simplified procedures for

border crossing. The issues of importance concerning intermodal hubs (terminals), railroad transport in land connection of sea traffic centres by cargo flows, implementation of concepts in making formalization of transportation documents faster were discussed.

19TH OCTOBER, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING OF EWTC

The meeting was attended by 24 persons, 8 of them represented the EWTC Council.

The EWTC 1st year Activity Report was delivered by President of the Association Dr Algirdas Šakalys, who summed up the results, reviewed the organizational activities, and set the short-term objectives and tasks. The participants of Vilnius forum were surprised to learn how much had been achieved during the short period. The business-oriented meeting underlined the necessity of implementation of the immediate plans and projects, discussed the most important international transport development and cooperation problems.

EWTC Action Plan 2012 was presented. It provides to establish EWTC thematic working groups, that should identify main problems and bottlenecks in EWTC functioning, propose measures to avoid and prevent obstacles in EWTC functioning, and introduce actual measures in EWTC activities. One of the most important objectives identified in the documents is development of cooperation between EWTC members and stakeholders along the EWTC.

For this purpose, it was envisaged to prepare budget estimations of the Association for 2012, and plan EWTC Forums in China (1st half of 2012) and in Germany (3rd quarter of 2012). The quarterly EWTC newsletter, like EWTC web portal and organization of Council meetings (2nd quarter of 2012, 4th quarter of 2012) will help to facilitate coordination and information exchange between partners, broadening usage by EWTC members. In order to promote EWTC and EWTC Association, it was anticipated to prepare informational brochure about EWTC members, to present EWTC to members of the European Parliament (in cooperation with EIA, June 2012) as well as to present EWTC in the European Commission Eastern Partnership Transport 2nd Panel (2011 December), and to provide information about EWTC activities and opportunities through mass media.

In order to expand EWTC through attracting the stakeholders from new countries the attention will be given to the states of TRACECA network and Turkey. To deepen EWTC relations with shippers, it is intended to collaborate with chambers of commerce, industrial federations and individual companies (through EWTC members in EWTC countries).

The common agreement was expressed to spare the efforts in order to gain the political recognition of the EWTC as an effective instrument to implement the EWTC Action Plan. In order to attain this goal, it is necessary to make the EWTC Action Plan part of the Strategy and Action Plan for the Baltic Sea Region.

The participants of the meeting were introduced to the launched website (www.ewtcassociation.net) and possibilities of using it.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2012

21ST FEBRUARY, 2012

BRUSSELS (BELGIUM): EU EASTERN PARTNERSHIP TRANSPORT PANEL ORGANIZED BY EC DG MOVE

EWTC President took part with report "EWCTA - an Innovative Instrument Implementing the EU Eastern Partnership Policy on Transport". President proposed that EWTC could serve as the Secretariat for the EU Eastern Partnership.

28TH-29TH FEBRUARY, 2012

GENEVA (SWITZERLAND): UN/ECE 74TH SESSION OF THE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

The challenges facing the transport sector and the role UNECE can play in overcoming them will be at the heart of the discussions of the 74th annual session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC), scheduled to take place from 28 February – 1 March 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The highlight of the ITC session was the high-level policy segment on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). The title of the segment is "Intelligent Mobility – thinking about tomorrow's transport" and was focused on the deployment of ITS in the framework of global, sustainable mobility. It is expected to mark a milestone for future United Nations activities on ITS.

In addition to the ITS segment, a wide array of other transport-related topics were covered during the ITC session, both for decision-making and information exchange. Other agenda items include a briefing on the UNECE Plan to implement the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety, recent developments with the Pan-European and Euro-Asian Transport Networks, and an update on a new project focusing on CO2 reduction efforts in inland transport.

The UNECE ITC is a leading policy making body in the field of transport. Over the last 60 years, together with its subsidiary bodies, the ITC has provided an intergovernmental forum where UNECE member countries and contracting parties to the UN transport conventions come together to forge tools for economic cooperation and negotiate and adopt international legal instruments on inland transport.

A.Šakalys, President of EWTC during the session presented Association's goals and its functions and interests for cooperation with the UN/ECE Inland transport committee (ITC) in developing Asia-Europe transport links. EWTC was invited to participate in ITC activity with NGO rights.

High-level representatives from 56 UNECE member States, the European Commission, international and European transport organizations, transport industry, as well as non-governmental organizations attended annual ITC session.

MARCH 15TH-16TH, 2012

EWTC REGIONAL EVENT ALIGNED WITH 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROJECT "MONGOLIAN VECTOR", ULAANBAATAR

Regional EWTC event was aligned with 10th Anniversary of the project "Mongolian Vector". Main topics of the event: evaluation of co-product Mongolian Vector in the past 10 years and determination of future trends; to develop a project of new routing „ West-Europe – Mongolia – China“ via Lithuania and Scandinavian countries; summary of discussions, and issue of a Draft Protocol and Agreement.

Outcomes of the meeting: the business representatives from Hohhot region of China actively participated in the discussions. They expressed clear interest in the future development of Euro-Asian land transport projects because of much shorter duration of transportation. All participants of the discussions stated that the port of Klaipeda (Lithuania) is attractive for forming reversible flows of goods from Europe to Asia. It can be connected via the Belarus railway network with the flows generated in the central part of Europe. It will contribute to formation of complete trains and increase the cost effectiveness of the transport project. Presently, the formation of reversible flows is the weakness of long distance land transportation process



10th Anniversary of the project "Mongolian Vector"

28TH MARCH, 2012

ISTANBUL (TURKEY): INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (REPORT: VIKING INTERMODAL SOLUTIONS, DEVELOPMENT AND PERSPECTIVES)

Vice Ministers of Transport of Turkey and Lithuania, other government representatives and business actors were among almost 100 participants who attended the conference in Istanbul on March 28th. The main theme was the inclusion of Turkey, intermodal shuttle service Viking, which operates between the Baltic and the Black Sea. It is said that Viking constitutes a backbone of the EWTC, serving as a best practice when it comes to multi-level governance of transport chains, cross border harmonization and collaborative business schemes.

The Viking serves as a well-developed link between the East and West and facilitates trade in both directions. Through agreements on national level and between private operators, several hindrances have already been removed. Border crossing issues have been high on the agenda, as well as stable and transparent pricing of the services. The agreements also serve as the basis for further development in order to enhance the sustainable performance of the Viking concept.

5TH JUNE 2012

EWTC CHINA FORUM

During the exhibition "Transport and Logistics" held on 5 June in Shanghai, the international EWTC organized a conference EWTC China Forum.

The EWTC China Forum was attended nearly by 50 participants from Belarus, China, Latvia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Sweden and Lithuania.

Main topics of the forum:

- Strengthening co-operation between origin, transit and consumer countries along EWTC
- The EWTC in Southern part of Baltic Sea Region –a way for co-operation between Asia and Europe
- The development of "green corridors" using advanced technology and co-modality in order to achieve higher levels of energy efficiency and reduce environmental consequences
- Promoting good governance and exchange of best practices related to the reduction of barriers and simplification of border –crossing
- From China to the European market, the -Baltic gateway
- New developments in Klaipeda Seaport –one of main transport hub in the Baltic Sea Region
- New railways and forwarding companies' initiatives in developing Europe – Asia connections (container train Merkurijus, Saule and other).

Presentations were delivered by representatives of transport and logistics companies serving Asian-European trade flows, and by other outstanding experts. Representatives of the Ministries of Transport and Communications of Lithuania and China were also among the participants of the conference.

In the opening speech Eligijus Masiulis, the minister of transport and communications of the Republic of Lithuania, highlighted that "by developing Lithuanian transport infrastructure we have been implementing an advanced information systems and promoting interoperability of different transport modes necessary for the effective cargo (freight) transportation. We are ready to provide high quality transport services and envisage great perspectives in developing transport projects connecting the Baltic Sea region with Asia and other regions of the East-West Transport Corridor."

An interesting presentation "Development of the Container Train "Mongolian Vector" within the Context of EWTC Association" was prepared by Baatar Purevchuluun (Mongolia) and Na Shun (China). Partners from Mongolia, Belarus and Russia commenced the Project back in 2002. Today it is a regular container block train running every two weeks and reaching the destination (Ulaanbaatar - Brest) in 15 days. In 2005 Huh Hot province (China) has also joined this Project. In 2010 partners of the "Mongolian Vector" became members of EWTC. Since then project executors have been looking for an opportunity to expand the Project to new countries and first of all to Lithuania and Sweden. The final, especially important part of the forum was arranged for tete-a-tete meetings initiated by EWTC partners and their business interests.

28TH JUNE, 2012

COUNCIL MEETING OF EWTCA

EWTCA Council meeting was held on 28 June 2012 in Vilnius (Lithuania) and was attended by almost 40 participants (EWTCA Council, members and new candidates).

Mr. Algirdas Šakalys (President of EWTCA) chaired and opened the meeting. Mr. Stasys Dailydka (Director General of JSC "Lithuanian Railways") welcomed the participants who gathered to EWTCA Council meeting with the aim to develop EWTCA. Participants discussed important questions regarding the EWTCA activity plan for 2013-2015.

Five new members joined EWTCA: Belarusian Association of International Forwarders (Belarus), NetPort.Karlshamn AB (Sweden), Šiauliai Municipality (Lithuania), Šiauliai airport (Lithuania), Transport Economics Centre University of Maribor (Slovenia).

Information on the EWTCA activities since October 2011 until June 2012 (including events in Brussels, Geneva, Ulaanbaatar, Istanbul, Rotterdam, Shanghai) was presented, including new priority tasks of the EWTCA after the completion of the EWTCII project.

A partnership plan between the EWTCA and the ICITAP was presented by Mr. Vytenis Ališauskas, Assistance Coordinator for Customs of the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine (ICITAP, United States Department of Justice).

Cooperation between the EWTCA Association and the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program of the Department of Justice was discussed. The main idea is to implement new technologies for freight monitoring and procedures in the route Turkey – Sweden. The main request of the ICITAP to the Association is the assistance in selecting the companies along this direction.

Information Broker system was presented by Mr. Per-Ola Clemetson, NetPort (Sweden).

EWTCII project recommendations on EWTCA structure development and future perspectives was presented by Mr. Ulf Johansson, SWECO. The basic proposals on the EWTCA structure are: EWTCA General Meeting, Executive committee (President + Vice-president), Coordination Council, Permanent secretariat, Partners, Observers, Geographical contact points, Temporary work groups.

13TH JULY 2012

CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON COOPERATION BETWEEN ROTTERDAM SEAPORT AND MEMBERS OF THE EWTCA

The main goal of the meeting was to introduce Rotterdam Seaport authorities with tasks, functions and activities of the EWTCA in order to establish co-operation with the larger European transport hub.

Outcomes of the meeting: during the discussions it became clear that one of the themes of potential co-operation could be railways link Rotterdam – Kaunas development as one of the transport links between the North Sea and Baltic Sea region.

23-25TH OCTOBER 2012,

EWTC BERLIN FORUM

EWTC Berlin Forum was organized by EWTC Secretariat and LNBB | LogistikNetz Berlin-Brandenburg e.V., and co-financed by the European Commission and Regional Funds.

The main objective of the Berlin Forum was to continue the dialogue between the Association partners on further effective development of intermodal transport links between Asia and Europe. The Forum also aimed to promote a dialogue on the EU Eastern Neighboring Policy including transport link between the Baltic –Black Sea regions. The Forum was attended by more than 50 participants from 8 countries (Belarus, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Lithuania, Russia, Sweden and Ukraine). The second day of the Forum (26 October) was mainly devoted to tête-à-tête meetings. Business, research and public sector representatives could communicate with each other and discuss relevant future cooperation issues related to the development of the EWTC.



EWTC Berlin Forum

Ms. Eva Molnar, Transport Director at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), sent a welcome letter to the participants of the Forum where she emphasized the importance of the EWTC initiative in developing transport and logistics relations between Europe and Asia and especially in accelerating transport operations between the two continents. At the same time she suggested the cooperation between EWTC and the Project „Euro-Asian Transport Links“ (EATL) initiated by the UNECE . A synergy of the two projects could be beneficial for all the countries and businesses along the EWTC.

3RD DECEMBER 2012

EWTC COUNCIL MEETING

EWTC II Project's main outcomes presented by Mrs. Anna-Lena Cederström, Blekinge Regional Director; EWTC Activity Report 2012 and EWTC Action Plan survey approved by EWTC Council members.

The EWTCAs Working groups and EWTCAs contact points established. The tasks and functions of Working Groups have been specified according to the results of the EWTCAs membership survey. The Council has approved the first two contacts points: NetPort (Sweden) and PLASKE (Ukraine).

The meeting has also approved Mark Miller the EWTCAs Ambassador in Asia (Honkong). The Council agreed to ask Mr.Peter Wolters (European Inytermodal Assiciation) to become the ambassador in Europe.

Information broker system was presented by NetPort (Annex 6)

EWTCAs made a decisions concerning EWTCAs budget issues and membership categories.

The EWTCAs Council meeting has approved new members from Ukraine: company PPL 33-55 LLC implementing the national"one window" system in Ukraine, and the Ukrainian Transport Forwarders Association UKRZOVNISHTRANS.

Agreement on cooperation (EWTCAs and Infobalt association)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2013

23RD JANUARY, 2013

EWTCА COUNCIL MEETING

Approval of the proposed EWTCА LONG TERM OPERATIVE Strategy document with EWTCА LONG-TERM ACTIONS, where EWTCА is a key driver:

- For further EWTC development and promotion of cooperation among the stakeholders along the corridor
- For the dissemination of European good practices in freight logistics and green transport in BSR, as well as in the Eastern Neighborhood countries
- Representing the interests of EWTCА partners in the governmental institutions and in the international organizations.

Final composition of EWTCА working groups with the identified main tasks and functions was established. R&D platform's **first proposal** and BSR TransGovernance project was presented for EWTCА members.

28TH-29TH MAY 2013

EWTCА ODESSA FORUM 2013 „EXTENDING TRANSPORT LINKS AND OPERATIONS BETWEEN BALTIC –BLACK SEA REGION IN FRAMEWORK OF THE EU EASTERN NEIGHBOURING POLICY“



Forum of the EWTCА ""Extension of transport connections between the regions of Baltic and Black Seas in the framework of EU East good neighborliness policy" was organized in Odessa on 28 May, 2013. According to the welcome speech of Vasily Zubkov (PLASKE JSC) conduction of the Association Forum is becoming a tradition. It became an integral part of the International Transport Week.

The main Forum's aims were to promote the dialogue between the main stakeholders of Baltic and Black sea regions on the following issues: extending transport links and operations between the Baltic-Black sea

regions, strengthening EWTCA as a tool for the interregional co-operation; closer market integration built on the established research and innovations partnership and development of green transport.

During the opening ceremony, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania Mr Saulius Girdauskas thanked the organizers for the opportunity to hold Forum of EWTCA in Odessa for the second time. "Today Ukraine marks a positive trend in simplification of trade procedure. The implementation of a unified system of "single window" allows rapid exchange of relevant information about foreign trade and acceleration of the process of delivery of goods. In particular, today we take notice of the new design concept of the "single window" linking the Baltic and Black Seas," said Mr Girdauskas.

Mr. Šakalys, President of EWTCA, noted that the primary target of the Forum is promoting the development of a constructive dialogue between the main players of transport and logistics of two Regions – the Baltic and the Black Seas. There are some obstacles on the way of integration because the majority of the countries of these regions belong to different political and economic areas (Communities).

During the Forum the following topics were discussed:

- Practical examples of cooperation in the field of industry and trade between the regions of Baltic and Black Seas
- Improvement of international cargo connections connecting sea and inland terminals
- Role of logistics centers in the regions of the Black and Baltic Seas
- Experience of transport logistics operators in the regions of Baltic and Black Seas
- Development of green corridors using advanced technologies and different modes of transport in order to achieve higher level of energy efficiency and decrease the influence on the environment
- Promotion of good governance and exchange of good practice concerning elimination of barriers, and cross-border process facilitation along the international corridors including the use of new technologies in the cross-border procedures
- New developments of a Single Window concept along the connections of the Baltic and Black Seas.

The Forum proved that EWTCA is not a declarative "paper" institution. It is becoming a real interactive platform for productive cooperation between the regions, states, and mostly between people (transport and business management). The event was attended by almost 80 participants from Belarus, Dania, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland and Ukraine.

The Forum served the development of cooperation along the EWTC between railway companies, forwarders, terminal operators, maritime companies, port authorities and companies, representatives of public authorities and transport researchers.

26TH-28TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

THE EURO ASIA ECONOMIC FORUM 2013 (XI'AN, CHINA)

The Euro Asia Economic Forum 2013 was held on 26-28 September in Xi'an (China) and attended by over 3000 participants from more than 70 countries. Besides the issues related to Asia-Europe financial and economic cooperation, China's Vice Prime Minister Mr. Wang Yang who participated in the opening ceremony of the Forum, mentioned the importance of the development of the 'Silk Road' between Asia and Europe and highlighted that this road crosses the territories of 40 countries with 3 billion citizens. The

importance of this political guideline was also confirmed by the structure of the Forum where the problems of the Asia-Europe continental landbridge have been considered during a separate session of the Forum (sub-Forum) where EWTCA President Dr. Algirdas Šakalys delivered presentation. He addressed the audience of about 500 participants with the presentation „Baltic intermodal Transport Corridor as a promising section of the Asia –Europe Continental Landbridge”, **EWTCA activities that focuses on strengthening the cooperation between EWTC partners, as well as, development of partnership network.** This is done through a wide range of activities, the most important of which are: dissemination of information and development of dialogues on offers and needs with the partners. Identification and removal of bottlenecks was mentioned among EWTCA priorities. One of the main bottlenecks in terms of the system performance are the delays in the transportation process due to documentation and clearance procedures at border crossings and modal shift points in this area.

The speakers of the plenary session have been kindly accepted by the Mayor of Xi’an (with more than 10 million population). During the reception the Mayor expressed his gratitude to the speakers of the plenary session for sharing their best practices and invited them to pursue cooperation in the above field. During the reception President of EWTCA had an opportunity to associate and make potentially beneficial contacts with the representatives of major transport companies and transport/logistics hubs, as well as with the representatives of the administrative structures, including Mr. Li Pingwei, Deputy Director of the International Trade and Logistics Park of Xi’an, Mr. Li Shuqiu, Director of the Logistic Council of Chongqing Municipal Government, Dai han Sheng, one of the authorities of the CRCT (China Railway Container Transport), Jianjung Zhao, representative of Europe International Bloc Train and other important persons, including the key players of European transport logistics. Together with Mr. Jos Marinus, President of European Logistics Association (ELA) Dr. Algirdas Šakalys discussed the opportunities of cooperation between EWTCA and ELA within the framework of bilateral membership or cooperation agreement.

11TH – 12TH NOVEMBER, 2013

PROJECT VILLAGE AT THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION FORUM IN VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Invited by the European Commission, EWTCA took part in the project village at the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Forum in Vilnius, Lithuania on 11 – 12 November, 2013. The stand of EWTCA was visited by private stakeholders, researchers, BSR priority area coordinators and representatives of the European Commission.

12TH DECEMBER, 2013

EWTCA MARCHAIN MEETING IN MALMO

The main task of the EWTCA-MarChain meeting was to introduce MarChain with EWTCA activity and provide information on BSR Flagship project „Development of green transport in the BSR”. The meeting was attended by 10 experts from 4 countries. The main outcomes of the meeting: representatives of the University of Turku, Riga Technical University, Latvian Logistics Association and Gdynia Maritime University expressed their willingness to join to flagship project network; all the participants agreed to co-operate in the preparation of proposals for Horizon 2020 projects

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2014

23RD JANUARY, 2014

EWTCa COUNCIL MEETING

Report of EWTCa President on the activities in 2013, including the report on the EC Grant Agreement (Agreement No 2011CE 160AT063) was presented by Algirdas Šakalys.

Participants of the meeting decided:

- To approve the report of EWTCa President and the activity of EWTCa in 2013
- To approve EWTCa events and activities organized by using the EC co-financing (pursuant to the Grant Agreement No 2011E160AT063), as well as the Financial Report on the use of the Grant fund
- To continue development of the network of EWTCa local (national) points. To recommend Wismar University to initiate formation of EWTCa Germany's partners' local (national) point
- To approve (in principle) the membership of the Kant University and submit the application of Kant University to EWTCa members for consideration and approval
- To approve EWTCa work plan for 2014, including the guidelines for work packages (groups)
- To approve the plan of EWTCa events in 2014
- To approve the proposal of EIA concerning pursuance of EWTCa branch functions and, consequently, to exempt the EIA from the membership fee. The final decision will be made during EWTCa Council meeting after analyzing the draft cooperation agreement between the EIA and EWTCa on this issue

25TH-27TH FEBRUARY, 2014

EWTCa PARTICIPATION IN UN/ECE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE 76TH ANNUAL SESSION IN GENEVA

Participants of the General Session discussed strategic questions of horizontal policy nature: innovations for sustainable inland transport and mobility (including intelligent transport systems), climate change and transport, assistance to countries with economies in transition, environmental aspects of transport, as well as strategic questions of sectoral nature: Euro-Asian Transport Links (EATL), Road safety, Rail transport (unified railway law), development of intermodal transport and logistics, transportation of dangerous goods and other questions. It was agreed that EWTCa will be invited to take part in the Inland transport Committee activity focusing on work in three Committee structures: Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics; Group of experts on Euro-Asia Transport links and Working Party on Rail Transport.

It is very important to note that EWTCa as an NGO will have an opportunity to take part in the discussions of the Committee before making decisions.



ITC session

3RD-4TH JUNE, 2014

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE STATE OF PLAY OF THE MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA

During the ECO Section meeting on 19 May participants exchanged the views on the state of play of the macro-regional strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (on the eve of the 16th Baltic Development Forum and the 5th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, both taking place in Turku, Finland, on 3-4 June 2014). Participants of the discussion included: Mr Axel Rød (DG REGIO), Mr Filip Hamro-Drotz (EESC, Senior Advisor – Confederation of Finnish Industries EK), Mr Algirdas Sakalys (President of the EWTC) and Mr Michael Smyth (EESC).



ECO Section meeting

16TH JUNE 2014

TRANSPORT FORUM IN BEIJING 2014

President of EWTC participated in Transport Forum in Beijing and delivered the presentation „Baltic intermodal transport corridor as a promising link with the New Silk Road“. The presentation was based on

the outcomes of EWTCII Project, as well as on the outcomes of the first four years of EWTCA activity in developing the EWTC in the southern part of the Baltic Sea.

THE FOCUS was given to the following future oriented strategic targets:

- Ideal utilization of infrastructure
- Competitive logistics and transport system
- Increased efficiency/productivity of logistics processes
- Balanced provision of goods and services
- New models of integration of long distance and last mile transportation
- Promotion of transition from independent supply networks to open networks where resources are compatible, accessible and easily interconnected
- Establishment of international research platform along the EWTC.

THE EFFORTS have also been taken to get China's transport business and research companies interested, and demonstrate that Baltic Intermodal corridor could serve as an effective link with the New Silk Road Project in serving global Asia-Europe trade flows. The fact that Baltic Sea region economies are being developed by two complementary models was also taken into consideration. The Scandinavian countries Sweden, Denmark and Norway are moving towards knowledge driven model, whereas the Baltic States, as well as Germany and Poland are more focused on the trade driven model. Cooperation between the countries with different models in common projects (one of them is Baltic intermodal transport corridor) allows to reach synergy in strengthening competitive capacity of the project. The potential business interest map was also demonstrated during the presentation.

During the bilateral meetings B2B (face-to-face) ESPECIALLY important was a constructive dialogue with Mr.Liu Xuede, CIFA Secretary General. During the meeting with Mr.Liu Xuede we discussed the guidelines of the Action Plan in implementing the cooperation agreement between EWTCA and CIFA which was signed in 2012. It was agreed that constructive cooperation should begin from joint EWTCA and CIFA events (forums) in Asia and Europe (rotated on a regular basis). Transport Forum in Beijing was attended by 100 representatives from China's transport, logistics, railway and research companies and institutions.



Transport Forum in Beijing

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2015

29TH APRIL 2015

EWTCa COUNCIL MEETING IN VILNIUS

During the meeting Algirdas Šakalys presented a new proposal to organize EWTCa General Assembly on 22-23 October in Kaunas and Klaipėda by coordinating it with the International Conference Transport Means -2015 that took place on 22-23 October (Kaunas –Klaipėda) and the Conference of the EU Seventh Framework Programme BESTFACT on 23 October (Klaipėda). EWTCa expected to get the permission to participate in the plenary meetings of both conferences, and present its activity to a wider audience. Whereas the main EWTCa General Assembly meeting (including elections) was held during the second half of the day (October 23) in Klaipėda.

It was agreed:

- To commit EWTCa Secretariat to prepare a special brochure on EWTCa activities during 2010 – 2015.

Algirdas Šakalys informed about the invitation to take part in the International transport forum (ITF)-2015 which will take place in Leipzig on 27-29 May. It is a global transport event attended by transport ministers and representatives of international transport organizations, as well as the key transport business and research players from more than 70 countries. ITF is the only international transport body with global mandate for all modes. Algirdas Šakalys noted that this will also be a good opportunity to acquire knowledge on further transport development trends and participate in the live dialogues with the main transport sector decision-makers.

- Participants discussed the next major EWTCa event of 2015 - a joint EWTCa AND CIFA CONFERENCE AND THE FORUM OF COOPERATION ON THE "ONE BELT AND ONE ROAD" in China. The main objective of the conference is to find the ways of cooperation between EWTCa and CIFA partners in developing transport and logistics links and in serving the global Asia-Europe trade flows. Here the focus should be given to the new China's Silk Road initiative. During the first joint EWTCa and CIFA conference will be signed a joint activity declaration this 2015, during the process of preparation of this document the main role should be played by the business companies and structures actually operating and interested to work with the partners from China.

23RD SEPTEMBER 2015

A JOINT EWTCa AND CIFA JOINT CONFERENCE AND THE FORUM OF COOPERATION ON THE "ONE BELT AND ONE ROAD" IN QINGDAO

THE INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS CONFERENCE took place in Qingdao (China) on 23 September of this year. The conference was aimed to discuss the perspectives of the development of a new Continental and the Sea Silk Road. The main declared objective of the conference was to promote cooperation and find the ways on how to further increase mutual understanding and enhance information exchange between business and scientific partners along the global transportation road (Asia-Europe) in order to realize the „win-win" principle when all the parties are winners and interests of all partners are taken into account.

The main declared objective of the conference was to promote cooperation and find the ways on how to further increase mutual understanding and enhance information exchange between business and scientific partners along the global transportation road (Asia-Europe). The Conference was attended by more than 150 representatives of business, science and national authorities from China, Malaysia, Singapore, Pakistan, Japan and other Asian countries; Europe was represented by the representatives from Sweden and Lithuania (EWTCA partners). It is interesting to note that initially this event was planned as a joint conference of the China International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFA) and EWTCA. Since other international and national transport and logistics alliances have also joined the above conferences, the importance of the Conference has increased and this provided for the adoption of more global and significant solutions and documents.

One of the cornerstones of the Conference outcomes was the initiation and formation of the Logistics Committee in the Silk Road Alliance. Twelve participants of the Conference, mainly represented by major Asian transport and logistics companies and their alliances (CIFA, COSCO Freight, WCA, CRRC, Qingdao SeaPort etc.), signed the document establishing a Logistics Committee. Mr. Algirdas Šakalys together with Mr. Peter Samuelsson (as representative of EWTCA) signed the above document and have become the founders of the above Committee. We also received the proposal to become members of the Committee Council.



The Members of Logistics Committee in the Silk Road Alliance (23-09-2015, Qingdao (China))

The goal of the new Committee is to prepare recommendations on the development of the logistics resources along the Silk Road linking Asia with Europe. In order to achieve this goal it is envisaged, within the framework of the Logistics Committee, to bring together the outstanding transport and logistics experts which could carry out project feasibility studies and other research relevant for stakeholders.



EWTCA and CIFA document signing

Another document which was signed by Mr. Liu Xuede, CIFA Secretary General, and Mr. Algirdas Šakalys, President of EWTCA, was the Declaration on further cooperation; it was based on the main Conference conclusions and recommendations. It was agreed that both associations (CIFA and EWTCA) will continue cooperation in improving the interface between the logistics centres along the Silk Road (as transport link between Asia and Europe); initiate research and feasibility studies contribution to implementation of major projects; establish a joint institution aimed to solve the emerging cooperation problems between the partners of both associations; organize joint conferences, best practice exchange and pursue other relevant activities in enhancing cooperation between the partners of Europe and China.

15 OCTOBER 2015

EWTCa COUNCIL MEETING IN VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Algirdas Šakalys provided information to members of the Council on the outcomes of the participation of EWTCA delegation in the Qingdao conference on 23 September. It was highlighted that the signed documents included the joint CIFA and EWTCA Declaration, as well as establishment of the Logistics Committee within the framework of the Silk Road Alliance.

The Agenda of the EWTCA General Assembly was generally agreed. The Council members have also approved the idea to organize General Assembly together with the BESTFACT Final Conference in order to achieve a synergy effect of both events.

The Council of the Association recommended to EWTCA General Assembly:

- To extend the mandate of the current Council for the next four year period
- To express gratitude to Vice President Sven-Åke Svensson for his work and contribution in establishing the Association and developing its activity, and to prepare an official letter of acknowledgement
- To recommend Mr. Per-Ola Mattsson, Mayor of Karlshamn City to take the position of Vice President of EWTCA
- To extend the mandate of EWTCA Vice President Lin Benzhan for the second term
- To extend the mandate of Algirdas Šakalys, President of EWTCA, for the period of four years
- To establish the position of Secretary General of the Association.

23 OCTOBER 2015

EWTCa GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN KLAIPĖDA, LITHUANIA

COMMON SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EWTCA AND BESTFACT PROJECT. The following presentations were delivered:

- "EWTCA as a best practice case or an instrument of inter-regional cooperation" by Dr. Algirdas Šakalys / Dr. Laima Greičiūnė
- Rail-Road Combined Transport: new developments and opportunities, Saulius Stasiūnas, JSC Lithuanian Railways
- Development of the Sea Motorways and Klaipeda port prospects in MoS, Prof. Vytautas Paulauskas, Klaipeda University

- Crossing the continents: How new developments can improve transport along the global transport corridors, Mats Olsson, Port of Karlshamn / Dr. Gunnar Fastén, NetPort Science park.



Common session of the general assembly of the EWTCa and BESTFACT project

President Algirdas Šakalys opened the special Session to the General Assembly.

Laima Greičiūnė presented the activity report on the core activities of EWTCa (2010 -2015). During this period EWTCa organized or co-organised more than 40 international forums, seminars, EWTCa meetings and workshops. Since 2011 EWTCa signed 6 international agreements for cooperation and implemented 3 international projects

General Assembly decided to agree with EWTCa Council proposed to extend EWTCa President's mandate for Algirdas Šakalys for the period of four-years

As well as:

- To appoint Per-Ola Mattsson (Sweden) and Lin Beizhan (China) as Vice Presidents of the EWTCa for the next 4 year period.
- To appoint Laima Greičiūnė as General Secretary of the EWTCa for the next 4 years period.
- To oblige EWTCa Council to prepare and approve a Strategic guidelines and for EWTCa for the upcoming four year, which should be focused and based on transport business companies real needs along EWTC together developing EWTC and meeting global challenges.

At the same time it was recommended that further EWTCa activities should be focused more to quality aspects of partner cooperation rather than to extension of partnership network.

Supporting activities should include relevant research work and organization of workshops and conferences.



EWTCa General Assembly

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2016

2ND JUNE, 2016

EWTCa COUNCIL MEETING IN VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Algirdas Šakalyas presented the guidelines of the EWTCa activities for the period of the next four years:

- Transport and logistics business promotion in BSR and along Europe –Asia transport links via Baltic.
- Promotion of the establishment of the multi-modal centres to ensure the smooth interaction between modes for freight transport. EWTCa has partners in China, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Scandinavia who are in active cooperation and search for new freight sources (the entire transport connection China-Europe, because multi-modal centres provide freight to this global link).
- Facilitation in the deployment of integrated cross-modal information and management services in BSR and along Europa –Asia transport links via Baltic. EWTCa's gradual steps in implementing a single-window principle along the specific Asia-Europe transport link.
- Innovative solutions in the management of the supply chains. Transition from close to open type global supply chain (development of the theory and share of good practise).
- Initiate R&D activity and promote transport and logistics clusters development In BSR and along the transport links connecting China with Europe via Baltic.
- Identification of the key performance indicators for freight transport chains (supply, logistics, transport chain).
- Promotion of integration of processes and technologies for long –distance carriage and last mile carriage. This question is being solved by each larger European city in search for own model. During the first stage EWTCa is going to restrict our activity to sharing information and best practice in this area.
- Organization of Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, B2B meetings

EWTCa events for 2016

The EWTCa received an invitation to make a presentation on Strengthening the Eurasia Transport and Logistics Network topic at ASEM Eurasia Expert Group Meeting on Transport and Logistics on 10-13 July, Seoul (Republic of Korea).

International conference „Silk Road connecting China with Europe via Baltic“ in Vilnius/Klaipeda on 5-6 September organized by EWTCa and CIFA. The Conference aims to promote the dialogue between the main stakeholders of Europe - Asia on the issues based on the outcomes of the first CIFA and EWTCa Conference 23 September, 2015.

The main items of the International conference:

- building smooth, efficient transport and logistics partners network connecting China with Europe via Baltic;
- improving interoperability of logistics and transport hubs along this global transport corridor;
- simplification of procedures and documentation along Asia - Europe transport links;

Direct link to the revised EUSBSR Policy Area Transport Action Plan „Promoting a coordinated corridor approach to managing international trade exchange flows between the Baltic Sea Region and the Asian economies (Turkey, Iran, Central Asian countries, China) along land-bridge connections via Russia, Belarus and Ukraine, including the deployment of innovative intermodal supply chain solutions and transport greening technologies. The development of the Silk Road branch China - Europe via Baltic Sea Region should be based on implementation of new innovative intermodal and multimodal supply chain solutions that serve both as alternatives and complements to the traditional transport routes and means to deal with the growing trade between Asia and Europe .

5-6TH SEPTEMBER 2016

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SILK ROAD CONNECTING CHINA WITH EUROPE VIA BALTIC IN VILNIUS/ KLAIPĖDA, LITHUANIA AND KARLSHAMN (SWEDEN)

The international conference took place in Vilnius and Klaipeda on the 5th to 6th of September 2016 under the title “Silk Road connecting China with Europe (via Baltic)”, it gathered over 70 participants from 8 countries: Germany, China, Lithuania, Sweden, Russia, France, Latvia and Belgium. The largest delegation was from China - even 15 highest-level authorities of transport and logistics companies and heads of government institutions participated in the conference.

The aim of the international Conference was to promote the dialogue between the transport and logistics stakeholders of the Baltic Sea Region and China on the issues based on the outcomes of the first CIFA and EWTCa Conference in Qingdao on 23 September 2015, as well as, in order to implement the provisions of a newly prepared Transport Action Plan of the EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy concerning the EU transport connections with the third countries. It serves as the basis for transport and logistics business promotion in BSR and along Europe –Asia transport links via Baltic, seeking to:

- jointly build smooth, efficient and secure transport and logistics networks connecting China with Europe (via Baltic);
- improve interoperability of logistics centres and transport hubs including major seaports (in order to produce new services and products) along the transport routes connecting China with Europe (via the Baltics);
- create a large transport junction connecting China with Europe (via the Baltics);
- call transport business stakeholders and the respective railway authorities to work on starting regular railway operations connecting China with Europe (via the Baltics);

- establish a joint body for the negotiations on cooperation-related issues and seek the consensus;
- initiate R&D activity and promote transport and logistics clusters development along the transport links connecting China with Europe (via the Baltics);

Connectivity between the two macro-regions should take into account new innovative intermodal and multimodal supply chain solutions that serve both as alternatives and complements to the traditional transport routes and means to deal with the growing trade volumes between Asia and Europe. In this context, the new international multimodal transport corridors and routes need to be efficient, secure and economically and environmentally sustainable. These routes could also serve to promote new "green" transport technologies.

The agenda of the conference had very ambitious goals which complied with the current challenges related to the development of the Silk Road branch China - Europe via the Baltic Sea Region. These goals and tasks of the conference are directly related to the new guidelines and provisions concerning BSR transport links with the third countries in the Action Plan of the EU BSR strategy's transport policy.

During the first session (in Vilnius) discussion best practice examples and recommendations were presented on how these examples could be adapted in our BSR space, the researches facilitating the search for rational solutions, elimination of infrastructure bottlenecks and non- physical barriers along Asia - Europe surface transport connections. Participants discussed broadly about: the potential of the Silk Road connecting China with Europe (via the Baltics) and its impacts on trade between the Baltic Sea region and China; Strategy of companies from Baltic Sea Region and China related to business opportunities realized by using the new "Silk Road" landbridge China/Europe vice versa; BSR attractiveness for foreign investors on localisation of industrial projects; reorganization of value chain along global transport corridors, and Application and development of IT along EWTC.



Chinese delegation at Port of Karlshamn

During the session (in Klaipėda) „Silk Road connecting China with Europe (via the Baltics)“ business representatives from China, Lithuania, Germany and Sweden discussed specific issues related to cooperation in forming the network by focusing to the development of the East-West transport corridor in

the Southern part of the Baltic Sea Region as one of the potential sections of the Silk Road. Klaipėda session was directed toward the beginning of implementation of cooperation goals which have been agreed in the Qingdao conference on 23 September 2015.

The principle „win -win“ (stressed by Chinese delegation) would be the basic principle for the development of China -Europe transport route via the Baltic Sea. At the same time, such items as: the efficiency of multimodal (intermodal) interchanges, the attempts to organize nonstop trans-shipment, one document service, one stop (Single Window) information system architecture should be in the EWTCA Agenda of future cooperation with CIFA.



Wei Ruixing (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of Lithuania), **Algirdas Šakalys** (President of EWTCA), **Tautginas Sankauskas** (President of LINEKA), **Gražvydas Jakubauskas** (Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania) during Conference in Klaipėda



Face-to-face meeting

The face-to-face meetings in Klaipėda, as well as, following visit of Chinese delegation to Sweden (Karlshamn) provides an excellent opportunities to identify partners for development of Silk Road link to Europe via Baltic.

A delegation consisting of representatives from "Sinotran Tianjin Branch", the China International Freight Forwarders Association, Logistics operators, Port Agents etc., had a fruitful conference with the Port of Karlshamn, major Shippers in Sweden, as well as the largest rail operator in Scandinavia-Green Cargo and the Shipping Company DFDS Seaways, Volvo. The Chinese delegation also established new relations with Swedish exporters and logistic operators via presentations and networking during the visit.

Finally, during the Conference was agreed that EWTCA and CICETE (China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges) will join their efforts on building a sub- mechanism for the cooperation on transportation facilitation and logistics development amongst MCSR CA (United Nations Maritime-Continental Silk Road Cities Alliance) city members and EWTCA members in near future. The sub-mechanism may follow the rules MCSR CA regulates for the specialized committees

The main outcomes of the conference (in Vilnius and Klaipėda) and visit to Sweden.

European EWTCA partners and Chinese CIFA partners agreed:

- The principle „win -win“ should be the basic principle for the development of China -Europe transport route via the Baltic Sea.
- CIFA will try to coordinate Chinese partners to promote the efficiency of multimodal (intermodal) interchanges, the attempts to organize nonstop trans-shipment, one document service, one stop (Single Window) information system architecture that should be in the Agenda of future cooperation between EWTCA and CIFA.
- EWTCA and CIFA should strengthen information sharing in the future.
- In realising this idea it is necessary to identify the key transport hubs and seaports along the Silk Road branch to Europe via Baltic, as well as on this basis to establish partners network for the cooperation (including operators).
- To establish a negotiation and coordination mechanism among the related nations and enterprises under the common principle.
- Chinese partners proposed such partnership network could consist of: CIFA , EWTCA, and companies in Europe and China, like Sinotrans, CRIMT, CRRC, VPA Logistics, Klaipėda port, DFDS, Karlshamn, Green Cargo and etc.

EWTCA and MCSR CA Secretariat both agreed that the two organizations need to join their efforts on building a sub- mechanism for the cooperation on transportation facilitation and logistics development amongst MCSR CA city members and EWTCA members in near future.

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31 MAY -2ND JUNE, 2017

THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM'S (ITF) 2017 SUMMIT, HELD IN LEIPZIG (GERMANY)

During the Forum, besides other, the following topics relevant for EWTCA were discussed: Governance of transport in global digital economy "Governance of transport in global digital economy", "Governance of gateways and corridors", "New business models in transport. What is the role of authorities?". The acquired knowledge and information about the best practice examples and management of international transport corridors could be adapted in the EWTCA activity.

Moreover, the EWTCA was invited to take part in the discussions of the ITF 2018 Summit Programme.

21ST – 23RD JUNE, 2017

9TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MULTINATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND BELT AND ROAD FORUM, NANJING (CHINA)

Participation in two International Forums in China, held at the end of June 2017, namely, at 9th International Symposium on Multinational Business Management (Special Session on "China's Belt and Road Strategy") in Nanjing on 21st June and at the Belt and Road Forum in the Institute of Global industry of Tsinghua University (Beijing) on June 23th.

During both events we had the possibility to share the information with high-level experts from China and other countries on the EWTCA intentions in developing the logistics network along the new Silk Road Branch from China to Europe via the Baltic Sea Region.

Also it was a good opportunity to present a new book "China Meets Europe in the Baltic Sea Region". Chapter 5 of the book was prepared using the outcomes of the EWTC and EWTCII project. The best practice examples of the EWTCA activity in 2010-2016 were presented as well.

28TH JULY, 2017

CINA INTERNATIONAL FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NANJING (CHINA)

The Forum was attended by 100 major and best logistics and transport Chinese companies (according to 2016 results).

The EWTCA was invited to present its position about the challenges, achievements and perspectives of logistics along the new Silk Road, focusing on the Baltic Sea Region Strategy Action plan.

The presentation highlighted the following issues: regional and global perspectives of the EWTC in the BSR (based on freight transport forecasts in the Baltic Sea region up to the year 2030; global supply chains

barriers; the EWTCA as an innovative instrument of inter-regional cooperation; perspectives of Europe - China research cooperation and, finally, the proposals for the extension of EWTCA-CIFA cooperation.

Presentation of the EWTCA was well-accepted (awarded by special prize) by Mr.Liu Xuede, the Vice President and Secretary General of CIFA.

18TH -28TH SEPTEMBER 2017

EWTCA COUNCIL (VIRTUAL (VIA EMAIL)) MEETING

Accepted activities executed by EWTCA President and Secretariat in 2017 (haven't any negative evaluation received).

Approved planned activities in 2017 (second half of the year) and for participation in the following events:

- 4 October, the meeting planned in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA). Invitees: representatives of transport and logistics companies and high officials of the MoFA and Ministry of Transport and Communications. It is anticipated to present the review of EWTCA activity for 2016-2017 on the development of the Silk Road.
- 9 October, Hamburg: it is planned to participate in the meeting with the representatives of Hamburg port and city on the potential cooperation in preparing joint proposals for H2020 projects on the development of the Silk Road.
- 25 October, Berlin: meeting of the EUSBSR Transport Group (consisting of representatives of transport ministries of the EUBSR countries). It is envisaged to present information about EWTCA activity by focusing on the developed relations with Chinese logistics business.
- November: in the premises of the Lithuanian Government it is planned to present the EWTCA Strategic Research Centre. Invitees: all EWTCA partners interested in the Centre's activity.
- 28-30 November, Nanjing (China): plans are to take part in the China International Logistics Technology and Services EXPO 2017 and Forum (with presentations). EWTCA members are kindly invited to participate in this event.

Strategic guidelines for the future:

- Further development of EWTCA member network.
- Strengthening of EWTCA research potential and development of its internationality seeking to receive funding (subsidies) from the EU H2020 and Interreg Programmes funds;
- Seeking that EWTCA will be recognised as coordinator of EU Strategy of transport policy area in the Baltic Sea Region (instead of VGTU). The dialogue on this issue has already commenced with relevant Lithuanian institutions (because Lithuania with Sweden are coordinators of Transport PAC).

Exchange of the views on participation in the Transport Innovation Exhibition and Forum in Nanjing (China) on 29-30 November 2017. EWTCA partner CIFA from China sent invitation to participate in the „China International Logistics Technology and Services EXPO 2017 and Forum, which will be held on 28-30 November in Nanjing Exhibition centre.

EWTC President is invited to deliver presentation in the next event in Nanjing on 28-30 November during China International Logistics Technology and Services EXPO 2017 (to be more exact, during the Forum held within the framework of EXPO).

EWTC President preliminary accepted the invitation, but at the same time expressed a wish to provide a possibility to organise a round-table discussion between CIFA and EWTC partners concerning formation of the global partner network interested in freight transportation from China to Europe (and backwards) via the Baltic Sea Region. In other words, to continue the work which started in September 2016 during CIFA-EWTC conference in Vilnius/ Klaipėda/ Karlshamn.

The event which is approved by China's Commerce Ministry, is organised by the Chinese Logistics Technologies Association, China's International Forwarders Association (CIFA) Jiangsu Modern Logistics Association, Jiangsu Forwarders Association and Jiangsu International Exhibition Group. Please find the attached copy to the Nanjing EXPO.

It is anticipated that more than 200 logistics and transport companies from China and foreign countries will participate in the Forum (its sessions) Its Programme is currently under preparation. According to the information we received from organisers, the issues related to modern logistics, railway and other transport modes links and port development will be among the priority ones in the Agenda of the Forum.

Approved EWTC President participation in the Transport Innovation Exhibition and Forum in Nanjing (China) on 29-30 November 2017. Taking into account the fact that at present time only two members of the EWTC have expressed their willingness to participate in the Nanjing EXPO and Forum on 28-30 November 2017.

Approved EWTC Budget of EWTC for 2016 -2017 prepared by EWTC General Secretary of the Association (the decision was taken by Members paying membership fees).

EWTC invited to take part in the Association's activity not only transport and logistics companies, but also freight forwarders and recipients. EWTC President asked members of the Council to approve application of Kaunas FEZ to become member of EWTC. In addition, this is not the end, EWTC have other candidates, but they will be introduced at the beginning of 2018. The Council decided to approve the Membership application of KAUNAS FEZ (see Annex 2). (haven't any negative evaluation received).

9TH OCTOBER, 2017

MEETING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF HAMBURG SEAPORT AND HAMBURG CITY, HAMBURG (GERMANY)

Meeting with the representatives of Hamburg Seaport and Hamburg City on the potential co-operation in preparing joint proposals for H2020 project MG 2-9- 2019 (among other targets related also to OBOR development issues).

25TH OCTOBER, 2017

MEETING OF THE EUSBSR TRANSPORT COORDINATION GROUP, BERLIN (GERMANY)

Meeting of the EUSBSR Transport Coordination Group where information about the EWTCA activity by focusing on the development relations with the Chinese logistics business was presented.

26TH NOVEMBER – 1ST DECEMBER, 2017

INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS AND TRADE PROMOTION FORUM "ONE BELT AND ONE ROAD" AND EXPO -2017, NANJING (CHINA)

More than 200 logistics and transport companies from China and foreign countries participated in the event. In the exhibition the EWTCA stand was prepared under the initiative and by efforts of our partners in China.

The issues related to modern logistics, innovative solutions and technologies linking railway with other modes of transport were among the priority ones in the Agenda of the Forum.

The EWTCA presentation under the title "Challenges of the sustainable development of the new logistics routes along OBOR and their link with the BSR national markets" included information and insights on:

- trade between BSR and China;
- BSR accessibility from China, including the ongoing and planned intermodal projects;
- EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy Transport Action Plan;
- challenges caused by imbalanced traffic;
- needs for the development of partnership, including possible targets of common research on OBOR issues.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2018

12TH FEBRUARY, 2018

MEETING WITH MEMBER OF EC MS VIOLETA BULC AND MINISTER ROKAS MASIULIS IN VGTU ON 12 FEBRUARY, VILNIUS (LITHUANIA)

Algirdas Šakalys, as Coordinator EUSBSR Policy Area Transport, was invited to participate in the discussion organised by the European Commission; the discussion was kind of a citizen dialogue on issues related to innovative integrated approach of the European transport policy and future of the EU.

The discussion on European Transport policy issues was attended by Lithuanian transport business representatives (including members of the EWTCA), professors, researchers and students of Lithuanian higher schools and representatives of Lithuanian MoTC and other ministries. The total number of participants amounted to 120.

During the discussion the issue of Silk Road or Chinese OBOR initiative was also considered, including how Lithuania, the Baltic Sea Region and the all EU should react to this China's initiative. Keeping in the mind the fact that already now China is the second biggest EU trade partner, and the daily trade turnover between the two economies totals to 1,4 billion Euros. Minister R.Masiulis was convinced that one Silk Road branch will reach Lithuanian territory (as he could see often in China's plans).



Participants during the meeting with member of EC Ms Violeta Bulc

Participating in the discussion on this topic, Algirdas Šakalys emphasized that the effect of the development of a new Silk Road should be carefully investigated focusing on business and economic dimensions,

including identification of the additional interfaces needed between the new Silk Road routes and internal EU TEN-T network, as well as preparation of models and decision support systems aimed at helping public authorities and private companies to ensure a high level of collaboration and trust between the different stakeholders and main hubs along global transport corridors/open type supply chains. And it is very good that H2020 programme includes projects on this issues (H2020 WP 2019).

26TH MARCH, 2018

EWTCa COUNCIL MEETING , VILNIUS (LITHUANIA)

During the working session "TENTacle – capitalising on TEN-T core network corridors for prosperity, growth and cohesion" (TENTacle) project's T5.4 results were presented. One of the aims of this project is to investigate further development of transport networks and operational activities between the EU BSR and the EU Eastern Partnership countries. The thematic study is directly related to the strategic BSR Transport Action Plan objectives and measures and is very important in developing BSR relations with the third countries. The thematic study, which is a composite part of the BSR flagship project TENTacle (Administration of Blekinge's Region is lead partner of the project, EWTCa – associate partner), was prepared by VGTU researchers Laima Greičiūnė and Raimondas Šakalys. Interim outcomes of the study were presented by Dr.Laima Greičiūnė.

During the following discussion, the interim results of the thematic study were evaluated positively by Mats Olsson, Samuel Henningsson, Mathias Roos and Nijole Žambaitė. Concluding the discussion, Algirdas Šakalys, Mathias Roos and Nijolė Žambaitė asked to prepare a brief summary, including recommendations for the policy makers.

Algirdas Šakalys presented the Information on EWTCa activities in 2017:

- The International Transport Forum's (ITF) 2017 Summit, held in Leipzig (Germany) on 31 May -2 June 2017;
- Participation in two International Forums in China, held at the end of June 2017, namely, at 9th International Symposium on Multinational Business Management (Special Session on "China's Belt and Road Strategy") in Nanjing on 21 June and at the Belt and Road Forum in the Institute of Global industry of Tsinghua University (Beijing) on 23 June, 2017;
- CIFA General Assembly, Nanjing (China), 28 July 2017. The Forum was attended by 100 major and best logistics and transport Chinese companies (according to 2016 results).
- Participation in the International Logistics Technology and Services EXPO 2017 and Forum (with presentation) in Nanjing on 28 November - 1 December 2017.

- 9 October, 2017, Hamburg: meeting with the representatives of Hamburg Seaport and Hamburg City on the potential co-operation in preparing joint proposals for H2020 project MG 2-9- 2019 (among other targets, the ones related to OBOR development issues).
- 25 October, 2017, Berlin: meeting of the EUSBSR Transport Coordination Group where information about the EWTCA activity by focusing on the development relations with the Chinese logistics business was presented.

Algirdas Šakalys presented EWTCA activities and events for 2018. Main guidelines:

- establishment and development of Business Network for the development of the Silk Road branch via the Baltics. Taking into account that transport and logistics companies dominate in the EWTCA, for us it is very important to develop a partner network in China so as to achieve joint synergy effect in developing the Silk road branch to Europe via BSR. Such a network could be created on the already achieved solid background of the EWTCA/CIFA cooperation;
- strengthening of the EWTCA research potential, as well as development of the research partners network seeking to obtain funding (subsidies) from the EU H2020 and Interreg programme funds.
- Extension of EWTCA-CIFA co-operation. EWTCA could initiate a small event in 2018 in order to promote cooperation among potential partners identified during 2016 September Conference in Vilnius/ Klaipėda/ Karlshamn. It was reminded that the following companies were proposed during this Conference: Green Cargo (Sweden), Karlshamn Hamn (Sweden), Volvo (China, Sweden), DFDS (Denmark), Lithuanian Railways, VPA Logistics (Lithuania), Belintertrans (Belarus), Eurosib (Russia), Fesco (Russia), CIFA members such as Sinotrans (China). Other companies interested in the extension of the Silk Road to the Baltic Sea Region would also be invited.

At the same, Algirdas Šakalys informed, that during the Nanjing Forum in November 2017, Mr. Liu Xuede, Secretary General of CIFA also expressed the interest to take part in such a forum.

- EWTCA Strategic Transport Research Centre

EWTCA Strategic Transport Research Centre (STRC) started its activity in February 2018 after signing the first contract with Kaunas Free Economic Zone (FEZ) on identification of potential possibilities of this zone to join the global (Asia-Europe) transportation - supply chains.

The main objectives and tasks of the STRC:

- to develop the applied research promoting and contributing to the development of the transport and logistics sector in the countries of the Baltic Sea Region and beyond it;
- to focus on the development of the EWTC in the southern part of the BSR which has a big potential to become an important link in the global transport logistics chain serving Asia-Europe trade flows,

by increasing efficient interactions of different transport modes and development of synchromodality.

- Algirdas Šakalyš presented the proposal of the Chinese side to take part in the establishment of the Belt and Road International Transport Alliance (BRITA). The BRITA, according to initiators from China, should serve as a platform for developing and enhancing multilevel and wide cooperation in the field of transport with the aim to promote innovation, fusion, development of transport technology, and the exchange, transformation and application of sci-tech achievements and products along the new Silk Road routes.

BRITA membership will be based on Non-profit and Non-Government Organizations (NGO).

Algirdas Šakalyš presented anticipated events in 2018

- The visit to VGTU by the representatives of Hamburg City and Hamburg Seaport is planned on 16/17 April. It is anticipated to discuss H2020 MG 2-9-2019 Project preparation and international consortium issues (preliminary it is planned to invite representatives of VGTU, Lithuanian Railways and EWTCA to the consortium initiated by Hamburg partners). EWTCA could take part in the preparation and suggestion of models and decision support systems aimed at helping public authorities and private companies to ensure and promote high level collaboration and trust between the different stakeholders and main hubs along global transport corridors/open type supply chains.
- Belt&Road International Transport Summit at the World Transport Convention, 19-20 June, 2018. We suggested the presentation under the title: "EWTCA as an innovative instrument for interregional cooperation". But this issue will be discussed within the framework of membership in the BRITA.
- Meeting with the member of the EC Ms Violeta Bulc and Minister Rokas Masiulis in VGTU on 12 February 2018.

EWTCA invited to take part in the Association's activity not only transport and logistics companies, but also freight forwarders and recipients. EWTCA President asked members of the Council to approve the application of the Baltic Tech Park (VšĮ Baltijos technologijų parkas) to become member of EWTCA. It is very important to expand membership of municipalities and regional institutions in the Association. The Council decided to approve the Membership application of the Baltic Tech Park.

PROJECTS

EC GRANT AGREEMENT (AGREEMENT NUMBER 2011CE 160AT063)

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AREA 11 OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

The main aims of the project were:

- Facilitating the administration and coordination of the EUSBSR Priority Area 11 actions, including support for the PACs in administrative and organizational work
- Providing support to key strategic activities of the Priority Area, aiming at activities with wider impact as well as having influence on cross-sectoral issues (planning and environmental questions).

In this light, significant amount of assistance was allocated to the development and promotion of the Green Corridors concept, which is one of the key aims of EWCTA.

BSR TRANSGOVERNANCE

The project objective was to demonstrate how multi-level governance models, tools and approaches can contribute to a better alignment of transport policies in the BSR at various administrative levels and better incorporation of the business perspective. It is expected that this would increase commitment of public and private stakeholders to achieving greener and more efficient transport in the Baltic Sea Region, in line with PA Transport of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy.

The project placed particular focus on developing and testing joint planning and implementation frameworks for transport policies at such reference scales, which have witnessed a long process of cooperation across the national borders with involvement of public/private stakeholders, and/or which have gathered a vast evidence for MLG actions. These are: MACRO (overall BSR area), MESO (cross-border integration areas), CORRIDOR (transnational multimodal transport corridors) and MICRO (intermodal terminals).

"FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION WITH GPS/GSM APPLICATIONS" PILOT PROJECT

EWCTA, together with the U.S. Department of Justice Program ICITAP, organized a final round-table discussion before starting a pilot project "Freight Transportation with GPS/GSM Applications". The aim of the Project is to give recommendations to business organizations and national authorities on application of innovations in organizing the control of border crossing procedures. At the same time the efforts will be taken to identify cross-border bottlenecks, and to compare the duration of border crossing procedures between different countries and with respect to different transport modes. The focus was given to the Baltic-Black Sea transport links.

"EU ITS PLATFORM"

"EU ITS Platform" (EU EIP) project will foster the harmonized provision and management of road transport in Europe hosting the necessary consensus building and harmonization efforts, facilitating the establishment of a commonly understood state of the art and promoting the actual take-up of EU specifications, guidelines, best practices and/or methodologies.

The EU ITS Platform focuses on cooperation on 5 topics:

- EU ITS Platform Governance and Management
- Monitoring and Dissemination (including ITS Deployment Guidelines)
- Feasibility studies
- Harmonization Cluster
- Evaluation

The EU EIP aims to accelerate and optimize the current and future ITS deployments in Europe in a harmonized way, building a network of continuous services and improving the performance of the Core Network Corridors in the major policy domains of mobility, safety, congestion and climate change, as well as cost-effectiveness

EWTCA MEMBERS 2010 - 2017

FORWARDERS, LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS (COMPANIES)

- Asia Continental Landbridge Logistics Association Council (China)
- Lithuanian Stevedoring Companies Association (Lithuania)
- LNBB | LogistikNetz Berlin-Brandenburg e.V. (Germany)
- VPA Logistics (Lithuania)
- JSC PLASKE (Ukraine)
- Tuuchin Co. Ltd. (Mongolia)
- JSC Rubicon (Russia)
- Belintertrans JSC (Belarus)
- Linava (Lithuania)
- Lineka (Lithuania)
- European Intermodal Association (Belgium)
- JSC Vilteda (Lithuania)
- Mockava Industrial Park (Lithuania)
- COSCO (China)
- Lithuanian Intermodal Transport Technology Platform (Lithuania)
- PPL 33-35 LLC (Ukraine)
- UKRZOVNISHTRANS LLC
- Belarusian Association of International Forwarders (Belarus)

UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

- Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (Lithuania)
- Wismar University of Technology (Germany)
- Net Port Science Park (Sweden)
- University of Maribor Faculty of Civil Engineering (Slovenia)
- Institute of Spatial Planning, Development and Foreign Relations (Russia)

RAILWAYS COMPANIES

- Lithuanian Railways (Lithuania)
- Ukrainian Railways (Ukraine)
- National Company Kazakhstan Temyr Zholy (Kazakhstan)

MARITIME, PORTS, COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

- DFDS Seaways (Denmark)
- Port of Karlshamn (Sweden)
- Lithuanian Shipowners Association (Lithuania)
- Limarko JSC (Lithuania)

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS, MUNICIPALITIES

- Šiauliai City Municipality (Lithuania)
- Region Blekinge (Sweden)
- Karlshamn city Municipality (Sweden)
- Baltijsk Municipal District (Russia)

OTHERS

- Municipal company Šiauliai International Airport (Lithuania)
- Hohhot Export Processing Zone (China)
- Kaunas Free Economic Zone (Lithuania)
- Baltic Tech Park (Lithuania)
- Lohrindustrie (France)

AGREEMENTS SIGNED

2011

THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EWTCA AND ICC, LITHUANIA.

2012

THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EWTCA AND THE ASSOCIATION „INFOBALT“ JOINING LITHUANIAN IT COMPANIES.

2012

STATEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ICITAP REGIONAL PROJECT TEAM AND EWTCA ON COLLABORATION TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE, INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

2012

CIFA AND EWTCA AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION

2014

THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EWTCA AND SAINT-PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS (UNECON)

2014

THIS COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EWTCA AND LOGISTIK INITIATIVE SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN E. V. (LI-SH)

2015

DECLARATION OF THE FIRST CIFA AND EWTCA CONFERENCE

2015

TWELVE PARTICIPANTS MAINLY REPRESENTED BY MAJOR ASIAN TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS COMPANIES AND THEIR ALLIANCES (CIFA, COSCO FREIGHT, WCA, CRRC, QINGDAO SEAPORT ETC.), SIGNED THE DOCUMENT ESTABLISHING THE LOGISTICS COMMITTEE IN THE SILK ROAD ALLIANCE