

Top UK transport organisations gather in Brussels to prepare for Brexit

Forum will focus on 'Looking beyond Brexit: How to influence European transport legislation as a third country'

Brussels, 16 November 2018: UK Transport in Europe (<u>UKTiE</u>), the association of UK transport companies and organisations, is delighted to announce its 2018 Forum will take place on Tuesday 20 November in the European Parliament, hosted, as every year, by our patron MEP Jacqueline Foster.

The event comes just over 4 months before Brexit and wil focus on 'Looking beyond Brexit: How to influence European transport legislation as a third country'.

'This year's event will discuss Looking beyond Brexit: influencing EU transport legislation as a third country and will be the largest ever gathering of EU experts and leading UK transport companies and organisations.' said Mark Watts, UKTiE coordinator

'Whatever the outcome of the Brexit negotations, and even if we secure a transition arrangement, the UK will be a third-country after 29 March, yet the transport rule book for the UK will still largely be made in Brussels. This will have profound consequences for the UK transport sector, and this year's Forum is a major opportunity to make sure everyone is ready for Brexit.' Watts added

The UKTiE Forum is a unique platform facilitating dialogue between UK transport organisations and EU officials, politicians and stakeholders. This year is the eighth edition of the Forum, which we are committed to making the best one yet, looking at UK's role as a future third country to the EU together with high level speakers from the Permanent Representation of the UK to the EU, the Mission of Switzerland to the EU, the UK Department for Exiting the EU, the European Free Trade Association, the Japanese Business Council in Europe, MEPs and UKTiE members. With only months until the Article 50 process deadline, the three sessions of the event will discuss and learn from other third country models and debate how leading UK transport businesses and organisations can work together to ensure the UK's transport interests continue to be protected and promoted in EU legislation.

UKTiE is a member-driven association that makes the most of its members' expertise focusing on common interests and priorities, representing companies from across all the transport modes and different areas of expertise, striving to build an effective and sustainable transport network.

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