**Background document**

**CoR Stakeholder Consultation "Road Safety and Automated mobility" Wednesday 5 September 2018, 13.00-15.30, room JDE 70**

**rapporteur: Mr József Ribányi (HU/EPP)**

On 17 May 2018, the European Commission presented the third mobility package entitled "Europe on the Move: Sustainable Mobility for Europe – safe, connected and clean". Following on from the measures proposed in the first and second mobility packages (published in May and November 2017), the third package is intended to improve the interconnectivity of European road transport while making it safer and more sustainable.

The Communication on Connected and Automated Mobility (CAM) presents an EU strategy setting out the ways in which the EU, Member States, industry, social partners and civil society could work together to ensure that the EU seizes the opportunities offered by driverless mobility.

The Committee of the Regions has decided to issue opinion "Road safety and automated mobility" by Mr József Ribányi (HU/EPP) on the topic of automated mobility, which will also address the proposed amendment of Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management (COM(2018)274) as well as the specific measures envisaged in Annex I to the umbrella Communication (COM(2018) 293) on a "Strategic Action Plan on Road Safety".

The CoR would like to investigate how to anticipate and mitigate new challenges for local and regional authorities arising in connection with automated mobility and how Europe could become a world leader for fully automated and connected mobility systems, while at the same time ensuring safe and secure road mobility for all citizens.

At the Stakeholder Consultation, the rapporteur would like to focus on the following questions that would help him to draft his opinion from the perspective of the European regions and cities which have key responsibilities when it comes to transport and infrastructure matters:

* *Which possiblities do you see for local and regional authorities (LRA) to participate in shaping the future of CAM in Europe via participation in setting the policy framework?*
* *What will be the challenges for Europe and for LRAs specifically when it comes to automated driving?*
* *Do you think additional funding opportunities are required at European level (which funds are available and offer the best opportunities for LRAs)?*
* *Would automated mobility offer opportunities for public-private partnerships?*
* *How can cross-border cooperation, interoperability and continuity of automated driving systems be ensured?*
* *An important question is data access and protection of (big-)data generated by vehicles via publicly accessible connection systems (Intelligent Transport Systems). How could this be addressed?*