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Investing in European railways - are the funds really there?

Today, a conference jointly organised by the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) together with the Danish Presidency will reflect upon the targets set in the 2011 Transport White Paper and what they mean in terms of investments, having a special focus on the ERTMS Corridor B from Stockholm to Naples (which corresponds to Corridor 3 of Rail Freight Network Regulation 913/2010 from Stockholm to Palermo).

How will the newly proposed TEN-T & CEF policy contribute to achieving the White Paper modal shift targets? In the context of the austerity measures affecting a number of national budgets, how will member states' counterpart financing be ensured? What other supporting tools will be needed?

These are just a few questions which our panelists will try to answer, only one week after the International Transport Forum in Leipzig, at the margin of which Transport Ministers of the Alpine region (AT, CH, DE, FR, IT, SI) decided to launch a study on "Toll Plus", a new demand-driven road toll system for the crossing of the Alps. Could such a system be envisaged as an alternative source of financing notably on the North-South ERTMS Corridor B or to promote alternative modes of transport in sensitive areas of the TEN-T network?

'Investing in European railways - are the funds really there?' will be held today, **8 May, from 18.30-20.30** at the Bibliothèque Solvay, Parc Léopold, Rue Belliard 137 - Room NEF. Organised in cooperation with the Danish EU Presidency, the conference will hear from **Jacob Heinsen**, Permanent Secretary, Danish Ministry of Transport, **Jean-Eric Paquet**, Director, European Mobility Network, DG MOVE, European Commission, MEP **Richard Seeber** (EPP, Austria), MEP **Anne E. Jensen** (ALDE, Denmark), **Jan Sundling**, ASTOC Chairman, and Chairman of the Task Force of Freight Corridor 3 (Stockholm-Palermo), **Stig Kyster-Hansen**, CEO, DB Schenker Rail Scandinavia, and **Peder Nedergaard Nielsen**, Senior Vice President, DSB.

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