

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**EIM supports the “Ljubljana Declaration” with 45 Stakeholders members of the CEF Transport Campaign**

Today, at the last day of the TEN-T days in Ljubljana (SI), over 45 Transport associations, local authorities and industries, forming the CEF Transport Campaign, presented the Ljubljana Declaration to Mr Gunther Oettinger, European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources.

EIM – the Association representing rail infrastructure managers in Europe – is part of this Declaration and calls for a strong EU budget for transport. In view of the Multi Financial Framework (MFF) post-2020 proposal, the Transport sector asks the decision makers for a stronger Connecting Europe Facility to implement the completion of the Core Network. An increased CEF can guarantee the delivery of high EU added value in the transport sector.

Monika Heiming, EIM’s Executive Director, said: *“The Connecting Europe Facility is the financial backbone of the TEN-T. Through CEF, there is a concrete possibility to build a high-quality inland transport infrastructure with seamless border-crossing, well connected with ports and airports. Together, with the EU support, we can reach the objectives and complete the TEN-T Network that provides the best travelling experiences for the passengers and the best quality services for rail freight.”*

To access the Ljubljana Declaration, click [here](#)

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EIM, the association of European Rail Infrastructure Managers, was established in 2002 to promote the interests and views of the independent infrastructure managers in Europe, following the liberalisation of the EU railway market. It also provides technical expertise to the appropriate European bodies such as the European Union Agency for Railways. EIM’s primary goal is promoting growth of rail traffic and the development of an open sustainable, efficient, customer orientated rail network in Europe.