



Commissione Europea



Comune di Genova

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**Genoa May 26, 2009
Palazzo Ducale**

GENOA 2009

Mare Nostrum – Mare Septentrionale

The Priority Project 24 "Rotterdam/Antwerp – Duisburg – Basel - Lyon/Genoa"

A link between two seas

The Green Paper published on 4 February 2009, and its subsequent public consultation, open the revision of the 2004 Guidelines and aim at defining long term objectives for the European TEN-T policy.

Furthermore, the Commission will propose to the Council and the European Parliament to renew and in some cases extend the mandate of the European Coordinators for another four years.

Among the projects on which the Commission suggests to appoint a coordinator stands the priority railway axis Nr. 24 "Rotterdam/Antwerp – Duisburg – Basel – Lyon/Genoa".

By recommending for the job Mr. Karel Vinck, up to now EU coordinator for the deployment of ERTMS on major rail freight corridors, the European Commission intends to build up on the significant progresses achieved during his first mandate on rail freight corridor A Rotterdam – Genoa, as a major component of priority railway axis Nr. 24, be it in the field of ERTMS, the harmonisation of operational rules and the removal of bottlenecks.

Ambitious as well as crucial for the development of European Rail Traffic on a North-South Axis, linking up major ports and Europe's most relevant economic areas, the Priority Project Nr. 24 needs determined and long-term political willingness to be brought to an end.

In this context, the town of Genoa will host on may 26th 2009 from 10:00 until 16:30 a Conference that is meant to set the scene and will also aim, while taking due notice of the achievements of Corridor A as well as of major commitments at stake, at formulating long term objectives, in close cooperation with the Coordinator-to-be, to enable a timely and optimized realization of the Priority Project Nr. 24 taken as a whole.

You will find in annex a draft program of the conference.

Please, confirm your participation before May 20, 2009

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