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Title:

Meeting with representatives of Hungarian road haulier sector on upcoming Mobility Package

Date of the meeting: 10th May 2017

Participants:

| Hungarian delegation | European Commission |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Ambassador Tibor Stelbaczky, HU DPR 2. Ferenc Lajkó CEO, Waberer's International 3. Dávid Bobál International Relations Manager, Waberer's International 4. Gábor Somogyi Secretary General, Hungarian Road Transport Association 5. Gábor Csányi EU Affairs Manager, Hungarian Road Transport Association 6. Andor Nándor Tóth CEO, Volán Egyesülés 7. Bálint Bassola legal adviser to Volán Egyesülés | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Matej Zakonjšek, Head of Cabinet 9. Jocelyn Fajardo, Deputy Head of Cabinet |

Main points of discussion:

EC side introduced main elements of upcoming mobility package, with the planned adoption date of 31st May. With Mobility package Commission plans to adopt a long-term strategy to deliver smart, socially fair and competitive mobility by 2025. The EU will drive this transition through targeted legislation and supporting measures, including infrastructure investment, research and innovation. This will ensure that the best clean, connected and automated mobility solutions, transport equipment and vehicles will be developed, offered and manufactured in Europe.

EC side explained first set of 8 legislative initiatives specifically targeting road transport. The proposals will improve the functioning of the road haulage market and help improve workers' social and employment conditions.

HU side was particularly interested in how the package would contribute to better enforcement, fighting illicit employment practices, cutting the administrative burden for companies and bringing more clarity to existing rules.

HU side outlined importance of Road Transport Sector for Hungarian economy and warned of adverse effects of disproportionate administrative burden in some member states where minimum wage for transport sector was introduced.

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Representatives of HU companies also stressed importance of well-functioning internal market which is possible only with healthy and dynamic road transport. They warned against any steps that would be restricting cross border nature of road haulage operations.

EU side focused their presentation particularly on the benefits that Mobility package will bring for the road haulage companies, specifically in ensuring level playing field, simplification of rules, lowering administrative burden with the use of electronic documents and possibility of saving money on fuel bills when purchasing more energy efficient lorries.

A representative of a HU company handed over note which explains position of HU haulier sector in more details. Overall, they particularly welcomed steps of upcoming package for lowering administrative burden for road haulage companies.

Meeting was positive and confirmed mutual interest of working together to improve road haulage market in the EU.

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