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 Valean | 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

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 FreInterrail, 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