



SWOMM 2011 - Railways, Mountains and Environment

Tuesday 13th December 2011

Ministry for Infrastructures and Transport of Italy

The International Workshop on Transport and Sustainability in Mountain Areas

The seventh **Scientific Workshop on Mountain Mobility and Transport** (SWOMM) will take place on 13 December in Rome, at the Ministry for Infrastructures and Transport of Italy, EUR Headquarters (Viale dell'Arte N. 16). SWOMM 2011 is promoted by the Italian Ministries for the Environment and Transport and organized with the support of EURAC and of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat.

The event is organized within the framework of **Transalpine Transport Architects (TRANSITECTS)**, the project co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, through the "Alpine Space" Programme. With a partnership of sixteen public and private bodies from Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Slovenia, TRANSITECTS is aiming at favouring intermodal solutions for the passage of freight traffics from road to rail, by improving the accessibility, the logistics and the existing infrastructures within the alpine area.

Over the alpine arch, due to the presence of steep slopes and narrow road corridors, the polluting emissions produced by vehicles for **passenger and freight traffics** are considerable, particularly in the valleys, and they cause damages to the **vulnerable alpine ecosystems and the local population**. The issue of alpine traffic overcomes the national borders and the EU countries are oriented towards the transfer of transport, whenever possible, from road to rail.

Inspired by the themes of the TRANSITECTS project, the SWOMM 2011 is aiming at examining the topic of rail transport in mountain areas and in particular in the Alps, by making reference not only to freight but also to passenger movements. The speakers, including **managing directors of railway companies and experts coming from research centers as well as from administrations involved** in the management of traffic flows and railways infrastructures in mountain regions, will meet to discuss and share their knowledge and experiences on the theme.

The SWOMM represents since 2005 an international occasion of exchange on themes related to transport in mountain areas. As every year, the event is organized in December to mark the celebration of the International Mountain Day (11 December) designated by the United Nations General Assembly.

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9.00	<i>Registration</i>
09:30	Welcome: Fabio Croccolo, <i>General Director, Italian Rail Regulation Office - Ministry for Infrastructures and Transport of Italy</i>
09:40	Opening: Paolo Angelini, <i>Italian Focal Point for the Alpine Convention - Ministry for the Environment of Italy and TRANSITECTS Project Partner</i>
	Morning Railways transports across the Alps: state-of-the- art and perspectives Pres. Angelini, discussant Marco Ponti, Politecnico di Milano
	First session: Infrastructures
10:00	· New railways across the Alps <i>Stefano Vescovi, Swiss Embassy in Rome</i>
10:30	· More trains on old rails: technological improvements <i>Michele Mario Elia, Managing Director of Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (RFI)</i>
11:00	· Traffic predictions and environmental benefits <i>Harald Frey, Research Center of Transport Planning and Traffic Engineering - Institute of Transportation Vienna University of Technology</i>
11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	Second session: Transport services
12:00	· The development of transalpine freight transport <i>Giorgio Spadi, Managing Director of NordCargo</i>
12:30	· What is the potential for an improved medium/long distance passengers' transport <i>Sylvie Targa, Managing Director of Società Viaggiatori Italia S.R.L. (SNCF group -Société nationale des chemins de fer français)</i>
13.15	<i>Lunch</i>
	Afternoon The railway in service of Alps: opportunity for development Pres. Croccolo



14:30	Round Table Alpine trains for passengers: seasonal tourism and deseasonalization
	Themes:
	· Conferences and business events
	· Sky transport
	· Summer and hiking tourism
	· Summer and winter non hiking tourism
	· Historical trains
Panellist:	
· Retic Railway <i>Enrico Bernasconi, Italian Representative for Ferrovia Retica SA</i>	
· Vigezzina Railway <i>Daniele Corti, Direttore di Esercizio della Società Subalpina Imprese Ferroviarie - Ferrovia Vigezzina</i>	
· Trento-Malè Railway <i>Giancarlo Crepaldi, Direttore Generale Trentino Trasporti Esercizio</i>	
· Valmorea Railway <i>Marco Nimis, President of Club San Gottardo International Tourist Railway Mendrisio Valmorea Malnate Olona</i>	
	Third session: Freight deliver by trains
16:30	The alpine logistics by railways <i>Jeroen Le Jeune, Managing Director of Crossrail</i>
17:00	TRANSITECTS - Transalpine Transport Architects: intermodal Sustainable Solutions for the Alpine Rail Transport in a Changing Market <i>Guido Piccoli, Director of ALOT S.c.a r.l. – Agenzia della Lombardia Orientale per i Trasporti e la Logistica</i>
17:30	Conclusions <i>Marco Ponti, PoliMI</i>

The registration is compulsory for all attending participants.
Please fill in this [registration form](#) by 12 December at 12 a.m..
Furthermore, we kindly ask you to bring a valid identity document.

The MIT headquarters are close to the Metro Station EUR-Fermi ([map](#)).
To get there by metro from Termini Station please take the B line towards the direction Laurentina.