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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

**08:50 – 09:00 Welcome words**
Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Executive Director, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

**09:00 – 09:15 Opening session**
Pedro Nuno Santos, Minister for Infrastructure and Housing
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
Maria Luisa Domínguez, 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
Jorge Delgado, Secretary of State for Infrastructure

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