







Kick-off of the European Year of Rail 2021

March 29th, live streaming from Lisbon

All times in Central European Time Zone

Opening Ceremony

14:00 Pedro Nuno Santos | Minister for Infrastructure and Housing of Portugal

14:10 Adina Vălean | European Commissioner for Transport

Video Presentation

14:20 Trains connect people anywhere anytime

Keynote Speech

14:25 The Future of Rail in a Decarbonised and Digitalised Economy
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg | Member of the European Parliament

Debate

14:40 Rail Infrastructure, Interoperability, Connectivity and Territorial Cohesion

Henri Poupart-Lafarge | CEO of Alstom, on behalf of UNIFE - The European Rail Industry

Josef Doppelbauer | Executive Director of ERA - European Union Agency for Railways

Carlo Borghini | Executive Director of Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking
Francisco Cardoso dos Reis | Director of International Relations of
IP- Infraestruturas de Portugal and Chairman of the UIC European Region









15:20 Modern Services, Smart Mobility and Integration Across Modes

Robert Homolya | CEO of MAV Hungarian Railways, on behalf of CER - The voice of European Railways

Clemens Först | Chairman of Rail Freight Forward - European Rail Freight Vision 2030

Erich Forster | CEO of WESTbahn, on behalf of AllRail - Alliance of Passenger Rail New Entrants in Europe

Joaquim Guerra | Director of Institutional and International Relations of CP - Comboios de Portugal

16:00 Inclusive Means of Transport with Rich History and Attractive Career Opportunities

Giorgio Tuti | Chair of the Railway Section of ETF - European Transport Workers' Federation

Sandra Lima | Project Officer at EPF - European Passengers' Federation Koen Clement | General Manager of Europalia - Trains and Tracks Martin Speer | Co-Founder of FreeInterrail, on behalf of Herr & Speer

Special Appearance

16:40 IRP - International Railway Passenger Transport Platform Findings following the Ministerial declaration of June 2020

Stientje van Veldhoven | State Secretary for Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands, on behalf of IRP

Closing Ceremony

- **16:50** Karima Delli | Chair of the TRAN Committee European Parliament
- **16:55** Elisa Ferreira | European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms