

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



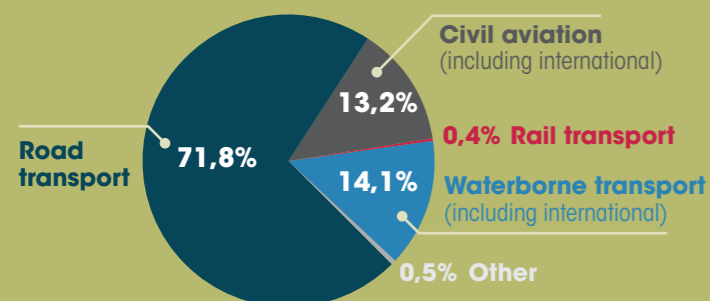
**Bart van der Spiegel**  
Energy Management at Infrabel



**Delphine Grandsart**  
Senior Researcher for European Passenger's Federation

### RAIL IS SUSTAINABLE

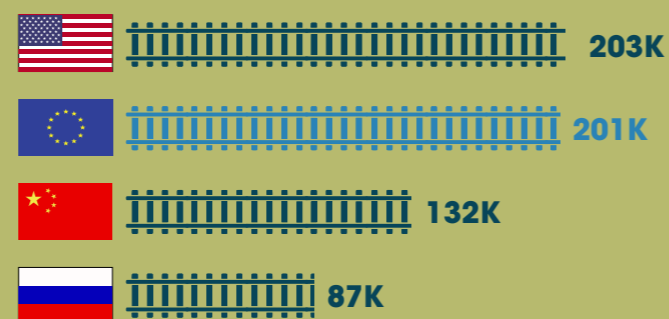
Greenhouse gas emissions from transport (EU-27, 2018)



SOURCE: EUROPA.EU/YEAR-OF-RAIL

### RAIL CONNECTS PEOPLE

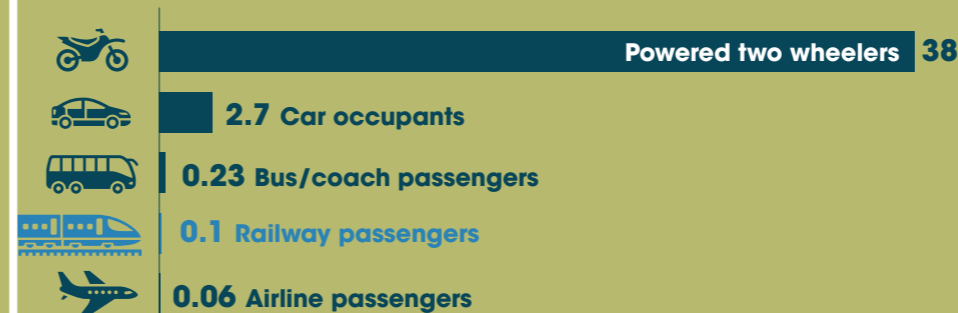
Length of railway lines in use in km



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 it's 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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