

2021 has been announced as the year of the rail. The European Commission initiative will highlight the benefits of rail as a sustainable, smart and safe means of transport. RailTech Europe 2021 // LIVE focuses on the European Year of Rail on the first day of the event.

€8 million

The financial allocation for the European Year of Rail is estimated at €8 million.

90%

To achieve the goal of climate neutrality by 2050 transport emissions must go down by 90%.

95%

EU Transport is 95% dependent on oil and oil products

€500 million

In the future trains and rolling stock should be built to a single standard and certified to run everywhere in Europe – saving rail companies €500 million in administrative costs by 2025.

75%

As part of the Green Deal, the European Commission has called for a substantial amount of the 75% of inland freight currently carried by road to be shifted onto rail and inland waterways.

Some speakers at RailTech Europe 2021:



Elisabeth Werner
Director of Land Transport, European Commission



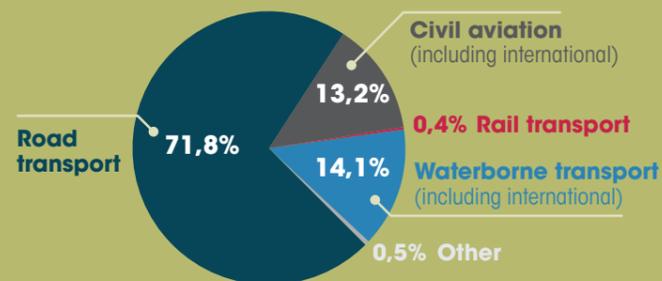
Bart van der Spiegel
Energy Management at Infrabel



Delphine Grandsart
Senior Researcher for European Passenger's Federation

RAIL IS SUSTAINABLE

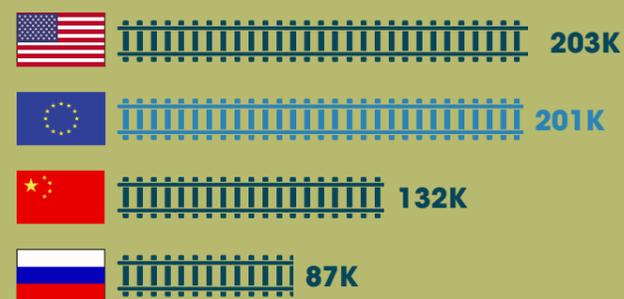
Greenhouse gas emissions from transport (EU-27, 2018)



SOURCE: EUROPA.EU/YEAR-OF-RAIL

RAIL CONNECTS PEOPLE

Length of railway lines in use in km



SOURCE: EUROPA.EU/YEAR-OF-RAIL

RAIL IS SAFE

Fatalities per billion passengers/km (2011-2015)



SOURCE: EUROPA.EU/YEAR-OF-RAIL

Anniversaries 2021

- **20th anniversary** of the first EU Railway Package
- **175th anniversary** of the first ever rail link between two EU capitals (Paris-Brussels)
- **40 years** of TGV
- **30 years** of ICE

The full implementation of the Fourth Railway Package across the whole EU is key to boost rail transport.

Adina Valean
(European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport)

Rail is the answer to many important mobility issues, such as climate neutrality, energy efficiency, crisis resilience and safety. The Year of Rail should boost the industry.

Andreas Scheuer
(German Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure)

It is a great idea to declare 2021 as the European Year of Rail, the timing could not have been better. Let's make sure that its more than just a floppy marketing campaign, it should also include appropriate investments in rail infrastructure.

Monika Heiming
(Director of the European association for rail infrastructure managers EIM Rail)

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