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Subject: ICT and digital solutions for transport and logistics

Dear Commissioner,

As you know, the implementation of digital technologies and ICT tools will make transport in all modes and across borders more interoperable, smarter, more predictable and will increase efficiency and reduce costs.

Ahead of the *Digital Transport Days* in Tallinn that DG MOVE is organising together with the Estonian EU Presidency on 8, 9 and 10 November, I wish to share with you BusinessEurope's views for the future of transport in Europe in the context of the digitalisation of transport modes and logistics. This contribution also aims to feed into the conclusions of the Commission's Digital Transport and Logistics Forum (DTLF) at the end of 2017.

In the position paper, which you will find at annex, we underline the great potential for making transport and mobility more efficient and smart through digital solutions. At the same time, we point to the remaining barriers to the further digital transformation of Europe's transport networks and its modes, such as such as the lack of interoperability of national systems, a lack of investment, the lack of critical mass to support big transformations and the underuse of data.

These remaining obstacles need to be addressed decisively at European and national level and in close cooperation with relevant stakeholders to unleash the potential that digital offers for mobility in Europe.

We look forward to discussing these important issues further with you and your team.

Yours sincerely,

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