



INVITATION  
TO THE

# CODE24 CONFERENCE

BRUSSELS, WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2012

One Corridor – One Strategy:

A TRANSNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE  
FOR THE CORRIDOR ROTTERDAM-GENOA



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WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2012, 1:30 PM UNTIL 5 PM

Welcome Address	Peter Friedrich, <i>Minister for the Bundesrat, Europe and International Affairs of Baden-Württemberg</i>
Introduction to Project CODE24 INTERREG IVB NWE, Investing in Opportunities!	Ralph Schlusche, <i>Director Verband Region Rhein-Neckar, Lead Partner</i> Ruut Louwers, <i>Programme Director INTERREG IVB North West Europe</i>
First Results Towards a Common Strategy for the Corridor	Prof. Dr. Bernd Scholl, <i>ETH Zürich</i>
The Future of European Corridor Policy	Herald Ruijters, <i>Head of Unit, Coordination of TEN-T Priority Projects, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission</i>
Discussion / Questions	
Coffee break	
Panel Discussion: Transport Growth and Quality of Life – Setting Priorities in Multilevel Governance	<b>Moderation</b> Paul Bevan, <i>Secretary General EUROCITIES</i> <b>Panel Members</b> Paolo Odone, <i>President of Chamber of Commerce of Genoa</i> Dr. Hans-Peter Wessels, <i>President Gotthard-Committee</i> Brigit Gijsberts, <i>Head of the Rail Transport Department, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, the Netherlands</i> Hans van der Werf, <i>Secretary General Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine</i> Ruut Louwers, <i>Programme Director INTERREG IVB NWE</i>
Perspectives for Future Cooperation on the Corridor	Dr. Peter Kurz, <i>Mayor City of Mannheim</i>
Reception	

Linking the North Sea port of Rotterdam and the Mediterranean port of Genoa, the North-South Transversal from Rotterdam to Genoa is the most important north-south link in Europe. In order to accelerate the development of this transport corridor, a transnational consortium of 17 partners from the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy has joined forces in the INTERREG supported project CODE24 (Corridor Development 24). It is the aim of the project to formulate and implement a transnational strategy to strengthen and develop the corridor 24.

Intending to promote the importance of this transport corridor on the European scale and to discuss the future development of the European transport policy, we are pleased to invite you to the CODE24 conference.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Kurz". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a distinct loop for the 'P' and a sharp, upward-pointing stroke for the 'K'.

Dr. Peter Kurz

Mayor

City of Mannheim

