

International Expert Conference on Combined Freight Transport

The Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia organizes the **International Expert Conference on Combined Freight Transport** as part of the Croatian Presidency of the Central European Initiative that will take place on **Tuesday, 29 May 2018 from 08:30 to 17:00** in Hotel International, Miramarska Street 24, 10 000 Zagreb

The general aim of the conference is to exchange experience and knowledge in order to advance and promote the development of combined transport in Europe and provide opportunities for future cooperation in the sector. Combined freight transport corrects the imbalance between different types of transport, promotes environmental protection on the basis of environment friendlier modes of transport and encourages mobility of goods, which enables productivity growth and creates preconditions for balanced regional development. While most of the freight is transported by road, the total share of railway and inland waterway freight traffic in Croatia and most of the Central European countries remains low. Such a ratio has a negative impact not only on the environment, but on other negative external costs such as traffic congestion and accidents.

The Conference will be attended by the representatives of Central European Initiative Member States, European Commission (DG Move), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO), International Union for Road-Rail Combined Transport (UIRR), Community for Intermodal Transport and Logistic at Croatian Chamber of Economy, Danube Commission, International Sava River Basin Commission, competent state administration bodies, port authorities and ports, academic community, transport organizers, railway and road transport operators and ship-owners who will discuss the existing state and development of combined freight transport in Europe, as well as models and mechanisms of its promotion in some countries.

