

PROGRAMME

The future of transport investments What MFF do we need?

Wednesday, 31 January 2018
18:30 - 21:00

Renaissance Brussels Hotel
Rue du Parnasse 19 - 1050 Brussels

CER believes the resources allocated to rail transport in the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) will play a key role in ensuring that the transport system as a whole efficiently supports the EU's economic growth. Considerable financial resources are still required to complete the TEN-T rail network as well as to modernise and digitalise rail infrastructure in Europe for the benefit of Europe's citizens. The European Commission **estimates that €430 billion is needed** in rail investment alone by 2030. While CER recognises that the EU budget is likely to shrink post-Brexit, the wider benefits from transport should not be forgotten.

So, what MFF do we need? **CER, in cooperation with the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU**, invites you to join the debate on Wednesday **31 January 2018** during a **roundtable on the future of transport financing in the context of the discussions on the next MFF**.

18:30 Welcome address by moderator

Libor Lochman, Executive Director, CER

18:35 Keynote speeches

Violeta Bulc, European Commissioner for Transport

Velik Zanchev, Deputy Minister for Transport of the Bulgarian Government

19:00 Panel discussion

Dominique Riquet, MEP (ALDE, FR), Transport and Tourism Committee

Alessandro Carano, Expert in the Cabinet of Violeta Bulc

Hristo Alexiev, Bulgarian National Railway Infrastructure Company (NRIC)

Philippe Citroën, UNIFE Director General

20:00 Closing remarks by Libor Lochman

Walking dinner