



## Kick-off of the European Year of Rail 2021

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 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