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**Invitation to EU neighbourhood Countries 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Workshop in Moscow, Dec. 5/6. 2012**

Dear Colleagues

The European Commission has assigned to us – as part of an international consortium led by the European Conference of Transport Research Institutes (ECTRI), to study the prospects for enhancing international cooperation between the EU and other countries in the field of transport research. The title of the assignment is “**European Transport Research Area International cooperation activities - EUTRAIN**”, and you can find more information on the website [www.eutrain-project.eu](http://www.eutrain-project.eu).

Our organizations- European Rail Research Network of Excellence (EURNEX Association) [www.eurnex.net](http://www.eurnex.net) and Moscow State University of Railway Engineering (MIIT) [www.miit.ru](http://www.miit.ru) are part of this effort. In order to promote and discuss the possibilities of greater cooperation of the countries of the EU neighbourhood countries with the EU in the field of transport and all the related issues, we are organising a one and a half day Conference – workshop in Moscow on December 5/6, 2012.

The objective of the meeting will be to discuss the transport research interests and current policies in the countries of the region of Russia, CIS, Black Sea & Balkan countries, the difficulties that exist in participating in EU transport research programmes (and research in general), the potential for future improvements, and the recommendations that could be made to improve the access of research Organisations from the countries concerned to EU research programmes. At the same time participants of the workshop will be provided with the most recent information concerning the current transport policies as well as the plans for the next EU research framework programme for the period 2014-2020 the so called “Horizon 2020” programme.

We would be grateful to invite you to participate in this Conference - workshop of ours. In case you are not able to participate, we would kindly like to ask you to provide us with names of appropriate persons-colleagues of yours that could participate in this Conference – workshop. We will cover the costs of participation of up to one and in exceptional cases two participants per country. However, more experts can participate on their own cost if they wish.

Typically, we are looking for persons involved in research funding and administering agencies (Ministries, other government entities), as well as academics (professors, etc) involved in transport research, or researchers in research Institutes or transport providing organisations.



Moscow State University of Railway Engineering (MIIT)

A draft agenda of the EU Neighbourhood Countries 3<sup>rd</sup> regional workshop on December 05, 2012 including presentation of EU project SMARTRAIL with Russian participation on December 06 in Moscow please find attached.

We look forward to receiving your answer as soon as possible and welcoming you and your country's experts to this EU Neighbourhood Workshop in Moscow and moreover to cooperating with you during the life of our project.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation and please do not hesitate to contact me or our colleagues DI Frank Panse (T: +49 (0) 30 31997021, email: [fpanse@earnex.eu](mailto:fpanse@earnex.eu)) , Mrs. Friederike-Sophie Maasch/ Valentina Gudis (T: +49 (30) 31997022, email: [fsmaasch@earnex.eu](mailto:fsmaasch@earnex.eu)/[vgudis@earnex.eu](mailto:vgudis@earnex.eu)) and Prof. Dr. Vladimir P. Solovyev (T: +7 (495) 6 81 66 64, email: [WSolowjow@gmail.com](mailto:WSolowjow@gmail.com)) for any further information or clarification you may require.

Yours sincerely,

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