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## Transport MEPs visit Estonia and Lithuania next week

**A delegation of Transport and Tourism Committee MEPs will visit Tallinn, Estonia and Vilnius and Kaunas in Lithuania from 22 to 24 May 2017 to discuss the state of play with the Rail Baltica project, boosting multimodal transport links, EU funded projects and air connectivity with ministers, national authorities and sector representatives.**

The nine members participating in the mission are:

[Karima DELLI \(Greens/EFA, FR\)](#), Chair of the Transport and Tourism Committee and head of delegation

Wim van de CAMP (EPP, NL)

Salvatore POGLIESE (EPP, IT)

Henna VIRKKUNEN (EPP, FI)

Maria GRAPINI (S&D, RO)

Isabella DE MONTE (S&D, IT)

Roberts ZĪLE (ECR, LV)

Gesine MEISSNER (ALDE, DE)

Michael CRAMER (Greens/EFA, DE)

“I am delighted to lead the delegation of the EP Transport and Tourism Committee to the Baltic States. This will provide an opportunity to see in the field the current state of implementation of the Rail Baltica project: the key undertaking of the Trans-European Network (TEN-T) in this part of the EU,” said Karima Delli (Greens/EFA, FR), Chair of the Transport and Tourism Committee and head of the delegation.

“Rail Baltica will not only bring socio-economic benefits to the region, but also reduce travel times and the lower carbon footprint. Moreover, it will re-connect the Baltics with the rest of Europe by modern and fast rail connections. This re-establishes the links that existed prior to WWII, and as such also bears strong symbolic value. Those are some of the reasons why we

strongly encourage the full implementation of this project,” she added.

MEPs will meet with Ms. Kadri Simson, Minister for Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia and Mr. Rokas Masiulis, Minister for Transport and Communications of Lithuania, parliamentarians and representatives of transport and infrastructure ministries of Estonia, Finland, Lithuania and Poland to discuss progress with the “Rail Baltica” project, EU funding for the transport projects and upcoming EU legislation on road transport. They will also meet with port, airport and railway representatives and visit the e-Estonia showroom: a showcase of e-services in Estonia.

Press conferences are scheduled for Tuesday 23 May at 16.00, at the EP Information Office in Tallinn and Wednesday 24 May at 10.00 at the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Vilnius.

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