PROGRAMME
EUROPEAN RAIL FREIGHT DAYS

27-28 November 2014
Borschette Centre
Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels
Room 0A

DAY 1: 27 November, 13:15-18:00

13:15 Registration & Welcome by Olivier Onidi, Director European Mobility Network, DG MOVE

14:00 Session 1: Keynote speeches
- European Commission
- Libor Lochman, Executive Director, CER
- Philippe Citroën, Director General, UNIFE
- Irmtraut Tonndorf, Chair, ERFA

Session 2: Developing the Rail Freight Corridors (Moderator: Paul Mazataud (RFF), Director, North Sea Mediterranean Corridor (RFC2))

Much experience has been gained during the establishment of the Rail Freight Corridors (RFCs) and in the first year of operation of the first six RFCs. It is important that the RFCs form a network for competitive freight. This session will focus on key issues such as increased harmonisation, common rules and improved coordination between RFCs.

Panelists:
- Joannes Peeters, Chair of Executive Boards North Sea Mediterranean (RFC2) and North Sea Baltic (RFC8) Rail Freight Corridors, General Adviser, SPF Mobility and Transport, Belgium
- Andreas Pietsch, Chairman, Railway Advisory Group Corridor 8, Captrain
- Joachim Kroll, Secretary General, RNE
- Andrea Galluzzi, Managing Director, Mediterranean Rail Freight Corridor (RFC6), RFI
- Wolfgang Gross, Regieratsleiter, Bundesnetzagentur
- Juergen Maier, Head of International Affairs, BLS

COFFEE BREAK

Session 3: Creating an interoperable network for rail freight (Moderator: Karel Vinck)

How to further develop an interoperable rail freight network? How to remove the technical barriers (e.g. national rules) which hamper its development? What role can ERTMS play?

Panelists:
- Peter Toth, Deputy Head of Department, Hungarian Ministry of Transport
- Libor Lochman, Executive Director, CER
- Ole Kjærrefjord, Chairman, Hector Rail
- Klaus Mindel, Chairman UNIFE ETCS Steering Committee (UESC), Thales Group
- Armand Toubol, Vice Chairman, New Opera AISBL

18:00 END
DAY 2: 28 November, 8:30-13:00

08:30 Registration

09:00 Session 4: Revitalising European wagonload (Moderator: Denis Choumert, Chairman, ESC)
Wagonload traffic accounts for an important share of European rail freight. Some industrial sectors are highly dependent on wagonload. What can be done to revitalise wagonload traffic and turn decline into growth? What are the main challenges in this field? Which improvements are on the way and what are the success factors for the future of wagonload? Presentation by Paolo Guglielminetti, PwC, of the results of a study commissioned by the European Commission (and possible approach).

Panelists:
- Daniel Bürgy, Head of Sales, Member of SBB Cargo Management Board
- Andre Thinières, Délégué, OFP
- Vladimir Lupták, CEO, ZSSK Cargo
- Olaf Krüger, Chairman, IBS
- Wojciech Derda, Member of the Management Board, PKP Cargo

COFFEE BREAK

Session 5: Continuing the success of combined transport (Moderator: Eric Lambert, UIC CTG)
Combined transport has been a success story for rail transport for several decades. What is necessary to secure future growth? What are the main challenges? Where are the threats?

Panelists:
- Ralf-Charley Schultze, Director General, UIRR
- Rainer Mertel, Marketing Director, Kombiverkehr
- Marian Gaidzik, Founder and Shareholder, Hacon
- Frank Schuhholz, Managing Director, ERS Railways
- Andreas Schulz, Head of European Industry Sector Intermodal, DB Schenker (tbc)

Session 6: Rolling Stock - a key asset for rail freight in Europe (Moderator: Marcel Verslype, ERA)
An important part of the freight rolling stock will become obsolete and has to be replaced. This means important investments, but also new chances for more efficient vehicle certification and authorisation. Which improvements can the rail freight community expect in the coming years? Rolling stock will be used during 30 to 40 years and it should be the opportunity to develop and deploy new wagon technology and advanced vehicle concepts for high economic sustainability. What can be developed within the framework of Shift2rail?

Panelists:
- Gilles Peterhans, Secretary General, UIP
- Miroslav Tomas, Commissioner for Quality Management System, Tatravagonka
- Mark Stevenson, CEO, AAE
- Olivier Ghesquière, Director, Ermewa Group
- Miroslav Haltuf, Director International Affairs, Oltis Group
- Gert Fregien, Vice-President Innovation & Technology, Knorr-Bremse

Conclusions by Dominique Riquet, MEP and Olivier Onidi, Director European Mobility Network, DG MOVE

13:00 LUNCH