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Dear Mr. Picardi,

European Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc, in cooperation with the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, has the pleasure to announce the Digital Transport Days that will be held this year from 7 to 9 October in Helsinki. Significant progress has been made since the first Digital Transport Days we organised in 2017 and it is time to keep up to date with the latest developments in the field.

The conference is organised along two plenary sessions and 24 parallel sessions distributed in four rooms of the Finlandia Hall, a dynamic, multipurpose venue located in the centre of Helsinki. The attendance to side events is also possible, such as the MaaS Summit and a Shift2Rail workshop.

Within this context, we will be organizing a session on the morning of the 8th of October from 11:00-12:30 on the subject of “Automation: legislative implications for professional road transport”. It is expected that moving to a higher degree of automation of vehicles can produce significant safety, environmental and economic benefits. However, in order to reap these benefits and produce a positive business case for users, while preserving the objectives of a well-functioning internal market, social rights and road safety, modifications will most likely be necessary in the areas of social and market legislation, as well as in relation to current enforcement rules and practices and with respect to liabilities.

Your vision on driving licence training and certification of professional competence for professional drivers is particularly valuable and we would be honoured if you would accept our invitation to participate, together with five other panellists, to this session. We would be very grateful if you could confirm your acceptance by the 20th of July.

Please, see the website of the event (<https://www.digitaltransport.eu/2019>) for more detailed information on the Digital Transport Days and for registering your attendance. We also suggest that you book your flights and hotel as soon as possible.

For practical information: <https://www.digitaltransport.eu/2019/pages/practical-information>

Do not hesitate to contact the Policy Officer, Aurora García de Sandoval ([aurora.garcia-de-sandoval@ec.europa.eu](mailto:aurora.garcia-de-sandoval@ec.europa.eu)) should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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