



**CoR Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER)
The European Rail Supply Industry Association (UNIFE)
The International Association of Public Transport (UITP)**

Conference

Urban rail investments in the next MFF

Wednesday 11 September 2019, 09:30-12:30

**Venue: European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99-101
Meeting room JDE 51**

The objective of the conference is to address the challenges and opportunities linked to urbanisation, notably emissions and congestion. Urban and regional rail projects at EU, national and regional level could help to resolve these problems while bringing significant economic, environmental and social benefits.

In the context of the ongoing discussions regarding the next MFF, this conference will provide the opportunity to discuss how the EU will continue to boost investment for urban rail projects, be it through funding from its own funds (Structural Fund/Connecting Europe Facility) or alternative financing schemes.

Agenda

09.30 – 10.00 Registration

Welcome networking coffee

10.00 – 10.45 Opening statements

Opening address - Political keynote speeches

- Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, President of the Committee of the Regions: *The link between urban transport and cohesion policy*
- Mikael NYBERG, Director-General, Ministry of Transport and Communications of Finland
Annika STIENEN, Deputy-Director at the Europe Department of UITP: *The importance of public transport and urban rail in the next EU budget*
- Philippe CITROËN, Director General of UNIFE: *Urban rail investments and the competitiveness of the European Rail Supply Industry*

Moderator: Jacqueline SPUIJBROEK, EU Regional Representative Zuid-Holland

10.45 – 11.15 Expert views on urban mobility "Building the Case for Urban Rail Systems"

The European Investment Bank (EIB)'s Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions (JASPERS) will make the case for urban rail systems and present expert views on urban mobility and how regions and cities can finance them. It will focus on how EU cities grow and compete with each other, and how to move from reactive to proactive infrastructure planning.

- Alan O'BRIEN, Transport Advisor at JASPERS

Discussion, Q&A

11.15 – 12.15 EU funding and financing for urban rail systems: best practices and prospects for 2021-2027

In this panel discussion representatives of DG REGIO, the EIB as well as the CoR, UITP and UNIFE will explore "EU funding and financing for urban rail systems: best practices and prospects for 2021-2027". Focus will be given in particular to the different funding lines available (CEF/Structural and Investment Fund/Horizon). How can the new regional development and cohesion policy beyond 2020 contribute to achieving a greener, carbon-free Europe and a fully connected Europe, with strategic transport and digital networks delivering the future mobility system?

- Ciarán CUFFE, MEP, Member of the European Parliament TRAN Committee
- Pascal MANGIN, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur on the CoR own-initiative opinion on "The potential of the rail sector in delivering EU policy priorities"
- Wojciech BARTELSKI, CEO of Warsaw Trams

- Martin PLATZER, Senior Vice-President, voestalpine Schienen GmbH
- Vincent LEINER, Team Leader, Unit “Smart and Sustainable Growth”, DG REGIO, European Commission
- Keir FITCH, Head of Unit "Rail Safety and Interoperability", DG MOVE, European Commission
- Per ALS, Senior Transport Specialist, European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Discussion, Q&A

12.15 – 12.30 Conclusions

Wrap-up and closing remarks

- Philippe CITROËN, Director General of UNIFE
- Annika STIENEN, Deputy Director at the Europe Department of UITP
- Pascal MANGIN, Member of the European Committee of the Regions

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For more information please contact the COTER secretariat at coter@cor.europa.eu or visit <https://cor.europa.eu/en/events/Pages/coter-urban-rail-investments-next-MFF.aspx>

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