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– Information from the Luxembourg delegation

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Delegations will find attached an information note prepared by the Luxembourg delegation on the above-mentioned subject for consideration under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 8 June 2017.

**AOB on EU Cycling strategy**  
**Presentation by the Luxembourg delegation**

On 7 October 2015, the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union hosted the first informal meeting of Ministers for Transport dedicated exclusively to cycling as a transport mode.

The Ministers adopted a "Declaration on cycling as a climate friendly transport mode" in which they called for a EU cycling strategy to be developed. According to the declaration such a strategic paper should - list all the goals within EU competence that would benefit from an increase in cycling's mode share, - identify EU policy and funding instruments that are already mobilized or that should be mobilized to increase cycling's mode share and to foster cycling related employment in the EU, - and include cycling in the above EU policies and funding instruments.

The European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) has led and coordinated the expert work on the drafting of a blue print for such an EU Cycling Strategy. The blue print will be finalized in time to be handed over officially to Commissioner Violeta Bulc at the international Velo-city 2017 conference mid-June in Arnhem-Nijmegen, Netherlands. The aim is to have the EU Cycling Strategy included in the 2018 work program of the Commission.

The blue print for an EU Cycling Strategy covers all aspects related to cycling, highlights its potential boost for the local economy, the wide range of health benefit and the overreaching mobility and decarbonisation advantages. It recommends measures to integrate cycling in a better and more efficient way in the relevant EU policies and provide for a useful basis for exchange of best practices among all levels of competent entities in the EU.

In order to present the EU Cycling Strategy to the Brussels' based decision makers, the BENELUX countries are furthermore organising an event on 28 June. The "Big Bike Event" will include a seminar and a cycling tour through Brussels. All Member states' representatives and especially the transport attachés are warmly welcome to participate in the event.