

National Counterpart Teams' Meeting (NCT) 2 Damascus: 29 - 31 March 2004 Programme Overview

Day 1: Monday, March 29th 2004		
08:30	Registration & Coffee	
Opening Session		
09:00	Opening Speech	Mr. Ralf M. Kaltheier, Project Director, EuroMed Transport Project - Main Contract -
09:10	Introductory Remarks	Mr. Leonidas Kioussis, Principal Administrator, EuropeAid Office, Brussels
09:20	Opening Address	His Excellency the Head of E.U. Delegation in Syria, Mister Frank Hesske
09:30	Welcome Speech	Vice-Minister and National Coordinator for Syria, Mister Moussa Al Shaar
09:40	Welcome Speech	His Excellency the Minister of Transport for Syria, Mister Makram Obeid
Morning Plenary Session: Presentation of the modular structure and priority issues of the Diagnostic Draft Study.		
09:50	Conference Overview and Structure	Mr. Ralf M. Kaltheier, Project Director, EuroMed Transport Project - Main Contract -
10:00	Module 1:	Methodology Approach - a comprehensive regional transport project based on Policy Dialogue and oriented towards implementation measures - (Speaker: Mr. F. Cancalon, Expert "Transport Policy")
	Module 2:	MEDA-Economy, Trade & Transportation - overview and outlook with emphasis on intra-regional traffic perspectives - (Speaker: Mr. K. Georgiou, International Expert "Regional Economy & Trade")
10:30	Module 3:	Sub-Regional Integration towards a Liberalised Transport Market - convergence of legislation and regulatory frameworks - (Speaker: Ms. Ch. Barbieux, International Expert "Regulatory Issues/Acquis")
	Module 4:	Cross Border & Cross Sector Transport Issues - bottlenecks and opportunities for multi-modal transport chains - (Speaker: Mr. A. Ballis, International Expert "Multimodal & Intermodal Issues")
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	Module 5:	Maritime Shipping & Ports - a key sector to foster intra-regional trade relations - (Speaker: Mr. D. Kostianis, International Expert "Port Reform")
	Module 6:	Aviation Policy & Airport Reform - stages of privatisation and regional integration promoting a Euro-Mediterranean airspace - (Speaker: Mr. S. Poulimenakos, International Expert "Airport Reform")
12:00	Module 7:	South-South & Hinterland Relations - current role and potential perspectives of land transport - (Speaker: Mr. M. Genete, International Expert "Railway Reform")
	Module 8:	Operational Concept of the Mediterranean Transport Infrastructure Network (Speaker: Mr. R. Timberlake, Project Director of the EuroMed Transport Project - Infrastructure Network Contract)
12:30	Lunch	

Afternoon Work Groups Sessions	
The work group sessions gave the participants the opportunity to discuss the "technical" issues of Modules 2-8 on a sub-regional level. Emphasis was given towards a preliminary selection of potential regional transport actions projected to be further detailed within the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP).	
Each work group addressed all modules during 6 separate sessions. A moderator assisted the work group in structuring the discussions and findings. During each session the respective "module core expert" were presented for further clarification.	
(Sub-) Regional Work Groups:	
WG1 Mashrek: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Territories, Syria. Moderator: Mr. Gunter Zietlow	
WG2 Maghreb: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia Moderator: Mr. André Niemegeers	
WG3: Cyprus, Malta, Turkey. Moderator: Mr. Dirk Lehmkuhl	
14:00 - 16:00	Session 1
WG1:	MEDA-Economy, Trade & Transportation (Core Expert: Mr. K. Georgiou)
WG2:	Cross Border & Cross Sector Transport Issues + South-South & Hinterland Relations (Core Experts: Mr. A. Ballis / Mr. M. Genete)
WG3:	(Sub-) Regional Integration towards a Liberalised Transport Market (Core Expert: Ms. Ch. Barbieux)
16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 18:30	Session 2
WG1:	(Sub-) Regional Integration towards a Liberalised Transport Market (Core Expert: Ms. Ch. Barbieux)
WG2:	MEDA-Economy, Trade & Transportation (Core Expert: Mr. K. Georgiou)
WG3:	Cross Border & Cross Sector Transport Issues + South-South & Hinterland Relations (Core Experts: Mr. A. Ballis / Mr. M. Genete)
20:30	Dinner with all Participants under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Transport for Syria: Mr. Makram Obeid at "Old Damascus" Restaurant.
Day 2: Tuesday, March 30th 2004	
08:30 - 10:30	Session 3
WG1:	Cross Border & Cross Sector Transport Issues + South-South & Hinterland Relations (Core Experts: Mr. A. Ballis / Mr. M. Genete)
WG2:	(Sub-) Regional Integration towards a Liberalised Transport Market (Core Expert: Ms. Ch. Barbieux)
WG3:	MEDA-Economy, Trade & Transportation (Core Expert: Mr. K. Georgiou)
10:30	Coffee break
11:00 - 13:00	Session 4
WG1:	Maritime Shipping & Ports (Core Expert: Mr. D. Kostianis)
WG2:	Aviation Policy & Airport Reform (Core Expert: Mr. S. Poulimenakos)
WG3:	Operational Concept of the Mediterranean Transport Infrastructure Network (Project Director: Mr. R. Timberlake)
13:00	Lunch
14:30 - 16:30	Session 5
WG1:	Aviation Policy & Airport Reform (Core Expert: Mr. S. Poulimenakos)
WG2:	Operational Concept of the Mediterranean Transport Infrastructure Network (Project Director: Mr. R. Timberlake)
WG3:	Maritime Shipping & Ports (Core Expert: Mr. D. Kostianis)

16:30	Coffee break
17:00 - 19:00	Session 6
WG1:	Operational Concept of the Mediterranean Transport Infrastructure Network (Project Director: Mr. R. Timberlake)
WG2:	Maritime Shipping & Ports (Core Expert: Mr. D. Kostianis)
WG3:	Aviation Policy & Airport Reform (Core Expert: Mr. S. Poulimenakos)
Day 3: Wednesday, March 31st 2004	
Plenary Session: Summarised Conclusions of the Work Group Findings and Potential Actions (with recommendations on adaptations of the Draft Diagnostic Study). Chair: Mr. R.M. Kaltheier, Project Director	
09:00 - 09:30	Presentation of WG1 Mashrek (Speaker: Ms. A. Al-Hyari, Jordan)
09:30 - 10:00	Follow-up discussions WG1
10:00 - 10:30	Presentation of WG2 Maghreb (Speaker: Ms. N. Belhadfa, Morocco)
10:30 - 11:00	Follow-up discussions WG1
11:00	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:00	Presentation of WG3 Cyprus, Malta, Turkey (Speaker: Mr. C. Schembri, Malta)
12:00 - 12:30	Follow-up discussions WG3
12:30	Lunch
Plenary Session: From Diagnostic to Action - Thematic Approach : Review of the Major Potential Transport Actions by Module (identifying potential synergies on a supra-regional scale among the proposed sub-regional actions of the work groups)	
14:00 - 14:30	Module 2: MEDA-Economy, Trade & Transportation
14:30 - 15:00	Module 3: Sub-Regional Integration towards a Liberalised Transport Marke
15:00 - 15:30	Module 4: Cross Border & Cross Sector Transport Issues
15:30 - 16:00	Module 5: Maritime Shipping & Ports
16:00	Coffee break
16:30 - 17:00	Module 6: Aviation Policy & Airport Reform
17:00 - 17:30	Module 7: South-South & Hinterland Relations
17:30 - 18:00	Module 8: Operational Concept of the Mediterranean Transport Infrastructure Network
18:00 - 18:30	Closing words and further outlook (Project Director Main Contract: Mr. R. Kaltheier; Principal Administrator EuropeAid office: Mr. L. Kioussis)
20:00	Official Reception with all Conference Participants, Syrian Ministry of Transport, E.U. Delegation in Syria, Representatives of EU- and MEDA-Embassies, Syrian Transport and Business Community & Media Representatives.