

14th ERA Budapest Workshop

Online - 22 October 2026

PLENARY SESSION

Chair: Oana Gherghinescu

ERA Executive Director

Time	Title of the presentation	Speaker
08.40 – 09.00	Opening	Dávid Vitézy Minister of Transport and Investment Kerékgártó János Deputy State Secretary for Transport Authority Affairs László Veszprémi Head of NSA HU Oana Gherghinescu ERA Executive Director
9.00 – 9.30	ERA's priorities and its role in supporting the European railway system	Oana Gherghinescu ERA Executive Director
9.30 – 10.00	How the Commission supports ERA and the transformation of the rail sector	Michaela Strohschneider Deputy Head of Unit for Rail Safety and Interoperability (DG Move C4)
10.00 – 10.20	CCS TSI evolution to support ERTMS deployment	Jo De Bosschere ERA Head of ERMTS Unit
10.20 – 10.40	FRMCS deployment roadmap: from specifications to implementation	Wawrzyniec Perschke Policy Officer (DG Move C4)
10.40 – 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 11.20	Driving Europe's rail future: how the European rail supply industry powers interoperability	Enno Wiebe UNIFE Director General Nicholas Shrimpton UNIFE Head of Technical Affairs
11.20 – 11.40	Interoperability and digitalisation in practice: creating the framework conditions rail operators need	Marcel de la Haye CER Technical Director
11.40 – 12.00	The role of EU third parties (NoBo/DeBo/AsBo) in ensuring a smooth and effective functioning of SERA for railway systems and products	Jens Wolff NB-Rail Association Chairman
12.00 – 12.20	Mobilising private capital for rail investment	Carole Coune AERRL Secretary General
12.20 – 13.20	Lunch break	

INTEROPERABILITY SESSION

Chair: Antoine Defossez (ERA)

ERA Project Officer Fixed Installations & Rolling Stock Unit

Time	Title of the presentation	Speaker
13.20 – 13.40	Cost Effective Interoperability	Christopher Carr ERA Head of Interoperable & Cost Effective Rail Department
13.40 – 14.00	Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking: 2026 deliverables and System Pillar progress	Ian Conlon Head of Unit System Pillar, Communication, and Stakeholder Outreach (Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking)
14.00 – 14.20	Update on the TSIs rolling plan	Antoine Defossez ERA Project Officer, Fixed Installations & Rolling Stock Unit
14.20 – 14.40	Cybersecurity state of play on TSIs revision and application of Cybersecurity Resilience Act (CRA)	Thomas Chatelet ERA Project Officer, ERTMS Unit Inigo Iraola ERA Project Officer, Fixed Installations & Rolling Stock Unit
14.40 – 15.00	Coffee break	
15.00 – 15.20	The Joint Network Secretariat (JNS) on the accident in the Gotthard tunnel – broken wheels	Andreas Schirmer , ERA Project Officer JNS, MilMob and Resilience Task Force Rudolph Spanhoff ERA Project Officer, Safety Methods Unit
15.20 – 15.40	Current experiences on vehicle authorisation in Germany - from high speed over hybrid to road-rail special vehicles, from short cross border over regional lines to EU corridors	Johannes Driller Head of Department Authorisation of Vehicles (NSA DE)
15.40 – 16.00	The evolution of the rail regulatory landscape in Great Britain	Paul Appleton HM Deputy Chief Inspector of Railways (ORR) Joe Bull Regulatory and Policy Specialist (RSSB)
16.00 – 16.20	Coded Combined Transport and the Technical Specifications for Interoperability	Alessandro Tabarrini Technical standards office (NSA IT)
16.20 – 16.40	Infrastructure Register (RINF) and ERA ontology: improving data sharing	Polymnia Vasilopoulou ERA Team Leader (ad interim), ICT & Operational Data Systems Unit
16.40 – 17.00	The development of railway passenger information systems in Europe	Gábor Pete Senior expert MÁV Telecommunication, Electrification and Signaling Department

SAFETY SESSION

Chair: Max Obenaus (ERA)

Project Officer, Executive Director Office Unit

Time	Title of the presentation	Speaker
13.20 – 13.40	Safety - a joint approach to manage changes, scarce resources and high expectations	Pio Guido ERA Head of Safe Rail Department
13.40 – 14.00	The role of Common Safety Methods (CSM) in the future EU safety framework	Stijn Michiels ERA Project Officer, Safety Methods Unit
14.00 – 14.20	Biennial Report on Rail Safety and Interoperability	Eva Valeri ERA Project Officer, Business Intelligence & Data Analytics Unit
14.20 – 14.40	Human and Organisational Factors (HOF) in SMS	Clarisse Lagaize Davoine ERA Project Officer, Safety Methods Unit
14.40 – 15.00	Coffee break	
15.00 – 15.20	Entities in charge of maintenance (ECM): ERA new guidance	Nathalie Duquenne ERA Project Officer, Safety Monitoring and Maturity Unit Nikola Ilievski ERA Project Officer, Safety Certification Unit
15.20 – 15.40	Current developments in rail safety in Germany	Heiko Heid Unit International Affaires (NSA DE)
15.40 – 16.00	The European strategy action of EPSF with the French railway sector	Henri Dupuis Responsible for international affairs (NSA FR)
16.00 – 16.20	Safeguarding train operations from interference by unprotected vehicles	Christian Lusi Head of Technical standards office (NSA IT)
16.20 – 16.40	Level crossing: survival analysis for risk modelling – a data-driven approach to accident prediction and prevention	Damien Willet Data Scientist (NSA FR)
16.40 – 17.00	CSM ASLP and data-driven safety: using Big Data for safety level assessment	Mitchell Van Balen ERA Economic Evaluation Officer, Business Intelligence & Data Analytics Unit