



European freight transport: Unlimited growth or an environmentally sound and people-friendly policy?

13th international ITE conference, Strasbourg 15th–17th June 2006

Thursday, 15th June 2006: Discussion at the European Parliament

Friday, 16th June 2006: NGO day

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Introduction

Does unlimited traffic growth make economic sense? Is it socially and environmentally sound or does it only benefit a few, at the expense of many others?

This topic is of relevance to the present situation: Despite the urging title "Time to Act!" in the EU Commission's Transport White Paper five years ago, no real change has been felt and road transport in Europe is still growing, while the economy is stagnating. Instead of pushing ahead the concept of decoupling transport and economic growth and modal shift, there is the tendency to renounce to these concepts, and to concentrate on often doubtful infrastructure building plans as the main instruments.

Meanwhile the quality of life of millions of citizens who live along Europe's main roads is eroding and is often plainly unbearable. Environmental resources such as available land and pure air are limited. And so is the capacity of the EU citizens' to support the adverse effects of traffic.

Citizens from various regions will hold a discussion with Members of the European Parliament about today's situation and the economy of their region, and the political instruments that could be applied to make EU-transport more efficient, fairer (both for the population and for transport workers), more respectful to the environment, as well as achieving a better balance between economic development and the growth of the transport sector.

Thursday 15th June 2006 - Discussion at the European Parliament

Organised by	The Greens/European Free Alliance www.greens-efa.org ITE Initiative Transport Europe www.ite-euro.com
Place	Room «Alexander Langer», European Parliament, Strasbourg, Building Louise Weiss (LOW S 2.2)
How to get there	From the railway station: Tram A or D (A: direction 'Ilkirch'; D: dir. 'Etoile Polygone') to station 'Homme de Fer', change to Tram B, dir. 'Hoenheim Gare', go out at 'Wacken'. Then go right: 'Rue Wacken' / 'Rue du Printemps' (7 minutes walk)
Meeting point	In the inner courtyard of the EP (Building Louise Weiss) next to the visitors' entrance. To access the EP you need a passport
Meeting time	A) 10.30: For those who want a guided visit of the parliament and to attend plenary in the late morning. Lunch in the EP self service restaurant (to be paid for by participants) B) 14.15: For those arriving only for the Discussion starting at 15.00 C) Missed the meeting time? There is still a possibility.... Telephone number will be given with confirmation of your registration.
Interpretation	English, French, German, Italian, Spanish

10.30 or 14.15	<i>Meeting time (see above)</i>
15.00	<i>Welcome and Introduction by chairman Sepp Kusstascher, MEP, Greens/EFA, South-Tyrol, Italy</i>
15.15	<i>Inputs statement from other MEPs (tbc), Alsace Nature and ITE</i>
15.40 -18.00	<i>Discussion</i>

Friday 16th June 2006 - NGO-networking day

Organised by	Alsace nature (FNE) & ITE
Place	Maison des associations de Strasbourg 1A, Place Des Orphelins, F- 67000 Strasbourg Salle Louise Weiss (2 ^{ème} étage)
How to get there	Tramway A or D – Stop 'Porte de l'Hopital', then 5 minutes walk
Language	German, French, Italian, (English) (Informal whispering/consecutive interpreting)

9.00	<i>Follow-up of Thursday's discussion in the EP</i>
10.00	<i>Building of working groups – Networking day (one group will be on infrastructure, other proposals are welcome)</i>
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch break (details see registration, individual payment)</i>
14.00-18.00	<i>Discussions</i>

Saturday 17th June 2006 - ITE Annual General Meeting

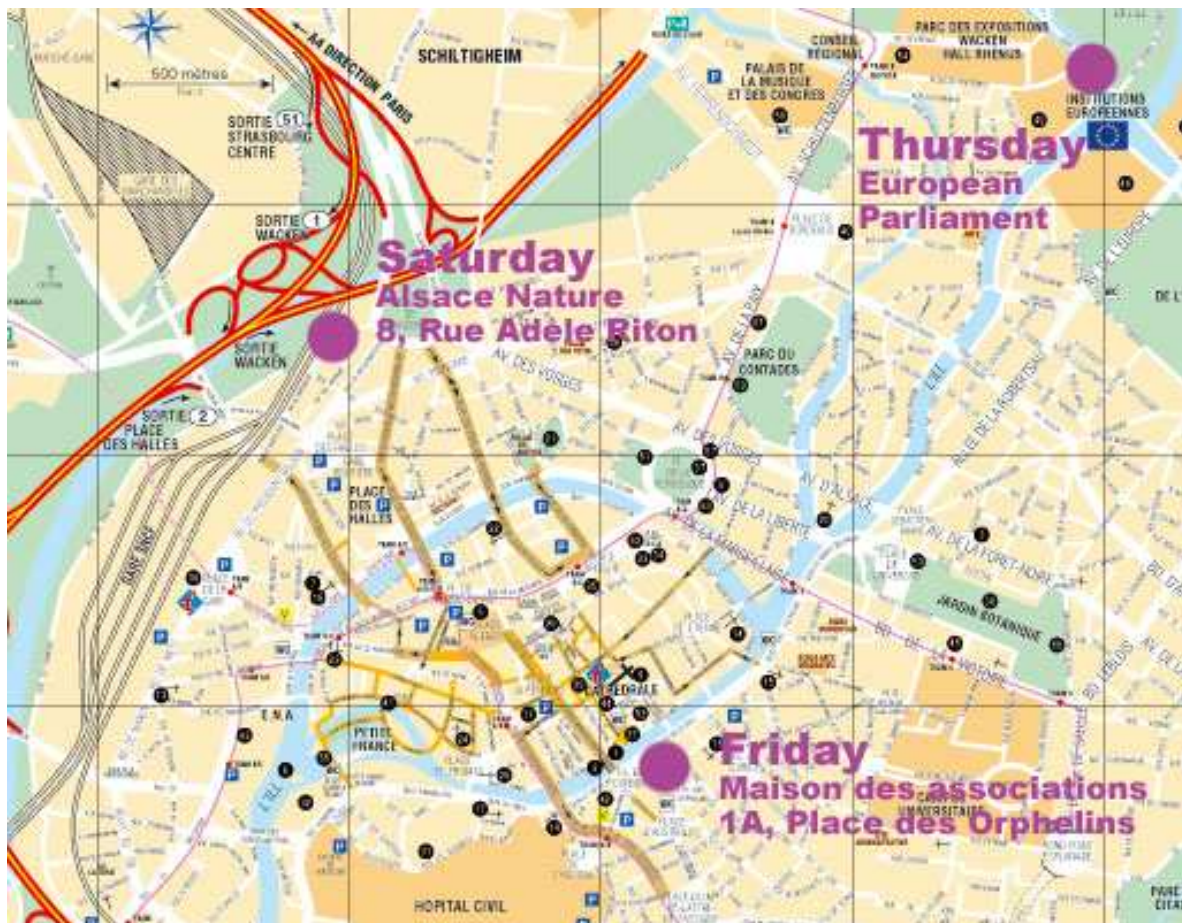
Organised by	Alsace nature (FNE) & ITE
Place	Siège Alsace Nature 8, Rue Adèle Riton, F-67000 Strasbourg
How to get there?	1) Tram A ou D – Stop "Ancienne Synagogue – Les Halles", then 10 minutes walk 2) Stop "Gare Centrale", then 15 minutes walk
Language	German, French, Italian, (English) (Informal whispering/consecutive interpreting)

9.00-17.00 AGM ITE

Agenda only in french and german

Lunchbreak around 12.30 (no registration needed, Individual Payment)

- 1) Procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale d'ITE du 8 avril 2005
- 2) Rapport des activités de l'année 2005
- 3) Comptes et rapport des vérificateurs/vérificatrices de compte 2005
- 4) Admission de nouveaux membres
- 5) Budget 2006
- 6) Élection du comité et des vérificateurs/vérificatrices de compte
- 7) Élection du secrétariat ITE pour l'année 2006 et débat autour du futur du secrétariat
- 8) Discussion sur l'avenir d'ITE
- 9) Date, organisation et thème du congrès 2007, date de la prochaine assemblée générale
- 10) Journée d'action 2006: date et thème (proposition de faire la journée fin octobre au lieu de début octobre)



See also: <http://www.plan-strasbourg.com/planville.html> ; www.mappy.com

Practical information

Accommodation & Restaurants

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('Prepare your stay' – 'where to stay')

Hotels in the center:

- * Hôtel Patricia, rue du Puits (~43 euros), (+33) 3 88 32 14 60

- * Hôtel Michelet, rue du Vieux marché aux poissons (~44 euros), (+33) 3 88 32 47 38

- ** Hôtel Kléber, place Kléber (~40 - 75 euros), (+33) 3 88 32 09 53

- ** Ibis, différentes adresses (à partir de 49 euros) (+33) 3 90 22 48 50

Hotels near the Main Station:

- **Hôtel du Rhin (~36-68 euros) (+33) 3 88 32 35 00

- ** Ibis Centre Gare (~62-74 euros) (+33) 3 88 75 10 10

Restaurants - Some recommendations:

- Winstub Pfifferbrieder, 6 place du marché aux cochons de lait

- Zuern Sternstebele, 17 rue des tonneliers

- La Tête de Lard, 3 rue Hannong

- Le Tire-Bouchon, 5 rue des tailleurs de pierre

- Au Pont du Corbeau (non fumeur), 21 quai St Nicolas

- La patrie (cuisine portugaise), 1 rue de balayeurs

- Poêle de carottes (cuisine végétarienne), 2 place des meuniers

Transport

There are good train connections to Strasbourg: www.sncf.fr / www.sbb.ch / www.bahn.de

Local Transport: www.cts-strasbourg.fr

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----- REGISTRATION -----

Please send your registration until **June 1st 2006** to ITE (address above)

Name *

Surname *

Organization

Street, Town, Postal Code *

E-mail

Date of birth *

* information needed to enter the EP

- Thursday 15th June 2006: I will attend the Discussion in the European Parliament**
Open to NGOs and other interested people working on sustainable transport
Please indicate when you want to enter the European Parliament (security procedure: you need a passport or official photo ID) at 10.30 at 14.15
I need interpretation into English French German Italian Spanish
- Friday 16th June 2006: I will attend the NGO day**
Open to NGOs and other interested people working on sustainable transport
 Lunch with typical Alsatian food – Restaurant Strissel. Please indicate if vegetarian.
16,60 € (entrée + plat + dessert), drinks not included. Individual Payment.
- Saturday 17th June 2006: I will attend the ITE AGM**
Only ITE members can vote, but open to other NGOs and other interested people