

ASECAP WEBINAR ON C-ITS MANIFESTO
SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

LIST OF SPEAKERS

Massmimo Schintu -ASECAP President

Istvan Ujhelyi – Vice-Chair on the Committee on Transport and Tourism S&D,
Member of the European Parliament

Barbara Thaler – Member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, TRAN
Vice-coordinator of EPP, Member of the European Parliament

Malika Seddi – ASECAP Secretary-General – CEO

Kristian Hedberg – Head of Sustainable and Intelligent Transport Unit, DG
MOVE, European Commission

Peter Stuckmann – Head of Future Connectivity Systems Unit, DG CONNECT,
European Commission

Emanuela Stocchi – ASECAP Chair of Permanent Committee II on Road
Safety&Environment Committee

Jacqueline Erhart – ASECAP Chair of Permanent Committee III on ITS and
Automated Driving

Martin Bohm – General Secretary of C-Roads

Joost Vantomme – Smart Mobility Director, European Automobile
Manufacturers' Association, ACEA

Bill Halkias – President of International Road Federation, IRF

Massimo SCHINTU



Massimo SCHINTU is the Executive Director of AISCAT, the Italian Association of Toll Highways Concessionaires and member of the Board of Directors of ASECAP, the European Association of Toll Highways Concessionaires. He is a Transportation Engineer with a deep knowledge and expertise in highway planning, management and operation acquired during more than 20 years activity in AISCAT. Massimo Schintu is well acquainted with highways' concessions issues (technical, operational, economic and financial, administrative and legal aspects), quality and safety standards, tariff analyses and studies, tolling systems, preparation of business plans, as well as to other road transportation items. He is also the representative – both for AISCAT and for some Italian Institutions – for planning of the European transportation system and he collaborated to studies and researches in the transportation sector at European Community level. He is the Italian Member of the International Executive Committee of PIARC, Member of the Editorial Committee of the Italian transport infrastructure magazine “leStrade”.

He was elected President ASECAP (European Association of Operators of Toll Road Infrastructures) for 2020-2021 and he is member of the European Commission member of Expert Group on Road Infrastructure Safety (EGRIS).

Istvan UJHELYI



Istvan Ujhelyi graduated from the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the [University of Szeged](#) in 2002. He joined the Hungarian Socialist Party (MSZP) in 1993 where he has served in many leading positions. He was State-Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (2006-2009) and State-Secretary in Prime Minister's Office (2009-2010) and in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development. Elected MP in the Hungarian National Assembly from 2002 and Deputy Speaker between 2010-2014. Chair of the National Tourism Committee (2006-2010). After the EP elections in 2014 he became Chair of Tourism Task Force in the TRAN Committee where he served as Vice-Chair. He was responsible for several legal dossiers in the European Parliament in 2018 he was rapporteur of CITS. In 2019 he is re-elected as MEP, and Vice-Chair of the TRAN Committee. During the past years he has initiated tourism related programmes, as EU-China Tourism Year 2018, and European Capital of Tourism project, aka “European Capital of Smart Tourism”. Ujhelyi is Founder and President of Europe-China OBOR Culture & Tourism Development Committee, 2016 and Political Mentor of the FreeInterRail-programme (DiscoverEU). In 2018 he was appointed as special ambassador of the UN World Tourism Organisation. He is founder and president of the Confucius Institute in Szeged (Hungary) established by the University of Szeged and Shanghai International Studies University. He is Member of the Governor body of the Mediterranean Tourism Board in Malta. Dad of four daughters and two sons.

Barbara THALER



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Malika SEDDI



Malika SEDDI is Secretary General and CEO of ASECAP, European Association of Toll motorway Operators. She maintains contacts and relations with the European Institutions and international organizations. Over a toll industry career that has spanned more than 30 years, Malika SEDDI has been working in ASFA (Association of French toll motorway companies), she has been active in IBTTA (International organization representing the toll operators) where she serves as International Vice-President, ASECAP (the Association for Toll Operators in Europe), serving as chair of ASECAP's road safety and sustainable development committee, ERTICO-ITS Europe, member of program committee, and PIARC, a member of PIARC's road safety committee, communication team leader for Arc Atlantique, a seven-nation project to deploy harmonized ITS services in the European Union. She was also active MedTis project, ITS deployment on the Mediterranean corridor and EU EIP Platform (coordination of ITS Corridors), projects co-funded by the European Commission.

Kristian HEDBERG



Head of Unit, Sustainable & Intelligent Transport
DG MOVE, European Commission

A Finnish national, Mr Hedberg holds an MBA/Economics degree from the Turku School of Economics in Turku, Finland and a post-graduate diploma from the School of International Relations of the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. He joined the European Commission as a desk officer in DG Competition in 1996 and later worked in DG Enlargement.

Mr Hedberg pursued his career as a Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Liikanen (Enterprise policy and Information society) and thereafter of the Cabinet of Commissioner Rehn (Enlargement policy). In 2007, he became the Deputy Head of the Cabinet of Commissioner Kuneva (Consumer policy).

In 2009, he joined DG Enlargement as the Head of Unit responsible for relations with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In 2012, he took up the post of Head of Unit dealing with Land Transport Policy in the Commission's Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE). From 2014 to 2019 he was the Deputy Head of Commissioner Bieńkowska's Cabinet (Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs). In 2019, he returned to DG MOVE as the Head of Unit responsible Policy co-ordination and Inter-institutional Relations. In 2021, he was appointed Head of Unit for Sustainable & Intelligent Transport.

Peter STUCKMANN



Peter Stuckmann, Head of Unit – Future Connectivity Systems DG CONNECT, European Commission Peter is currently managing the Commission's policy on 5G communication systems and the related research and innovation programme. In 2021 he has been designated Deputy Director for Future Networks, a portfolio that includes future connectivity, cloud and software, Internet policy and governance as well as the Internet of Things. Before his appointment as Head of Unit in 2017 he was managing the office of DG CONNECT, coordinating the Commission's digital policy initiatives. The portfolio included Digital Single Market, Broadband Policy, Telecoms, Media and Online Policy, the Copyright Reform as well as the EU ICT Research and Innovation Programme. Between 2010 and 2014 he was Head of Sector "Spectrum Policy", was penholder of main elements of the Commission proposal on the Telecom Single Market and the Roaming regulation, and was responsible for the implementation of the EU telecom rules in Germany and Austria. Between 2005 and 2010 he coordinated the EU R&D programme leading to the 4G mobile communications standards. Before joining the European Commission in 2004 he has occupied several engineering and management positions in industry, academia and start-ups. He holds engineering and doctoral degrees from RWTH Aachen University, Germany.

Emanuela STOCCHI



Emanuela Stocchi is an expert in EU legislation and policies and she is the Director of International Affairs for AISCAT (*Associazione Italiana Società Concessionarie Autostrade e Trafori*), the Italian Association of Toll Highways Concessionaires Companies. In this role she ensures the Association's contacts with the EU Institutions and other European and International organizations active in the transportation field. She fluently speaks Italian, French, English and Spanish. Emanuela has an outstanding International background: she holds a degree in Political Science with a specialization in EU law and policies and she has worked in Brussels for eight years with ASECAP, the European Association of Toll Highways Concessionaires Companies, gaining a solid and comprehensive knowledge of all the EU Institutional and public affairs and expanding at the same time her EU and International network in the transportation area. Emanuela is still very active within ASECAP, being Deputy Member of the ASECAP Executive Committee and Chair of the ASECAP Permanent Committee of Road Safety, Environment and Sustainability; she has also been Chair of the PIARC (*World Road Association*) Task Force on Innovative Financing and she is currently serving as French-speaking Secretary of the PIARC Terminology committee. Emanuela served as well IBTTA (*International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association* - the worldwide alliance of toll operators and of the businesses that serve tolling) and its members through work on several committees before being appointed to the Board of Directors in 2011. Emanuela served a two-year term as International Vice President, before a three-year term as Second and then First Vice President followed President in 2017 and finally, Immediate Past President in 2018. She is currently serving in the Advisory Council of the IBTTA Past Presidents.

Jacqueline ERHART



Jacqueline Erhart is team leader for Cooperative, Connected and Automated Driving and Digital Infrastructure at ASFINAG Maut Service GmbH. She studied engineering physics at the Vienna University of Technology. She started her career in the automotive industry at Robert Bosch and today works for the road operator ASFINAG and as Chair of the working group for ITS and Automated Driving for the European Toll Operators Association (ASECAP). She is active in the field of physical and digital infrastructure, cooperative traffic systems and mixed traffic control for Automated Driving.

Martin BÖHM



Martin Böhm is Secretary General of the European C-Roads Platform where he focuses on the deployment of interoperable C-ITS services across Europe. Furthermore he is Technical Director at AustriaTech and has been with the company since 2006. For 25 years, he has been involved in the digitalisation of the mobility system from both a public and industrial perspective. His focus is on the areas of connected intelligent mobility systems, travel information systems and mobility as a service with a clear focus on the potential of digitalisation to make the mobility system more sustainable.

Joost VANTOMME



Joost Vantomme is the Smart Mobility Director of the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA), which represents the 15 major Europe-based car, van, truck and bus manufacturers. Joost is Chair of the Strategy Committee of ERTICO-ITS Europe as well as member of its Supervisory Board. He serves also as member of the Board of the European Mobility as a Service Alliance (MaaS). Furthermore, Joost was selected as member of various Commission Expert Groups, among which the Expert Group on B2G data sharing.

Joost has 30 years' experience in legal, regulatory and public affairs. He served as legal and regulatory affairs director in the telecommunications, postal, logistics and automotive sector. He had leading policy making roles in European associations such as PostEurop and FEDMA, as well as at the UN level (UPU). Joost has also been a member of the Cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Economy and director at Hill+Knowlton Strategies, an EU consultancy firm.

As a frequent speaker at conferences and author of papers, he engages with stakeholders on European and international policy issues in a digital agenda context. Joost holds a Master Degree in Economic Business Law, a Master Degree in Law and a Diploma in Teaching Law (Universities of Leuven, Poitiers and Louvain). He is fluent in Dutch, French, English and German.



Bill HALKIAS

Bill M. Halkias, PE, F. ASCE, F.ITE is the President of the International Road Federation ("IRF") based in Geneva, Switzerland and the Managing Director and CEO of the Attiki Odos (Attica Tollway) Operation and Maintenance Company in Athens, Greece and among others he has served as President of "ASECAP" (2018-2019).