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EuroRail Hub announces high-profile speakers ahead of the upcoming digital event

Scheduled for 24 and 25 March, EuroRail Hub is set to present a strong lineup of sessions and welcome high-profile speakers, including UK Rail Minister Chris Heaton-Harris and representatives from the Railway Industry Association – RIA, Network Rail, Alstom, SNCF, Altamétris, ASSIFER, Trenitalia, Grand Paris Express and many more. Nick Kingsley, Managing Editor at Railway Gazette International, has also been announced as Conference Host.

Registration for the new online meeting place for the railway industry opened in late February and has since then attracted a high volume of participants from all over Europe. Strong support from industry experts has also been received, as demonstrated by the programme of events, organised in collaboration with the event's Associate Partners: the Railway Industry Association (RIA), the French Railway Industry Federation (FIF) and ASSIFER, Rail Industry Association (a member of Federazione ANIE). The sessions will be held by industry experts from across Europe and cover a wide range of relevant industry topics, including insights into the three markets: United Kingdom, Italy and France.

UK Rail Minister Chris Heaton-Harris, Marc Papinutti (General Director of Infrastructures, Transport and Sea, French Ministry) and Dr Ing Luigi Corradi (Chief Executive Director and General Director, Trenitalia) will be opening the sessions on Wednesday morning. David Clarke (Technical Director at the Railway Industry Association), Steven Hart (Lead Strategic Planner at Network Rail) and Mike Muldoon (Head of Business Development UK & Ireland at Alstom) will be reflecting on the subject of decarbonisation in rail. Russ MacMillan (Director for Rail Infrastructure (North), DfT), Christophe Villard (Grand Paris Express Project Lead), Ernesto Sicilia (Chairman and Managing Director, Trenitalia) and Roberto Rinaudo (CEO, Thello) will be tackling the value and opportunities of the rail market. Samuel Descroix (Manager of Geographic & Analytical Data of SNCF Reseau), Anthony-Victor Mehl (Marketing & Sales Director, Altamétris) and Giuseppe Gaudiello (President of ASSIFER) will also take part in conversations to reflect on the French and Italian markets.

Launched in January, EuroRail Hub is the newest digital event organised by Mack-Brooks Exhibitions. The event is set to facilitate international business contacts and aims to support the recovery of the European rail market. Organised by Railtex, Infrarail, SIFER and EXPO Ferroviaria, the platform will provide an early opportunity for organisations in the UK, Italy and France to get together and do business ahead of the live events in the second half of the year. The event will also focus on providing insights into the current challenges and future issues faced by industry professionals in their countries, but also across borders. Ш

Successfully organised by Mack-Brooks Exhibitions, the four trade shows have continued to receive strong support from major organisations shaping the European rail market since their first edition, respectively in 1993 (Railtex), 1994 (Infrarail), 1999 (SIFER) and 2004 (EXPO Ferroviaria). The exhibitions cover all aspects of the railway supply chain and provide an excellent meeting point for decision-makers, government authorities, buyers and engineering companies within the fields of rolling stock and infrastructure technologies. Railtex, Infrarail, SIFER and EXPO Ferroviaria are all scheduled to take place in the second half of 2021 to continue to support the recovery of the European rail market

Further information on the EuroRail Hub event and the extensive seminar programme is available on the official show website: <u>www.eurorailhub.com</u>

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