

## High-Level Seminar on

### **“Railways, towns and country planning: The experience of France and Sweden”**

**A gathering of policy-makers and business representatives, November 27, 2012, Stockholm**

**Organized by the French Embassy and KTH-Royal Institute of Technology**

**Concept:** The objective of the seminar is to share the experience of France and Sweden on the different aspects of railways, and its role as a tool for towns and country planning. The seminar will take place on November 27, 2012, in Stockholm. Building on this public event, the business community attending the seminar will be given the opportunity to hold B-to-B discussions in a separate room, as needed.

During the day, the seminar will cover the different aspects of railways, including intercity connections (both in terms of increasing existing network capacities and developing high-speed rail), commuter rail, and intra-urban transport (subways, tramways...).

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The seminar will be organized as follow:

**08:30-08:45: Registration and welcome coffee**

**08:45-09:00: Opening remarks by Jean-Pierre Lacroix, French Ambassador in Sweden, and Peter Gudmundson, President of KTH-Royal Institute of Technology**

**09:00-10:30: Session 1: “Increasing network capacities: Perspectives and obstacles”**

Moderator: **Martin Ådahl**, Managing director of the think tank FORES (confirmed)

Panelists:

- Ms **Catharina Elmsäter-Svärd**, Swedish minister for Infrastructure (confirmed)
- Mr **Frédéric Cuvillier**, French minister for Transports (to be confirmed)
- Mr **Jan Sundling**, Chairman of SJ (confirmed)
- Mr **Patrick Jeantet** – DG France of Kéolis (confirmed)
- Mr **Louis Nègre**, French MP and Mayor of Cagnes-sur-Mer, Vice-President of “GART” (confirmed)

**10:30-11:00: Coffee break**

**11:00-12:30: Session 2: “Outlook for, and challenges of, high-speed railways”**

Moderator: **Jonas Eliasson**, Professor, KTH (confirmed)

Panelists:

- Mr **Matthieu Chabanel**, Deputy managing director of Réseau Ferré de France (confirmed)
- Mr **Christer Löfving**, Strategist standardization, ERTMS and High Speed (confirmed)
- Mr **Pierre Mathieu**, Vice-President of “Région Champagne-Ardenne” in charge of transports and infrastructure, Vice-President of the “GART” (confirmation pending)
- Mr **Tom Stillesby**, Author of the Norwegian report on high-speed trains (confirmed)
- M. **Bo-Lennart Nelldal**, Professor, KTH (confirmed)

**12:30-13:30: Lunch – Key note speech by the Head of the EC Transport Directorate-General**  
(confirmation pending)

**13:30-15:00: Session 3: Rethinking railways network in large urban areas: the example of the “Grand Paris project”**

Moderator: **Stéphane Bergounioux**, journalist (confirmed)

Panelists:

- Mr **Etienne Guyot**, Chairman of the “Société du Grand Paris” (confirmed)
- Ms **Ulla Hamilton**, Vice-Mayor of Stockholm (confirmed)
- Mr **Pierre Serne**, Vice-President of “Région Ile-de-France” (Paris area) and Vice-President of “STIF” (confirmed)
- Mr **Sebastian Meijer**, Associate Professor, KTH (confirmed)

**15:00-15:30: Coffee break**

**15:30-17:00: Session 4: “Subways and tramways: French and Swedish experience”**

Moderator: **M. Patrick Laval**, journaliste Ville, Rail & Transports (confirmed)

Panelists:

- Mr **Anders Lindström**, Managing director of SL (Swedish counterpart of RFF) (confirmed)
- Mr **Joël Lebreton**, Managing director of SNCF Proximités (confirmed)
- Mr **Roland Ries**, French MP and Mayor of Strasbourg, President of “GART” (confirmed)
- Mr **Mats Helmfrid**, President of Lund Municipality Executive Committee (confirmed)

**17:00: Closing of the seminar by Jean-Pierre Lacroix and Peter Gudmundson**

Each of the four sessions will gather 4 speakers and a moderator. Each panelist will have about 15 minutes to present her/his topic, with the remaining 20-30 minutes devoted to an open discussion with the floor.

Panelists will be a mix of high-level policy-makers, business representatives, academics and experts, from France and Sweden. The participation of the EU Commission will be sought as it would add an important dimension, and could possibly be organized through a key note speech on Trans-European Networks during the lunch.

The seminar will be open to the public and possibly to the press.