ICM on EU Investing in its Transport Networks

An Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on the EU Investing in its Transport Networks beyond 2020 took place on Wednesday, 20th of June in the European Parliament in Brussels.

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting Committee on Transport and Tourism

EU Investing in its Transport Networks beyond 2020 WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE 2018 **KARIMA DELLI** 15:00 - 18:30 ROOM 4Q1 JÓZSEF ANTALL BUILDING EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

With the support of the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments



An Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on the EU Investing in its Transport Networks beyond 2020 took place on Wednesday, 20th of June in the European Parliament in Brussels. This conference brought together 33 Parliamentarians (31 from 16 Member States, 2 Parliamentarians from Norway and 2 from Serbia). The opening remarks were given by Ms Karima Delli, the Chairwoman of the Committee on Transport and Tourism. The meeting has been structured around two sessions: first about the state of play and future perspectives in the transport networks and the second one about challenges and perspectives in the transport infrastructure investment post-2020. This was followed by the keynote speech and Q&A session with Mr Günter Oettinger, Commissioner for Budget & Finance.

The very lively debates with 20 interventions from the Members of the national Parliaments gave the possibility to share their concerns and idea about the future of a multi-modal and sustainable transport networks. They highlighted the importance of the environment, the digital and decarbonize transport, the periphery regions, cross-border cooperation in Europe and beyond. They praised the Connecting Europe Facility and stressed the necessity of the proper funding in the next MFF. The most important key to success in transport policy is the coherent approach in setting the priorities at European and national levels. The EP Members thanked their colleagues from the Member States for the fruitful cooperation and support in elaboration and enforcing the transport objectives on the ground.

Commissioner Oettinger emphasized the importance of the subsidiarity principle and involvement of the national Parliaments in implementing the EU transport objectives.

The closing remarks were held by Ms Karima Delii, the Chairwoman of the Committee on Transport and Tourism.

The smooth cooperation between the Legislative Dialogue Unit (DG PRES) and the TRAN Committee (DG IPOL) in the organization of the event is an excellent example of inter-DG cooperation.