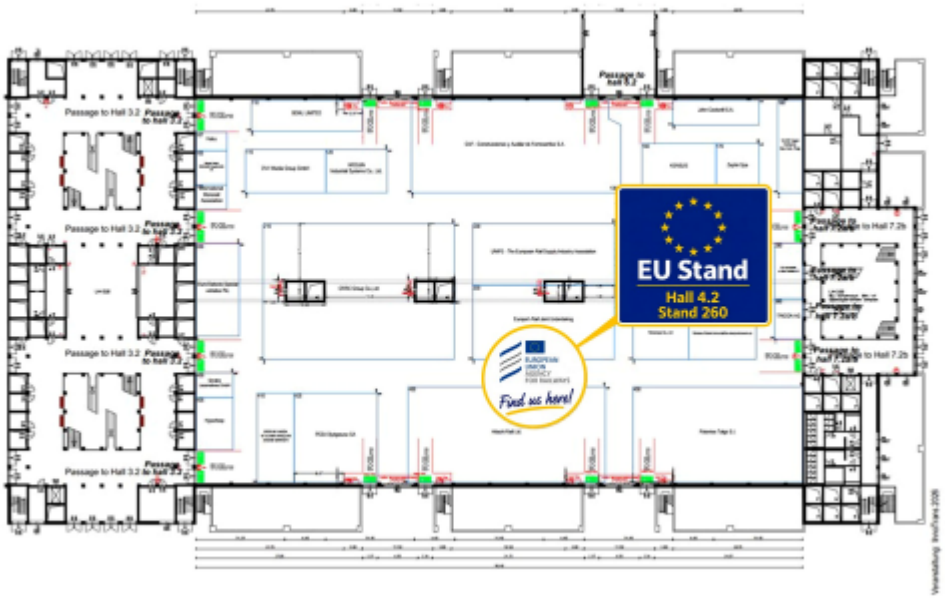
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ERA Programme Highlights







Monday 21 September - 21 September 2026

09:25 - 16:20

European Train

Ahead of InnoTrans, a dedicated European train will transport a high-level delegation of railway stakeholders from Brussels to Berlin.

The journey will provide a unique opportunity for exchanges and collaboration through a programme of high-level discussions, workshops and networking sessions focused on the future of European rail. Topics will include railway resilience, high-speed rail, rail freight, next-generation railway systems and

the human factor.

Please note that the train is reserved for invited participants and is not accessible to the general public.

Tuesday 22 September - 22 September 2026

10:30 - 11:15

Cross-Border Agreements: Rail Interoperability Challenges for Rolling Stock

Place: Stage of the European stand

Speakers:

- Silvia de Rocchi - Captrain Italia (ERFA)
- Marcel de la Haye - CER
- Aleksandra Kania - UTK (NSA POLAND)
- Ralf Fleischmann - Alstom

Both legal and institutional challenges hinder seamless rail transport between EU Member States, including the traffic in border regions which is in need of facilitation. What is the current state of play, what can national stakeholders do to cooperate beside EU legal requirements and what needs to be done?

12:45 - 13:30

Shaping the Future of Rail: A Collective Drive for Competitiveness

Place: Stage of the European stand

Speakers:

- Magda Kopczyńska (tbc) - DG MOVE
- Martin Sion (tbc) - Alstom, UNIFE
- Alan Beroud (tbc) - PKP, UNIFE
- Roberto Maiorana (tbc) - TRV
- Miroslav Haltuf - SRG

This session will examine how strategic partnerships - such as Europe’s Rail - are pivotal in delivering the next generation of European rail, ensuring it is smarter, more resilient, and fit for the future. As rail stands at the heart of Europe’s sustainable mobility transition, collaboration across public institutions, industry, infrastructure managers, railway undertakings, technology providers and academia will be critical to scaling innovations that enhance interoperability, digitalisation, and operational efficiency at a pan-European level.

13:45 - 14:30

Military mobility – What’s moving in Europe?

Place: Stage of the European stand

Speakers:

- Eric von Breska - MOVE Dir.B
- Oana Gherghinescu - ERA
- Ricardo Lopez - NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)

This stand presentation will showcase the ongoing work and the direction of EU policy on military mobility and give examples of interest to the industry.

14:30 - 15:15

Women in Rail Award Winners Presentation

Place: The Palais (award) / EU stand (presentation)

The winners of the Women in Rail award will have the opportunitiy of presenting their projects (their impact and benefits for the sector) and get questions from the public. Sign up for the award ceremony or join us at 14:30 at the EU stand at InnoTrans to meet our 2026 winners.

Read more about the Woman in Rail Award 2026

15:15 - 15:45

Presentation of the Network of Ambassadors for #DiversityInTransport

Place: Stage of the European stand

Presentation of the Network of Ambassadors for #DiversityInTransport and discussion with Ambassador Matthias Rohrmann.

16:00 - 16:45

Space Meets Rail: Unlocking Satellite Communications for Europe's Railways

Place: Stage of the European stand

Panelists:

- Lorena Boix Alonso - DG DEFIS (tbc)
- Philippe Laviron - Hitachi Rail
- Eric von Breska - DG MOVE

We will explore the growing role of satellite communication and space-based services in supporting the digital transformation of the European railway system complementing traditional communication networks by providing more coverage or resilience.

16:30 - 17:30

High Speed Rail Plan – One Year On

Place: Speakers' corner

Moderator: Oana Gherghinescu - ERA

Panelists:

- Pedro Marco de la Peña - ADIF
- Luigi Corradi - FS International Trenitalia
- Laurent Fourtune - Kevin Speed
- Radek Čech - Správa železnic
- Nicolas Erb - Alstom

One year after the adoption of the high-speed rail plan, this session will examine the steps taken and

actions still planned to better connect Europe by high-speed rail. Infrastructure managers, railway undertakings, including new entrants are among the stakeholders expected to take part in the discussion. Topics discussed will include, among others, the overall competitiveness of the high-speed rail sector, its cross-border dimension but also the challenge of mobilising investment Union-wide to make ambitions concrete.

16:45 - 17:30

Global Gateway Rail Partnerships: ERA Signature and ESIM Laureates

Place: Stage of the European stand

It will feature the signature of a new agreement with the European Union Agency for Railways, enabling ERA to support partner countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America on rail safety, interoperability and regulatory frameworks.

It will also reveal 12 laureates of the Early-Stage Investment Mobilisation - ESIM call for proposals, designed to support European private-sector engagement and provide start-up financing to companies at the early stages of project development.

Wednesday 23 September - 23 September 2026

09:15 - 10:15

Global Gateway

Place: Stage of the European stand

Moderator: Sergio Oliete Josa - DG INTPA

Speakers:

- Keir Fitch - DG MOVE
- Frederick Appoh - Ghana Rail Development Authority
- Agostinho Langa - CFM Mozambique
- Alvaro Bermudez Pena - INCOFER Costa Rica
- Khikmatulla Rakhmetov - Uzbekistan Railways
- Oana Gherghinescu - ERA

This session will explore how interoperable regional rail corridors can drive growth, integration and higher-impact transport investment across regions, drawing on lessons from the EU experience. It will highlight how technical and regulatory harmonisation - including standards such as ERTMS/ETCS - can reduce operational vulnerabilities, strengthen regional policy coherence, and make corridor development more attractive for Global Gateway and international financing.

10:30 - 11:15

Join the SERAS Rail Skills Alliance: Shaping the Future Together

Place: Stage of the European stand

Speakers:

- Angela Di Febbraro - UNIGE
- Michael Lehmann and Eckhard Voss - UASFHE and wmp
- Matthias Rohrmann and Antonella Trombetta - DB and Hitachi Rail
- Maria Luisa Martínez Muneta - UPM

The Single European Railway Area of Skills Alliance (SERAS) project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, is aimed at establishing and expanding a sustainable Rail Skills Alliance for railway skills enhancement, ensuring a resilient, skilled, and mobile workforce across the EU. New stakeholders are invited to join the alliance as associated partners to benefit from opportunities such as networking, access to skills intelligence tools and educational hubs and platforms, visibility and EU cooperation.

11:30 - 12:15

Innovation: A Must to Cut Costs & Boost Global Opportunities

Place: Stage of the European stand

Speakers:

- Oana Gherghinescu - ERA
- Giorgio Travaini - ERJU
- Stéphane Feray Beaumon - Alstom
- Ángel García de la Bandera - ADIF
- Maciej Gladyga - ERFA
- Jasmin Bigdon - Bigdon Horizon GmbH

We will explore how innovation is helping the European railway sector reduce costs, improve performance, and be a springboard for strengthening industrial competitiveness and expanding global market opportunities, including for SMEs.

14:00 - 14:45

Digital Rail Freight Innovation: Delivering Seamless European Logistics

Place: Stage of the European stand

Looking ahead, the session will examine the challenges and opportunities associated with digital rail freight. Speakers will discuss how innovation can accelerate the modal shift to rail, improve the attractiveness of rail freight for customers, and contribute to the development of a truly connected and seamless European logistics ecosystem.

15:00 - 15:45

Passenger Package: One Journey, One Ticket, Full Rights

Place: Stage of the European stand

Moderator: Eric von Breska - DG MOVE

Speakers:

- Kai Tegethoff - European Parliament
- Olivier Piron - ERA
- Alexander Ernert - Trainline
- Andre Schwaemmlein - Flixbus
- Robin Loos - BEUC

On 13 May 2026 the Commission presented three legal proposals to make rail travel easier and more attractive. Wider availability of rail tickets across various online platforms and the possibility to combine tickets from different operators into a single journey, with full passenger rights. This package will unlock the full potential of rail.

15:00 - 16:00

Operational Harmonisation of Digital Signalling: Time for Change to Keep Rolling!

Place: Speakers' corner

Moderator: Joachim Luecking - DG MOVE

Speakers:

- Oana Gherghinescu/Jo De Bosschere - ERA
- Giorgio Travaini/Ian Conlon - ERJU
- Sverre Kjenne (EEIG ERTM Users Group), Monika Heiming (EIM), Gemma Salazar (Hitachi Rail), Carole Coune (AERRL), Alberto Mazzola (CER)

The cost and complexity of digitalising European railway systems are too high. To reduce them, implementations must shift from complex, legacy-based approaches to a European system based on ERTMS, and harmonised wider CCS system with common operational rules. We will discuss the current situation, the solutions, and the expected impact on the sector.

16:00 - 16:45

Resilience for a Connected Europe: Climate-Proofing & Cybersecurity in Rail

Place: Stage of the European stand

Speakers:

- Chris Carr - ERA
- Giorgio Travaini - ERJU
- Eva Valeri - ERA
- Thomas Chatelet - ERA

Panel discussion:

- Miriam Graute (DG MOVE), Felix Ardiaca Garcia (EIB), Alain Quinet (SNCF Group), NSA PL

Europe’s rail system is increasingly exposed to climate-driven disruptions - heatwaves, flooding, landslides - and to a rapidly evolving cyber-threat landscape targeting digital and energy assets. These are two faces of the same resilience challenge, where physical and digital vulnerabilities reinforce each other and can compromise rail continuity. The sector therefore needs coordinated action, shared standards, and investment in both climate-proofing and cybersecurity. We will explore how EU institutions, infrastructure managers, operators and financial actors can jointly strengthen the resilience of the Single European Rail Area.

17:00 - 17:45

What Can EU Policy Do for Us? Lived Experience and Needs of Rail Workers and PRM Passengers

Place: Stage of the European stand

EU rules are often very technical and it is not always obvious how they address peoples’ daily concerns. In this session, we will consider two concrete examples directly relevant to the safety and accessibility of rail:

1. The monitoring of drivers’ working, driving and rest times
2. The needs of passengers with reduced mobility or with disabilities.

Come and join us to discuss how EU rules can change peoples’ jobs and lives!

Thursday 24 September - 24 September 2026

09:30 - 10:15

The Safest Transport Mode in a Changing Environment

Place: Stage of the European stand

Moderator: Pio Guido - ERA

Speakers:

- Piotr Sieczkowski - European Commission
- Marcel de la Haye - CER
- Maria Price - ERFA

The upcoming CSM ASLP regulation is expected to help railway actors with the risk assessment of their activities enabling more effective preventive actions, through the sharing and analysis of relevant safety information, supported by a pro-active, performing system of data exchange. The European railway sector is confronted with emerging challenges (workforce demographics, disruptive technologies, scarce resources, climate change etc.), to maintain and improve the high levels of safety we need moving towards a new era of structured safety data sharing and collective learning.

This 45-minute panel, organised by the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) in cooperation with the European Commission, will explore how railway undertakings, infrastructure managers, freight operators and national authorities are today managing, sharing and leveraging on safety data, and how the future Information Sharing System (ISS) will further improve the exchange safety information, identify emerging risks and strengthen safety performance across Europe. The discussion will focus on current practices and experiences, and challenges, and the opportunities and expectations for creating a common European approach to safety intelligence and data-driven decision making. Inspired by the objectives of CSM ASLP and the future Information Sharing System, the panel will examine how better quality, harmonised and timely data can support a stronger safety culture and more effective risk management across the Single European Railway Area.

10:00 - 11:00

European Rail Vehicle Authorisation – Process Leaning and Digital Deployment

Place: Speakers' corner

Moderators: Chris Carr - ERA

Speakers:

- Michaela Strohschneider - DG MOVE
- Stefan Jugelt - ERA
- Enno Wiebe - UNIFE
- Marcel de la Haye - CER

The session will showcase the progress of the Vehicle Authorisation (VA) Leaning Process launched by ERA and discuss how digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence can help transform authorisation processes into a faster, more predictable, more transparent and more efficient service for European rail stakeholders. The discussion builds on ERA's broader ambition to simplify regulatory processes while maintaining the highest levels of safety, supporting the competitiveness of the European railway sector and accelerating innovation deployment.

The debate should focus on three interconnected themes:

1. What has been achieved so far through the VA Leaning initiative?
2. How can digital tools, AI and the Digital Route Book further improve efficiency and

predictability?
3. What are the expectations of the sector for the next phase of deployment?

10:30 - 11:15

Breaking Language Barriers: The new project Shaping the Next Era of Railway Communication

Place: Stage of the European stand

Moderator: Antonio d'Agostino

Step into the future of railway operations at the launch of the EP Pilot Project on Languages - where innovation meets collaboration. This event unites regulators, users, Notified Bodies, and digital pioneers like LLM providers to explore groundbreaking translation solutions that will redefine multilingual communication in the rail sector. Join us to shape the next generation of tools and ensure your voice is part of this transformative journey.

11:30 - 11:45

TEN-T Networks

Place: Stage of the European stand

The EU’s trans-European transport network policy, the TEN-T policy, is a key instrument for planning and developing a coherent, efficient, multimodal, and high-quality transport infrastructure across the EU. We’ll talk on how this is a key aspect in the rail development at present and in its future.

12:00 - 12:45

FlashForward: Start-Ups in Rail, Breaking Through Technologies

Place: Stage of the European stand

Panel discussion with representatives of new star ups appearing in the domain of rail, to present their technologies, challenges, good practices how to integrate their ideas into the rail eco-system and lessons learnt.

13:00 - 13:45

Getting Europe on Track: What Young Europeans Expect from Rail

Place: Stage of the European stand

Moderators

- Eric von Breska - DG MOVE
- Oana Gherghinescu - ERA
- Giorgio Travaini - Europe’s Rail

Youth panellists

- Coenraad Sassen
- Martijn Nijkamp
- Thorben Rang

To place the everyday experience and expectations of young passengers at the centre of the European rail policy debate. The session should move beyond a general discussion about the attractiveness of rail and identify practical steps that EU institutions, regulators, research

programmes, Member States and the sector can take to make international rail:

- easier to plan and book;
- more affordable;
- more reliable and better connected;
- properly protected by passenger rights;
- genuinely competitive with aviation;
- more responsive to the expectations of the next generation.

The youth representatives' manifesto argues that international rail offers young travellers a sustainable and socially enriching way to experience Europe, but that fragmented booking systems, complex routes, high prices and uncertainty over passenger rights prevent rail from becoming an easy alternative to flying.

14:00 - 14:45

Behind the Scenes: A Sneak Peek into the New Rail Capacity Regulation's Rollout

Place: Stage of the European stand

The adoption of the rail capacity regulation was just the beginning. Now, the sector is full steam ahead, developing the practical rules and structures that will make smarter capacity management a reality. Infrastructure managers, infrastructure users, rail regulators, and the Commission are working hand in hand to set up new governance bodies, align timelines, and turn legislative ambition into on-the-ground solutions. What's happening now? This session pulls back the curtain on the ongoing collaboration as the sector continues to shape the future of rail. Join us to hear directly from those driving the change and see how the pieces are coming together to keep Europe's railways moving forward.

16:00 - 16:45

FRMCS Is Coming: Be Aware, Be Prepared!

Place: Stage of the European stand

Moderator: karel VAN GILS - EU-Rail

Speakers:

- Wawrzyniec Perschke - DG MOVE
- Jo de Bosschere & Thomas Chatelet - ERA
- Michael Mikulandru - UNIFE
- Pipsa Hallner - TrafikVerket
- Andrea Bricchi - Brian and partners

FRMCS specifications and their testing should conclude in September 2027. Speakers will discuss the latest status of their development and priorities of pre-deployment activities, based on a sector-wide questionnaire. The discussion will highlight industry's readiness and migration options to FRMCS compatible ETCS versions.