

## **Policy Session on Economic Evaluation of a Major Transport Infrastructure Project : The Toulouse Aerospace Express (TAE)**

The object of the session is to present the 3 Billion Euros project of 3rd metro line in Toulouse and discuss the economic studies that have been realized to assess its economic impact on economic growth and to measure its welfare effects.

This is the second largest transport infrastructure project in Europe after the Grand Paris Express. The local authority in charge of the project has developed a range of studies, asking a committee of experts to evaluate them in full transparency and with full access to information. The results is that the studies have used the most recent development in urban and transport economics. The session will comprise members of this committee of experts who will be able to draw the strengths, the weaknesses and the missing of these economic studies.

The session will gather:

**Vincent Georjon**, Deputy general manager at Tisséo, in charge of the TAE project, who will present the main technical and economic characteristics of the TAE project

**Emile Quinet**, Emeritus Professor at Paris School of Economics and President of the Scientific Council of the TAE project, who will present the CBA of the project

**Jean-Claude Prager**, Director of Economic Studies at the Société du Grand Paris in charge of the Grand Paris Express project, who will present the impact studies on employment in the Toulouse area

**Marc Ivaldi**, Professor at Toulouse School of Economics and President of International Transportation Economics Association who will present a study on the agglomeration effects in the Toulouse metropolitan area and the impact of TAE on the productivity of the area.