HIGH-SPEED RAIL AND CITY-TO-CITY CONNECTIONS
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Moderator:
Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission

Welcome words
Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Executive Director, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

09:00 – 09:15 Opening session
António Costa, Prime-Minister of Portugal (tbc)
Adina Vălean, European Commissioner for Transport, European Commission

09:15 – 09:45 Setting the scene: High-Speed Network in the EU
Prof. Carlo Secchi, European Coordinator, Atlantic Core Network Corridor
Frederico Francisco, Coordinator of the National Railway Plan, Cabinet of the Minister for Infrastructure and Housing

09:45 – 10:45 Success Stories – Where High Speed Rail Changed Mobility
Jorge Ballesteros, Deputy Director for Rail Planning, MITMA
Hélène Valenzuela, General Director, OUIGO España (SNCF)
Federico Meda, Chief Industrial Development, Italo–Nuovo Trasporto Viaggiatori
Isabel Pardo de Vera, President of ADIF

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:10 Transition - Highlight: Lisbon-Porto-Vigo:
The Backbone Of Future Mobility in Portugal
Carlos Fernandes, Vice President Infraestruturas de Portugal

11:10 – 12:10 Discussion panel: How High Speed Rail Can Structure Future Mobility – The Importance of High-Quality Services
Claudia Gonçalves Pinto, former trainee of the Committee of the Regions
Cécile Delaporte-Lazard, Director Operational Performance and Innovation, SNCF Réseau
Matthias Ruete, European Coordinator for ERTMS
Jonas Deister, Managing Director, Sozialhelden
Champa Magesh, President, Trainline Partner Solutions
Angela di Febbraro, Project Coordinator, STAFFER project under the Blueprint for Skills

12:10 – 12:20 Closing remarks
Henrik Hololei, Director General, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission
Pedro Nuno Santos, Minister for Infrastructure and Housing

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