



Invitation to a debate organised jointly by CEBRE – Czech Business Representation to the EU and Czech Permanent Representation to the EU:

WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT OF CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY?

Wednesday 7th December 2011, 9h00 – 11h00

Czech Permanent Representation to the EU, 15 Rue Caroly, B-1050 Brussels

European Commission proposed a new infrastructure instrument “Connecting Europe Facility” (CEF) as well as a new proposal on TEN-T in October 2011. Its aim is to invest about 50 billion EUR into trans-European transport, energy and broadband networks. Majority of this allocation shall be used to co-finance modernisation of European transport infrastructure. Czech priority is to ensure the allocation for CEF will not endanger the overall budget of Cohesion Policy for 2014-2020 earmarked for new and less developed Member States. How will be the CEF budget redistributed? Is the European Commission attempting to gain more control at the account of Member States as regards infrastructure investments? Will CEF be the solution to ensuring connectivity of Europe for transport, energy and broadband?

The following distinguished guests will contribute with their interventions from institutional and business point of view:

- **Mr. Jean-Eric PAQUET**, Director, European Mobility Network, DG MOVE;
- **H.E. Jakub DÜRR**, Czech Deputy Permanent Representative;
- **Ms. Olga SEHNALOVÁ**, Member of the European Parliament’s Committee on Transport and Tourism, and **Mr. Oldřich VLASÁK**, Member of the European Parliament’s Committee on Transport and Tourism;
- **Ms. Lenka KRAUSOVÁ**, Project Manager, NET4GAS;
- **Ms. Anna CONSTABLE**, Adviser of Internal Market Department, BUSINESSEUROPE;
- **Mr. Michele BELLAVITE**, Telecom Italia and Chairman of Digital Society Working Group of ETNO (European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association).

Shall you be interested in taking part in the debate, please register at brussels@cebre.cz before 5th December 2011.

Yours faithfully,

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