

Moving Europe towards a sustainable and safe railway system without frontiers.



Agenda

HOF 2026

PRACTICAL HOF INTEGRATION



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4 November 2026

Time	Item	Speaker(s)
12:30 - 13:00	Welcome light lunch	
13:00 – 13:10	Introduction	Bart Accou, Head of Safety Methods Unit, ERA
Session 1 – From Research to Practical Implementation		
13:10 – 13:50	<i>Let's improve Daily Operations with more structured HOF integration – experience from other sectors</i>	Dounia Tazi - ICSI
13:50 – 14:30	<i>When the rules changes meaning - testing the path from Dangerous Goods duties to Operational Decisions</i>	Dariusz Alexander Kardas - Poznan University of Technology
14:30 – 15:10	<i>DLR's programme on Better Integrating HOF in Automation - practical example with the Auto Cargo project</i>	Geoffroi Sion and Niels Brandenburger - DLR/OTIV
15:10 – 15:30	Coffee Break	

Session 2 – Integrating Safety Culture Strategy into operation		
15:30 – 16:10	<i>Leading Safety – Turning Culture into Action</i>	Fabio Sgroi - Italo
16:10 – 16:40	<i>H2OF: the SEW Method as a Lever for the HOF and 5*5 implementation</i>	Andrea Giaccherini and Giovanni Costanza - Trasporto Ferroviario Toscano and Sapienza Università di Roma
16:40 – 17:20	<i>From a Safety Culture Strategy to Everyday Operational Safety - embarking new train drivers at Nordjyske Jernbaner</i>	Maria Fonseca Jürgensen – NJ
17:20 – 17:55	Panel discussion	All persons from session 1 and 2
17:55 – 18:00	Closure of the day	
18:00– 18:45	Networking cocktail	All

5 November 2026

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09:00 – 09:10	Introduction to the day	ERA
Session 3 – Practical HOF integration into a risk-based approach and continuous improvement		
09:10 – 09:40	<i>How applied psychology can enhance Operational Safety? - Creating a safe space for sharing and learning</i>	Beatriz Revuelta Gonzalez - RENFE
09:40 – 10:10	<i>Making Hazards Visible - How Sleeper Markings Support Safer Shunting</i>	Michaela Schwarz - ÖBB
10:10 – 10:40	Coffee Break	
10:40 – 11:20	<i>5x5, towards excellence - Practical HOF implementation and data mining</i>	Tim Haesevoets and Vincent Vanhoutte - Infrabel
11:20 – 12:00	<i>Reducing fatigue risk - building a consistent Fatigue Management approach across borders</i>	Elaine Thompson - Eurostar
12:00 – 12:40	<i>Impact of the Iberian blackout on the Spanish railway system - April 2025</i>	Agustín Álvarez Más - ADIF
12:40– 13:20	Panel discussion	All persons from sessions 3 to 4
13:20– 13:30	Closure of the conference	Oana Gherghinescu- Executive Director, ERA
13:30– 14:00	Sandwich lunch	