

Digital Transport and Logistics Forum: First Plenary meetings



Last July 1st and 2nd took place the first Plenary meetings of the newly established Digital Transport and Logistics Forum.

Mr. Sandro Santamato, Head of unit "Maritime Transport and logistics" in DG MOVE launched the Forum by presenting the rationale behind the creation of the Forum, its objectives as well as its structure.

The Forum is a consultative body bringing together stakeholders in a multimodal perspective to achieve common objectives on digital transport and logistics in the general context of the Digital Single Market.

It will identify initiatives and concrete recommendations for relevant European policies and legislation. The Forum gathers stakeholders at European and international level.

The Forum is established for a duration of three years. In addition to the Plenary that will meet twice a year, the Forum will gather in the form of working groups (WGs) addressing specific topics, which will be organized around three meetings per year.

During the first Plenary meeting, Nikolaus Von Peter, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Violeta Bulc, took the floor presenting the four content drivers for the future: Digitalisation of Transport, Decarbonisation, Human factor and International aspects.

FEPORT will contribute to the DTLF working groups and will join forces with other maritime logistics stakeholder organizations to propose pilots and solutions aiming at achieving concrete results to the benefit of an efficient digital transport and logistics chain.

Private investors play a key role in European Ports



July 16th, 2015, a high level delegation of private port terminals representatives and CEOs discussed with Commissioner Bulc the key role of private investors in the modernization and competitiveness of European Ports.

FEPORT's President, Gunther Bonz explained that in many ports the amount of private investments is significant and often equals or exceeds public investments: "This justifies an increased involvement of the private sector in the discussions and decision making processes regarding the development of port projects both at EU and national levels."

Members of the FEPORT's delegation gave their vision about the future of European ports. For them, smooth development of projects, clear and transparent contracting and implementing procedures as well as transparency about public funding are fundamental prerequisites to attract sustainable investments in European ports.

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Meetings of the month

DTLF plenary meeting	July 1 st -2 nd , 2015
Trade Contact Group Meeting	July 10 th , 2015
Customs Business Group	July 14 th , 2015
Meeting with Commissioner Bulc	July 16 th , 2015