

## Semmering Declaration

Semmering, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### THE VISIONS ADVISORY BOARD

- (1) *welcomes the SÜDBAHN Museum's and the TICCIH Austria's initiative to address the topic 'World Heritage Site Semmering Railway. Visions 2029'.*
- (2) *classifies the proposed Visions 2029, presented by the teams Standler, Tusch, Terzic and Zobl/Schneider, as basically innovative and promising.*
- (3) *recognises no fundamental contradictions between the proposed Visions 2029 and the provisions specified in the 2008 Management Plan for the UNESCO World Heritage Site Semmering Railway.*
- (4) *recommends to examine possible combinations of all proposed measures with regard to their position in the overall strategy to preserve and develop the World Heritage Site.*
- (5) *favours a uniform implementation in Lower Austria and Styria with simultaneous setting of priorities, in particular in the fields architecture-landscape-art.*
- (6) *considers it necessary to give more attention to humans, in particular to the people in this region.*
- (7) *recommends to use the construction phase of the base tunnel as an opportunity to ensure sustainability for the post-construction phase.*
- (8) *encourages the development of a common CI, a 'Semmering design'.*
- (9) *considers the railway line and the landscape views as main themes for the further development of the World Heritage Site Semmering Railway, whereby – without creating an artificial equality – emphasis should be laid on the outstanding highlights along the line.*
- (10) *recommends to refer to outstanding personalities in order to 'take the region out into the world'.*
- (11) *recognises that the portal cities to the World Heritage Site did not receive sufficient attention within the framework of the project Visions.*
- (12) *encourages to pay special attention to the regions Mürzzuschlag-Semmering and Gloggnitz-Payerbach since they represent a kind of fade in/fade out.*
- (13) *recommends the implementation of an international advisory group ('Vision advisory board'), which has to be recognised as specialist committee, has to be independent and has to be characterised by a high degree of interdisciplinarity, because of the aesthetic requirements for the further development of the World Heritage Site. It is the aim of the advisory group, and in particular of the members of the Association of the Friends of the Semmering Railway, to ensure that the World Heritage concept will be safeguarded and promoted while planning and implementing projects within the World Heritage Site Semmering Railway.*
- (14) *acknowledges that the city of Mürzzuschlag together with the SÜDBAHN Museum offers to coordinate this task and to accomplish it in close cooperation with the Association "Freunde der Semmeringbahn" and thus the whole region of the World Heritage Site Semmering Railway.*

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