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how civil society can help with delivery**

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Short biographies of speakers and moderators

Andres Martinez Aranburu

Andres Martinez Aranburu works for the Mobility Department of San Sebastian, where he was the local coordinator of sustainable mobility projects (AENEAS). He was, among others, involved in awareness raising campaigns with older people in the context of Aeneas. Nowadays, he is involved in different projects as CIVITAS ARCHIMEDES, QUEST, SITE or TIDE, in which different participatory activities have been developed.

Annick Roetynck

Annick Roetynck has been the Secretary General of the European Twowheel Retailers' Association (ETRA) since 1995, the European professional association for independent bicycle, moped and motorcycle retailers. Before that she was the Secretary General of the "Belgische Tweewielerfederatie" (BTF), the former branche-organisation in Belgium. She studied Political Science at the Ghent University.

Bernd Decker

Bernd Decker manages mobility and environment projects at Rupprecht Consult and is involved in CIVITAS since 10 years. Mr Decker worked as a staff member of the United Nations on urban planning. He was project officer at the European Commission's Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation and managed energy efficient transport (STEER) projects.

Carlo Sessa

Carlo Sessa, former President, is now Director at ISIS – Institute of Studies for the Integration of Systems, in Rome. Before joining ISIS in 1983, he has conducted research at NYU, where he worked with Nobel Prize winner Wassily Leontieff. He was the Coordinator of several EU research projects, and in particular of participatory projects, aiming to raise the citizens awareness of science and technology prospects in the field of sustainable urban development (RAISE: www.raise-eu.org), sustainable urban transport (MOVE TOGETHER: www.move-together-exhibition.net) and sustainable water management (AWARE: www.aware-eu.net).

David Laws

David Laws is a lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the University of Amsterdam. Before coming to Amsterdam, Mr Laws worked at the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, the Sloan School of Management at MIT, and with the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. His research focuses on ethics, public policy, and alternative dispute resolution.

Patrick Auwerx

Project leader education and campaigns at Mobiel 21. More details unavailable due to last minute change in the conference agenda.

Jerker Sjögren

Jerker Sjögren is the Coordinator of the Closer Program focusing on research on logistics and transport in Sweden, and cooperation between academia and industry. Before working at the Lindholmen Science Park, Mr Sjögren was a senior advisor at the Swedish Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communication, and Key Account Manager at TeliaSonera.

Joachim Fried

Joachim Fried has been a member of the EESC since 2010 and has ever since been involved in many Transport related opinions. Mr Fried is Director of Economics, Policy and Regulation at Deutsche Bahn and coordinated public participation in railway-infrastructure projects in Germany, such as Stuttgart 21. Before working at the Deutsche Bahn, he was a senior officer of the Federal Chancellery responsible for economic issues within the EC and Head of Department in the Ministry of Economics responsible for special unification tasks.

Hans-Liudger Dienel

Hans-Liudger Dienel is the Executive Director of Nexus and Director of the Center for Technology and Society at the University of Technology Berlin. Mr Dienel obtained a Ph.D on university-industry-relations in the 19th and 20th Century and further researched the history of transport, resulting in the set-up of a Transport History Study Group in Munich, and is now the president of the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility.

Henning Banthien

Henning Banthien has been part of the IFOK team since 1996, and has been head of the IFOK's Berlin office since 1999, where he was involved in many consulting projects in various areas such as energy, the environment, sustainability etc. Mr Banthien was also a member of the VDI committee (Association of German Engineers) on innovation networks.

Laure Chapuis

Laure Chapuis joined the the European Commission Directorate General for Energy and Transport in 2003. Ms Chapuis moved to DG Climate Action and joined the team of Vice President and EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas from April 2011 onwards. She is involved in issues of decarbonisation of transport, alternative and innovative fuels for the transport sectors as well as research and innovation.

Marcin Wołek

Marcin Wołek is Assistant Professor at the department for Transport Market at the Faculty of Economics of the Gdansk University. Mr Wołek specialized in the organization of transport, and the market and marketing research in transport. He has been a member of the Gdynia City Council since 1998.

Mari Jüssi

Mari Jüssi is a senior expert at the Stockholm Environment Institute -Tallinn centre, working on sustainable transport policy and urban planning issues. Ms Jüssi has been involved in the board of European Federation of Transport and Environment. She is also the main author of the 2010 Sustainable Transport Report for the Estonian government and member of expert groups for national energy, transport and spatial planning strategies.

Marian Krzaklewski

Marian Krzaklewski has been a member of the European Economic and Social Committee since 2004. Mr Krzaklewski is member of the National Commission of NSZZ "Solidarność" Trade Union, where he coordinates the EU legal affairs and NSZZ "Solidarność" representatives in structural fund monitoring and steering committees. Furthermore, he is the Vice-chairman of the Council of European Professional and Managerial Staff.

Matthias Ruete

Matthias Ruete has been the Director General of the European Commission' Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) since 2010. Between 2006 and 2009 Mr Ruete was the Director General for Energy and Transport. Before that, he worked as a Member of Cabinet, afterwards Deputy Head of Cabinet of Edith Cresson, the Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Education (1995 to 1998).

Michael Cramer

After 15 years in the Berlin city-state parliament, Michael Cramer was elected member of the European Parliament for the Greens in 2004. In the European Parliament he is involved in the Committee of Transport and Tourism. Mr Cramer initiated the project "Iron Curtain Trail" that transferred the concept of experiencing history by bike from the "Berlin Wall Trail" to the EU level.

Sorin Ioniță

Sorin Ionita has been a Member of the European Economic and Social Committee since 2010. Mr Ionita is an expert in public administration reform, development and local affairs and was a consultant with the Council of Europe, the World Bank and UNDP. Moreover, he is an associate lecturer at the Maastricht School of Management (MSM).

Staffan Nilsson

Staffan Nilsson became president of the EESC in October 2010, launching his political message "Engaging people for a sustainable Europe". Mr Nilsson has been a member of the EESC since 1995 and has been president of Group III (Various Interests) for 6 years, and Vice president for another 6.

Stefan Back

Stefan Back has been a Member of the European Economic and Social Committee since 2010 and was a rapporteur on several EESC opinions, among which also the Opinion on the Transport White Paper: adhesion/engagement of civil society. Mr Back is the Director of Sustainable Logistics with TransportGruppen in Sweden.

Stephane Buffetaut

After having been a Member of the European Parliament, Mr Buffetaut became member of the EESC in 2002. He presided the Sustainable Development Observatory from 2008 to September 2010, when he was elected president of the Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and Information Society Section. He is First Vice President of the Centre National de Indépendants et Paysans and member of the Political board of the Parti Chrétien-Démocrate in France.