

Vital Nodes Policy Dialogue (Working lunch)

Brussels, 15 October 2019, 12.00-15.00

Venue: Vienna House, Avenue de Tervueren 58, 1040 Brussels

Register: <https://vitalnodes.eu/events/vital-nodes-policy-dialogue-2/>

Agenda

11.45 – 12.00	<i>Registration</i>
12.00 - 12.15	<p>Welcome & Introduction Representative of DG MOVE, European Commission (name tbc)</p> <p>Building a network for EU Urban Nodes – highlights from the Vital Nodes project Sjaak van der Werf, Project manager NUVit and Vital Nodes Dr. Elisa Schenner, Wiener Stadtwerke GmbH, Head of EU Affairs</p>
12.15 - 14.00	<p>Policy Dialogue (working lunch)</p> <p>Keynote intervention Mathieu Grosch, European Coordinator for the TEN-T Orient/East-Med Corridor</p> <p>Policy recommendations to strengthen Urban Nodes as integral parts of TEN-T Corridors & Building an expert network for Urban Nodes along TEN-T Corridors Prof. Dr. Jos Arts, University of Groningen, Innovation Manager Vital Nodes Discussion moderated by Dr. Elisa Schenner, Wiener Stadtwerke GmbH, Head of EU Affairs</p>
14.00 - 14.15	<i>End of the policy dialogue and working lunch</i>
14.15 - 15.50	<p>Stakeholder & Expert dialogue – discussion and validation of key recommendations per policy domain Moderated by Sjaak van der Werf, Project manager NUVit and Vital Nodes</p>
15.50 - 16.00	Wrap up and conclusions – DG MOVE & Vital Nodes coordinator
16.00	<i>End of the meeting</i>



Briefing note

Aim of the event

In this policy dialogue you are invited to discuss with the EU institutions the strengthening of the Urban Nodes as integral parts of TEN-T Corridors, based on the Policy Recommendations that Vital Nodes has developed and validated. Focus areas include:

- Promote the development and better integration of the Urban Nodes' priorities for a successful delivery of the TEN-T Corridors;
- Discuss the creation of an expert 'networks of networks' for the more efficient and sustainable integration of all Urban Nodes in the TEN-T Corridors;
- Foster the integration of i) modes, ii) land use, infrastructure and mobility, iii) passengers and freight to bring about a truly sustainable and integrated transport system;
- Mutual understanding and identification of synergies among priorities at local, national, European and international level¹;
- Measures to facilitate the access of local governments to EU funds earmarked for Urban Nodes.

The Policy Recommendations of Vital Nodes will be distributed in printed form and presented during the event.

Background

According to the European Commission, urban nodes in the context of TEN-T policy are²:

- The origin and / or destination of most long-distance trips and a place where majority of related challenges (congestion, air quality...) persist;
- Locations of major transport nodes (maritime and inland ports, airports, other terminals);
- Interfaces of long-distance and local/regional transport, thus calling for innovative, sustainable, efficient and high-quality solutions.

For the whole network of TEN-T Corridors, 88 Urban Nodes have been defined. An overview can be found at https://vitalnodes.eu/urban_nodes/

Vital Nodes project

Vital Nodes³ aims to enable efficient, sustainable freight delivery across the TEN-T urban nodes (urban areas), by bringing together existing European, national and regional networks.

It addresses specifically the multi and intermodal connection between long-distance and last-mile freight logistics. It also supports the deployment of innovations in the urban nodes, while establishing a long-lasting European expert network.

Audience

¹ Considering 'Freight Corridors' exchange with the US in the framework of the EU-US Urban Freight Research and Development Twinning Initiative: <http://civitas.eu/news/how-eu-and-usa-cooperate-urban-freight>

² European Commission website: https://ec.europa.eu/inea/sites/inea/files/20170227_info-day2017_blending_urban_nodes.pdf

³ <https://vitalnodes.eu/>





European Commission, EU Council presidency, European Parliament, Committee of the regions, Corridor Representatives, Regional and National Representatives, Vital Nodes Advisory Board.

Logistics

Participants will be seated on 12 tables of 4 seats. The speakers will take the central front table. Microphones will be available to all tables for questions and interventions.



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