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EU support for the development of rail transport in Bulgaria and the Western Balkans

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Central Railway Station Sofia, Bulgaria

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8:30 – 9:00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

9:00 – 9:30

Opening session

- Mr Ivaylo Moskovski, Bulgarian Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications (*confirmed*)
- Mr Andrey Novakov, Member of the European Parliament (*confirmed*)
- Mr Ognian Zlatev, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Bulgaria (*confirmed*)
- Mr Philippe Citroën, Director General of UNIFE (*confirmed*)

Moderation by Mr Philippe Citroën, Director General of UNIFE

9:30 – 11:10

Current and future EU investment for rail in Bulgaria and the Western Balkans

- Mr Jean-Louis Colson, Head of the 'Transport Networks' Unit, DG MOVE, European Commission (*confirmed*)
- Ms Vittoria Alliata-Di Villafranca, Director for Administrative Capacity Building and Programme Implementation II, DG REGIO, European Commission (*confirmed*)
- Mr Mathieu Grosch, European Coordinator for the TEN-T Orient-East Med Corridor (*confirmed*)
- Mr Piers Vickers, Lead Economist, Mobility Department, Projects Directorate, European Investment Bank (EIB) (*confirmed*)

- Ms Galina Vassileva, Director for Coordination of programmes and projects, CEF Transport contact point, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Bulgaria (*confirmed*)
- Mr Dejan Lasica, General Manager of the South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO) (*confirmed*)
- Mr Stoyan Bratov, CEO of Metropolitan JSC (Metro Sofia operator) (*confirmed*)

11:10 – 11:40 *Coffee break*

11:40 – 13:00 Mobility and Interoperability

State of play of the implementation of the Technical Pillar of the 4th Railway Package and the deployment of ERTMS

- Ms Elisabeth Werner, Director for Land Transport, DG MOVE, European Commission (*confirmed*)
- Mr Josef Doppelbauer, Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) (*confirmed*)
- Mr Libor Lochman, Executive Director of CER (*confirmed*)
- Mr Veselin Vasilev, Executive Director of the Bulgarian Railway Administration Executive Agency (National Safety Authority) (*confirmed*)
- Mr Iñigo Balda, CAF Signalling BU General Manager, Presentation of the ERTMS cross-border project Vidin-Calafat (*confirmed*)

13:00 – 14:15 *Lunch break*

14:15 – 15:45 Current and future Research & Innovation opportunities for rail stakeholders

- Ms Elisabeth Werner, Director for Land Transport, DG MOVE, European Commission (*confirmed*)
- Mr Carlo Borghini, Executive Director of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (*confirmed*)
- Mr Yves Perreal, Director of Advanced Studies, Thales; Chair of the UNIFE Digitalisation Platform (*confirmed*)
- Mr Andy Doherty, CTO of Network Rail and Chairman of the European Rail Research Advisory Council (ERRAC) (*confirmed*)

15:45 – 16:00 Closing session

- Mr Pierre Jean Coulon, President of the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society of the European Economic and Social Committee (*confirmed*)
- Mr Ivaylo Moskovski, Bulgarian Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications (*confirmed*)