Webinar on Transport in the Balkan and Black Sea region

Thursday 19 November 2020 – 10:00-12:00 (CET)

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Virtual event via Microsoft Teams
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Opening by Mr Valentin MOLDOVEANU, Tulcea County Councillor (Romania), Acting President of the Balkan and Black Sea Commission (BBSC) of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

Moderated by Mr Lefteris SDOUKOPOULOS, Associate Researcher at Hellenic Institute of Transport (CERTH/HIT)

First Session: Policies framework in the area

▪ Ms Mirjana JOVANOVIĆ, EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) Pillar 2 (Connecting the Region) and EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) Priority Area 1B (Rail-Road-Air Mobility) Coordinator, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, Republic of Serbia (tbc)

▪ Ms Monica PATRICHI, EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) Priority Area 1A (Waterways Mobility) Counsellor, Naval Transport Directorate, PA 1A Technical Secretariat, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications of Romania

▪ Mr Matej ZAKONJŠEK, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat (tbc)

▪ Mr Sergii KRAVCHENKO, Project Coordinator, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Permanent International Secretariat (BSEC PERMIS)

Second Session: Accessibility as a component for regional development

▪ “General Aviation and Interconnection of small airports” by Mr Fokion ZAIMIS, Deputy Governor of Entrepreneurship, Research and Innovation, Region of Western Greece (Greece), CPMR BBSC Member

▪ “The Belt and Road Initiative and its meaning for the countries of the Black Sea region and regional development” by Dr Sébastien GOUARD, Consultant at Cooperans

▪ “Digitalisation of freight transport services: a leverage for development in the Balkan area” by Dr Afroditi ANAGNOSTOPOULOU, Senior Researcher, Hellenic Institute of Transport (CERTH/HIT)
Third Session: Skills for sustainable regional development

- Mr Costel FOTEA, President of Galati County Council (Romania), CPMR BBSC Member (tbc)
- Mr Malkhaz TORIA, Acting State Representative in the Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti Region (Georgia), CPMR BBSC Member
- “Innovative Approaches and Cooperation for Sustainable Development” by Assoc. Prof. Dr Taner ALBAYRAK, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Department of Maritime Business Management Piri Reis University (Turkey), Black Sea Association of Maritime Institutions (BSAMI)

Debate and next steps