

Expert Forum *on Mobility and Infrastructure* *Network*

The event is organised by the European Liberal Forum with the support of NEOS Lab and ALDE Party. This event is part of a series of Expert Forums organised around Europe on topical matters and challenges facing the European Union, and will be conducted as the ALDE Party considers its manifesto for the 2019 elections to the European Parliament. This forum will be particularly focus on mobility and infrastructure – currently shaped by trends in Digitalisation, Automatisisation and Decarbobisation. Three important pillars - namely, cross-border infrastructure, cross-border mobility and digitalization of transport will be covered in our expert forum.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DATE: Monday, 23 April 2018
TIME: 14:00 - 17:30
PLACE: NEOS Lab, Neubaugasse 64-66, A-1070 Vienna, Austria

14:00 – 14:05 **INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN LIBERAL FORUM**
Josef Lentsch, *Member of the Board*

14:05 – 14:15 **WELCOME SPEECH**
Angelika Mlinar MEP, *ALDE Party Vice-President*

14:15 – 15:15 **PANEL 1: *Cross-border Infrastructure***

Sustainable mobility and better European connections between different modes of transport are only possible if a modern infrastructure for mobility is guaranteed throughout Europe. This requires cross-border cooperation, particularly in the case of large-scale projects. The aim of this panel is to debate on and identify what measures are needed to create a faster, safer and more environmentally friendly European transport network and what is the role of Member states and private business in the modernisation of European infrastructure.

DISCUSSION WITH

Franz Hörhager, *Expert of private infrastructure investments*

Gesine Meissner MEP, *Member of the TRAN Committee AND Substitute Member of the ENVI and ITRE Committee*

Alfred Pitnik, *Head of Public & International Affairs, Rail Cargo Group*

MODERATED BY Manfred Mühlberger, *Managing director and owner, ETA environmental consulting Ltd.*

15:15 - 16:15 **PANEL 2: *Cross-border Mobility***

The European Union and its four freedoms offer unique opportunities in relation to the mobility of persons. Cross-border mobility has never been easier in the history of the European Union as it is now. At the same time, however, we also see challenges, for example in the area of safeguarding consumer protection rights. The purpose of this panel is thus to discuss and

identify possible ways to unlock the full potential of cross-border mobility proactively facing the issue of consumer protections rights in the EU27.

DISCUSSION WITH:

Prof. Elmar Fürst, *Vienna University of Economics and Business - Institute for Transport and Logistics*

Andreas Sernetz, *Founder and CEO Fairplane*

Bart Vink, *D66, Member of the City Council of Amsterdam and Board Member Dutch Thinktank on Mobility and Spatial Development*

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PANEL 3: *Digitalisation of Transport*

New technological developments and digitalisation are currently providing a massive upheaval in the transport sector and developing into a new fuel for the transport industry, especially in terms of efficiency, safety and sustainability. At the same time, transport sector faces a huge challenge in adapting to face the ongoing changes of the area. The purpose of this panel is thus to identify answers to a range of questions in order to unlock the potential of the digital revolution managing the challenges and maximising benefits that the digital revolution of the transport sector produces.

DISCUSSION WITH:

Stefan Blachfellner, *BCSSS, Managing Director*

Stefan Gara, *NEOS, Member of the Vienna City Council and Parliament*

Irene Rivera Andrés MP, *Ciudadanos, Spanish Chamber of Deputies Member of the Commission on Road Safety and sustainable mobility*

Laurin Sepoetro, *Uber, Senior Associate, EU Public Policy*

MODERATED BY Manfred Mühlberger, *Managing director and owner, ETA environmental consulting Ltd.*

17:30

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Christopher Gohl, *Member of the ALDE Party Manifesto Drafting Committee*

WORKING LANGUAGE

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