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MISSING RAILWAY LINKS: A CHALLENGE FOR COHESION AND GROWTH IN BORDER REGIONS

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BRUSSELS ||| EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

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PROGRAMME

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14:00 ||| **WELCOME**

Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ

President European Committee of the Regions (tbc)

14:10 ||| **MISSING LINKS – A EUROPEAN CHALLENGE**

Rémi BERTRAND

President EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA

Heike RAAB

Member Committee of the Regions
State secretary Rheinland-Pfalz (DE)

**14:30 ||| UNLEASHING POTENTIALS:
EMERGING CROSS-BORDER PILOT INITIATIVES**

Introduction

Patrice HARSTER Director EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA

Seifhennersdorf [DE] – Rumburk [CZ]

Missing Link N° 101

New construction, reactivation and electrification: New cross-border railway lines in the triangle Germany-Poland-Czech Republic

Hans-Jürgen PFEIFFER Directeur Zweckverband Verkehrsverbund Oberlausitz-Niederschlesien (ZVON)

Oberwart [AT] - Szombathely [HU]

Missing Link N° 185

SMART Pannonia: planning measures for the reactivation and new construction of the “Grenzbahn” using European Union financial instruments

Torsten HEID Symbios Funding & Consulting GmbH

Rastatt [DE] – Haguenau [FR]

Missing Link N°139

Economic and social development of a border region by recovering a missing railway link

Nelly Sämann Project manager EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA

15:15 ||| **EU FUNDING: INSTRUMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**
PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Isabelle BOUDINEAU Chair of COTER, European Committee of the Regions
Vice-President Région Nouvelle-Aquitaine

Being part of the TEN-T: an essential condition for *Missing Links*

Michael CRAMER Member of the European Parliament

Do we need a different priority setting in European investment policy in order to sustainably promote cross-border rail connections?

Herald RUIJTERS Director, DG Mobility and Transport (MOVE)
MOVE B – Investment, Innovative & Sustainable Transport

Connecting Europe Facility Calls: results, lessons learnt and perspectives

Nathalie VERSCHELDE Deputy Head of Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy
D2 – Interreg, Cross-Border Cooperation, internal borders

The administration of cross-border investments in the up-coming programming period (2021-27): Where are we at?

16:25 ||| **CLOSING**

Rémi BERTRAND President EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA

16:30 ||| **GET-TOGETHER**