

**THE ŁAŃCUT DECLARATION**  
**OF THE MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT**  
**OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA, THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND,**  
**THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY**

**ON EXTENSION OF THE TRANS-EUROPEAN TRANSPORT NETWORK BY CREATION OF THE  
SHORTEST ROAD ROUTE ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH AXIS CONNECTING  
LITHUANIA, POLAND, SLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY.**

Ministers of Transport of the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Hungary

PURSUING the necessity to ensure fluent and seamless transport among regions,

BEARING IN MIND the need to ensure interoperability of national transport networks and access to all regions of the European Union, particularly to remote and peripheral ones,

BEARING IN MIND creation of the shortest road route in the North-South axis allowing for seamless transit of passengers and goods between Northern and Southern Europe,

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION that the development of transport infrastructure is one of the most significant condition of sustainable development,

DESIRING to utilise the potential and accelerate the economic growth of the least developed regions of the European Union,


BEARING IN MIND the need to optimise the shape of the Trans-European Transport Network and elimination of missing links and bottlenecks in the current network, taking into account all the economic, social and environmental factors,

BEARING IN MIND the planned revision of the Community Guidelines for the development of the Trans-European Transport Network in 2010,


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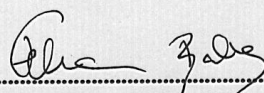
- **to take up** all possible activities in order to create the road route Kaunas – Białystok – Lublin – Rzeszów – Prešov – Košice – Miskolc – Debrecen,
- **to take into account** the above mentioned road route as one of the priorities of national transport policies,
- **to take up** all possible activities in order to include the above mentioned road route in its whole length in the Transeuropean Transport Network in the framework of the revision of the Community Guidelines planned in 2010,
- **to intensively co-operate** in order to eliminate existing obstacles to seamless international transport on this route,
- **to endeavour** to create such conditions for transport that transit operations of goods and passengers along the route are efficient and economically viable,
- in order to analyse all aspects of creation of this road route in detail, a task force under Polish chairmanship on the level of experts will be arranged.

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