

2021 Rail Summit / Conference on the Future of the Railways during the European Year of Rail

Monday, 17 May 2021

Programme

(as at: 10 May 2021; subject to change)

“Introducing regular interval services for Germany and Europe” By train through Germany and Europe in an environmentally friendly way

10:00 to 10:45 hrs

Part 1: Virtual event on the signing of the Letter of Intent on TEE 2.0 and the trilateral Via Vindobona agreement

Opening by Andreas Scheuer, Member of the German Bundestag, *Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure*

Video featuring messages from the signatories

Live messages from selected EU Ministers of Transport

Announcement of the agreement on the upgrading of the Berlin - Prague - Vienna railway link (Via Vindobona) as a further practical and systematic implementation of the TEE 2.0 strategy together with the Austrian and Czech Ministers of Transport

Facilitator: **Monika Jones**

11:00 to 12:00 hrs

Part 2: Welcome addresses, speeches, panel discussion

Welcome addresses:

Dr Angela Merkel, Member of the German Bundestag, *Federal Chancellor*

Dr Ursula von der Leyen, *President of the European Commission*,

EU transport policy: strategies and measures for the railway sector within the scope of the European Green Deal

Speeches:

Andreas Scheuer, Member of the German Bundestag, *Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure*,

Review and outlook: 4 years of new railway policy

Andreas Matthä, *President of the Community of European Railways (CER), ÖBB-Holding AG,*

Contribution of the railways to cross-border regular interval services for Europe

Enak Ferlemann, *Member of the German Bundestag, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure and Federal Government Commissioner for Rail Transport,*

Masterplans as an instruction manual for the future

Facilitator: **Monika Jones**

12:00 to 13:00 hrs

Panel discussion:

Regular interval services for Europe – challenges and opportunities for rail transport after the corona pandemic

Ronald Pofalla, *Member of the Management Board for Infrastructure at Deutsche Bahn AG*

Martin Burkert, *CEO Pro Rail Alliance, Deputy Chairman of the railway and transport union*

Dr Tobias Heinemann, *President of mofair stakeholder association, Managing Director Transdev GmbH*

Andre Rodenbeck, *President of the German Railway Industry Association (VDB), CEO Siemens Rail Infrastructure*

Ingo Wortmann, *President of the Association of German Transport Companies (VDV), Münchner Verkehrsgesellschaft mbH*

Susanne Henckel, *President of the Federal Association of Local and Regional Passenger Rail Authorities (BAG-SPNV), Managing Director VBB GmbH*

Facilitator: **Monika Jones**

14:00 to 15:00 hrs

Part 3: Workshops, talk and plenary session

1. Parallel workshops

Workshop 1: Upgrading infrastructure (Deutschlandtakt (nationwide integrated regular interval timetable): more passengers and goods)

Facilitators: **Dr Markus Ksoll** (DB AG), Philipp Blümel (BMVI)

Workshop 2: “Digitalizing the rail system: by rail into the future” (Communication of benefits)

Facilitators: **Pauline Maître** (VDB), **Mattias Potrafke** (BMVI)

Workshop 3: Progressing the transformation of transport (Challenges, conditions, objectives)

Facilitators: **Dirk Flege** (Pro Rail Alliance), **Dr Jens Klocksinn** (BMVI)

15:00 to 15:55 hrs

2. Facilitated talk and concluding plenary session: Expectations about the future of rail transport and the railways as a sunrise sector

Participants:

- **Prof Corinna Salander**, *German Centre for Rail Traffic Research at the Federal Railway Authority*
- **Dirk Flege**, *Pro Rail Alliance*
- **Ludolf Kerkeling**, *Network of European Railways (NEE)*
- **Martin Schmitz**, *Association of German Transport Companies (VDV)*
- **Dr Ben Möbius**, *German Railway Industry Association (VDB)*
- **Jürgen Kerner**, *IG Metall*

Facilitator: **Monika Jones**

15:55 to 16:00 hrs

Closing remarks

Enak Ferlemann, *Member of the German Bundestag, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure and Federal Government Commissioner for Rail Transport*