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Ambitious Danish Presidency programme for transport presented at the European Parliament

Minister for Transport, Mr. Henrik Dam Kristensen, presented the Danish Presidency programme for transport on 24 January 2012 to the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism.

The Danish Presidency will put special focus on four items. These are the recast of the Single European Railway Area, the revision of the TEN-T guidelines, the Airports package and the proposal for a regulation on the implementation and exploitation of the European satellite navigation systems, Galileo and Egnos. More information on the Presidency and the issues is available at www.eu-2012.dk

The Danish Minister for Transport, Mr. Henrik Dam Kristensen says:

- I am grateful for the very fruitful discussion I had today with the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism. I emphasised to the Committee that we are very aware of the challenges facing Europe, and that we will be very ambitious and serious in our role as chairman of the Council.

- In general, the Danish Presidency will focus on green growth as Europe's way out of the economic crisis. Infrastructure and an efficient transport sector are important drivers for growth in the EU.

- The issues we give priority during the presidency have the potential to enhance the development of European infrastructure to the benefit of the different transport sectors. This supports our ambition to help develop a modern and efficient transport sector in the EU.

- I look forward to working with the European Parliament. As a former member of the European Parliament, I know that it is important for a presidency to have a close cooperation between the institutions. This is crucial in order to achieve our shared goals and ambitions of bringing Europe forward.