

Dear Secretary General, dear colleagues,

I'd start with expressing my gratitude for the perfect organization of the event and I'm sure things will get even better for the remaining part.

The endeavors of the Ministry of Transport and Road Infrastructure are based on three cornerstones:

Association with European Union, update and transposition of all transport legal framework, it's over 150 EU acts to be transposed and implemented in the next four years. It will ensure a level playing field for transport operators, correct relations between transport and infrastructure operators and same rules for business in EU and Republic of Moldova. It also means strengthening the capacities of the supervisory agencies in transport, consequently improving safety and security. In this regard we are improving the abilities of the Civil Aviation Authority and are working on establishing a Maritime Administration and a Railway Agency.

Integration of the country in the international transport corridors. It includes rehabilitation of the roads and railways, with the support of international financial institutions. We hope to achieve a good understanding with our Ukrainian colleagues on improving the connectivity with the TRACECA corridors, on road and on rail.

Liberalization. We crave for the removal of all barriers for connectivity. Open sky with EU, open sky with several other countries, adoption of EU railway liberalization packages, removing road transport authorizations between countries – these are the projects we've completed or we are working on.

In the modern fast developing world, the main driver of any transport is freedom. Therefore, we have no other choice than love freedom, dream freedom, make freedom!

Thank you!