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	Work programme of the incoming Presidency
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The Luxembourg Presidency intends to give firm impetus to European transport policy. With that in mind, specific emphasis will be put on the quality of regulation, with a particular focus on the social dimension of transport and a clear objective of promoting sustainable mobility.

Legislative Work

Following an agreement with the European Parliament of the technical pillar under the Latvian Presidency, the Luxembourg Presidency will work on reaching an agreement, if possible, in the October Council on the market pillar of the 4th railway package. The Luxembourg Presidency will also pursue the inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament.

The Luxembourg Presidency will also take over discussions on the revised proposal laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, start and finalise the inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament. Once the European Parliament adopts its first reading position on the ports regulation, the Luxembourg Presidency will assess how to proceed with this file.

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Non-legislative Work

The Luxembourg Presidency wishes to promote cycling as a sustainable mode of transport and regards its optimal integration into the transport chain as an essential step towards efficient and sustainable mobility in Europe. The Luxembourg Presidency therefore will host the first ever Informal Ministerial Meeting on Cycling in October.

The Commission White Paper on Transport of 2011 will undergo a mid-term review in 2016. Ahead of this review, Member States will be invited to share their views on the evolution of EU transport policy and to offer their input to the review process. To this end the Luxembourg Presidency intends to hold a policy debate in the October Council.

Finally the Luxembourg Presidency will put the social aspects of transport on the Council's agenda. A policy debate on social questions relating to road transport will be held during the December Council.

Meetings at ministerial level

Meetings under the Luxembourg Presidency at ministerial level will be held in Luxembourg on 7 and 8 October 2015 (Informal Ministerial Meeting, followed by the first TTE Transport Council) and in Brussels on 10 December 2015 (second TTE Transport Council).

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