

2024

BRUSSELS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ■ 12-13 JUNE



PROGRAMME AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



INTERNET CONNECTION

User name: MarriottBonvoy_Conference

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LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS

The lunch and a permanent coffee station will be sited in the foyer on the 1st floor of the Marriott Hotel



BUS TRANSFERS

12
JUNE

General Assembly Dinner at Kasteel van Ruisbroek

(Buses will leave only when fully occupied)

Hotel Marriott → Kasteel van Ruisbroek

18:15 Meeting Point for bus transfer to the Gala Dinner just in front of Hotel Marriott Grand Place Brussels

22:25 Meeting Point for bus transfer to Marriott Grand Place Brussels just in front of Kasteel van Ruisbroek



TAXI INFORMATION

Taxis Verts: +32 (0)2 349 49 49

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Uber and Bolt are also available in Brussels



VENUE ADDRESSES

12-13
JUNE

Meetings at Hotel Marriott Grand Place Brussels
Rue Auguste Orts
Grand Place 3-7
1000 Bruxelles

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JUNE

Gala Dinner at Kasteel van Ruisbroek
Karel Gilsonstraat 15
1601 Sint-Pieters-Leeuw
Bruxelles



Dress Code for Meetings and Gala Dinner:
Business attire



UNIFE CONTACTS AND HOTEL MARRIOTT FLOOR PLAN

For more information please check at the back of the programme



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NETWORKING APP

Follow the QR code to download the UNIFE GA application. Login with your email to receive the access code to your inbox and start networking right away!

DAY I: WEDNESDAY • 12 JUNE 2024

10:00-10:45 ☕ Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:45-10:55 **Opening of the event**
Enno Wiebe, Director General, UNIFE

10:55-11:25 **A woman's place is in rail!**
Rachely Burgos, Communications Manager, UNIFE

11:30-15:30 **One-on-One networking session**

11:30-12:45 **Dialogue Forum 1: Navigating a complex sustainability framework for what your company needs to know**

11:30-12:45 **Dialogue Forum 2: Advantages and Benefits through Quality**

12:45-14:10 🍴 Lunch

14:15-15:30 **Dialogue Forum 3: Boosting the global presence of the European Rail Supply Industry – A renewed EU & international toolbox to succeed**

14:15-15:30 **Dialogue Forum 4: Research & Regulation – Shaping the EU Rail System**


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19:00-22:20 **Gala Dinner at Kasteel van Ruisbroek**
kindly offered by Voestalpine



22:25 Meeting Point for bus transfer to Marriott Grand
Place Brussels just in front of Kasteel van Ruisbroek

DAY II: THURSDAY • 13 JUNE 2024

8:00-8:50  Registration and Welcome Coffee

9:00-9:15 **Opening of the event**
Michael Peter Chair of UNIFE, and CEO Siemens Mobility
Enno Wiebe Director General, UNIFE

9:15-9:30 **Moderator: Elizabeth Jordan** Editor, Global Railway Review

Keynote speech
Georges Gilkinet Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Mobility, Presidency of the Council of the EU

9:30-10:30 **Major rail developments in Belgium: overview and prospects**
Gerd De Vos Technical Director, SNCB-NMBS
Marlene Klompenhouwer Chief Procurement, Production & Supply Chain Officer, Infrabel

10:30-10:45 **The European Rail Supply Industry priorities for 2024-2029**
Jonathan Nguyen Head of Public Affairs, UNIFE

10:45-10:55 **Keynote speech**
Magda Kopczynska Director General, DG MOVE, European Commission

11:00-12:30 **On the move to a net-zero EU: How to ensure a perfect match between industrial and climate policies for a competitive European Rail Supply Industry?**
Panellists:
Mark Nicklas Head of Unit Mobility, DG GROW, European Commission
Giorgio Travaini Executive Director, Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking
Danny di Perna Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Alstom
Augusto Mensi Member of the UNIFE Presiding Board, CEO Lucchini RS
Pascal Schweitzer Member of the UNIFE Presiding Board, CEO Faiveley Transport

12:30-13:45  Lunch

14:00-15:30 **General Assembly Statutory Meeting** (Reserved to UNIFE Members only)

15:30 **Closure of the General Assembly Meeting**

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Michael Peter Chair of UNIFE, and CEO Siemens Mobility

Michael is the CEO of Siemens Mobility and the current Chair at UNIFE. After having studied Electrical Engineering at the Technical University of Braunschweig and the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, he received his master's degree (Dipl.-Ing.) in electrical engineering in 1992. He has held various positions with Siemens in Germany, the USA, Thailand, and Spain. Michael has dedicated his career to transportation systems, industrial solutions, rolling stock, and infrastructure as well as driving digital transformation at Siemens. He is based in Berlin and has held the role of CEO at Siemens Mobility since 2017.



Enno Wiebe Director General, UNIFE

On 1 June 2024, Enno took over the mandate as UNIFE's Director-General after the formal appointment by the UNIFE Presiding Board. After finishing his civil engineering studies at the University of Applied Sciences in Dresden, Germany, and the University of Cape Town, South Africa, in 1999, he started his professional career at Deutsche Bahn and worked from 2007 until 2011 at the International Union of Railways (UIC) in Paris, France. At CER - the Brussels-based Community of European railways and infrastructure companies, where he worked between 2012 and 2024, he supervised as Technical Director the work of the technical domain and managed the association's role as representative body at ERA level.



Georges Gilkinet

Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Mobility, Presidency of the Council of the EU

As Deputy Prime Minister and Green Minister, Georges Gilkinet is committed to mobility that unites citizens through the travel and encounters that enable us to exist, evolve and prosper as a country. Its battle horses include the development of the train as the backbone of mobility, the recognition of the bicycle as a genuine means of transport and the strengthening of road safety measures. It is also fighting for a policy of social justice.



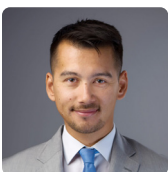
Gerd De Vos Technical Director, SNCB-NMBS

Gerd is the Technical Director for SNCB-NMBS, with 27 years of international experience, which includes decades of expertise in the telecom and transportation sector. This includes several senior management roles at SNCB-NMBS, Bombardier, Alcatel. Gerd as part of his role is Head of the Division delivering the company goals on punctuality, availability and reliability of rolling stock, productivity and EBITDA. He is also a Member of the NMBS-SNCB Executive Committee.



Marlene Klompenhouwer Chief Procurement, Production & Supply Chain Officer, Infrabel

In this capacity, Marlene oversees all aspects of the supply of goods, services and works for the Belgian railway infrastructure. In addition to her operational responsibilities, she also leads strategic transformation initiatives in the areas of operational excellence, energy transition and circular economy. Her wide and varied experience, international background and "out of the box" thinking allow her to adopt a systems-wide approach, leveraging partnerships and innovation ecosystems as well as internal resources and expertise. She hopes to contribute to a vibrant European railway economy, for the prosperity and wellbeing of current and future generations.



Jonathan Nguyen Head of Public Affairs, UNIFE

Jonathan is Head of Unit for Public Affairs in UNIFE. He joined UNIFE in 2013 as Public Affairs Manager in charge of trade and international affairs. He began his career as Project Manager in SAFEGE (Suez) Consulting, and then became the Brussels representative for French technological research center CEA (Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives).

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Magda Kopczyńska Director General, DG MOVE, European Commission

Magda Kopczyńska is the current Director-General for Mobility and Transport in the European Commission. Magda has held various leadership roles in the Commission, from Clean Transport and Sustainable Urban Mobility to Agriculture and Rural Development. Magda's commitment remains focused on driving positive change in Europe's mobility sector.



Mark Nicklas Head of Unit Mobility, DG GROW, European Commission

Mark Nicklas is the Head of Unit Mobility in the Commission's DG Industry, Single Market, Entrepreneurship & SMEs (DG GROW) since 2022, responsible for the industrial policy for the European mobility ecosystem incl. rail supply industry and single market legislation for motor vehicles. The unit has recently published the Transition Pathway for the Mobility Industrial Ecosystem. He has been a Head of Unit in DG GROW since 2016, with previous responsibilities for innovation, industrial strategy and most recently international value chains.



Giorgio Travaini Executive Director, Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking

Giorgio is heading Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking where he is responsible for the 1,2Bn€ R&I integrated Programme. Previously he has been supervising as Head of R&I the 920M€ R&I Programme of Shift2Rail (S2R), since 2015. Before, he was a Senior Corporate advisor at UNIFE, counselling on strategic topics and preparing S2R. Since 2007, as Senior Technical Manager, he supervised several R&I projects, teams and technical committees. He was also Secretary of ERRAC.



Danny Di Perna Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Alstom

Danny the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Alstom and was appointed to this role in February 2021. In this role, he has group responsibility and oversight for Alstom's global supply chain and operations, quality, product system safety and EH&S programs. In addition to the functions above, Danny also has responsibility for Alstom's global commercial and partnership leadership.



Augusto Mensi Member of the UNIFE Presiding Board, Vice Chairman and CEO of Lucchini RS Group

Augusto is the Vice Chairman and CEO of Lucchini RS Group. With a strong background in engineering, he obtained his degree from the University of Brescia in 2000. In 2004, he became the General Manager of Lucchini Sidermeccanica, now known as Lucchini RS. He also holds leadership positions in other companies of the group, such as Chairman of LUR (UK) and Chairman of Lucchini Sweden.



MODERATOR

Elizabeth Jordan, Global Railway Review

Elizabeth Jordan is the Editor of Global Railway Review. Beginning in her current role in May 2023, Elizabeth has just under a decade of experience as an editor within building, engineering and infrastructure industries.

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Hotel Marriott Entrance for UNIFE General Assembly



Meeting point for bus transfers to the Gala Dinner (12 June) in front of Marriott Hotel



Gala Dinner at Kasteel van Ruisbroek (12 June)

