



UNIFE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
10-11 June 2026 | Steigenberger Wiltcher's Hotel
(Avenue Louise 71, 1050 Brussels, Belgium)

Draft programme

(updated: 8 May 2026)

Day I: Wednesday | 10 June 2026

Time	Session	
10:00-10:50	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
11:00-12:30	Dialogue Forum on Public Procurement: Europe's last chance to rise to strategic challenges? <i>(Ballroom B, ground floor)</i>	Dialogue Forum - IRIS Certification®: A global evaluation system to ensure quality in the railway sector <i>(Ballroom C, ground floor)</i>
12:30-13:55	Lunch	
14:00-14:15	UNIFE Diversity & Inclusion best practices report <i>(Ballroom B-C, ground floor)</i>	
14:15-16:30	UNIFE Discovery Café: Boosting the competitiveness of the European Rail Supply Industry <i>(Ballroom B-C, ground floor)</i>	
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break	
18:30	Meeting Point for bus transfer to the Gala Dinner: across Steigenberger Wiltcher's Hotel main entrance	
19:00-22:30	Gala Dinner at Train World	
22:35	Meeting Point for bus transfer to Steigenberger Wiltcher's Hotel: outside of Train World	

Addresses in Brussels:

Meetings at Steigenberger Wiltcher's Hotel (10-11 June 2026)
[Avenue Louise 71, 1050 Brussels, Belgium](#)

Gala Dinner at Train World (10 June 2026)
[Place Princesse Elisabeth 5, 1030 Schaerbeek, Belgium](#)



Day II: Thursday | 11 June 2026

Time	Session (Ballroom B, ground floor)
8:45-9:25	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9:30-9:50	<p>Opening of the event Michael Peter Chair of UNIFE, and CEO Siemens Mobility</p> <p>Enno Wiebe Director General, UNIFE</p>
9:50-10:20	<p>Keynote speeches Arthur Corbin Business Advisor to the Cabinet of Stéphane Séjourné, Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy, European Commission</p> <p>François Kalfon Member of the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) and Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)</p>
10:20-10:35	<p>Outlook of the UNIFE 2026 World Rail Market Massimo Sabella Partner, Bain & Company</p>
10:35-11:30	<p>Institutional panel: At the Crossroads of Competitiveness and Resilience Magda Kopczyńska Director-General for Mobility & Transport (DG MOVE), European Commission</p> <p>Oana Gherghinescu Executive Director, European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)</p> <p>Giorgio Travaini Executive Director, Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-RAIL)</p> <p>Michael Peter Chair, UNIFE and CEO, Siemens Mobility</p> <p>Moderator: Enno Wiebe Director General, UNIFE</p>
11:30-12:00	<p>Game-changer for Belgian rail: Completion of ETCS deployment Benoît Gilson CEO, Infrabel</p>
12:00-13:20	Lunch
13:30-15:30	<p>General Assembly Statutory Meeting (Reserved to UNIFE members only)</p>
15:30-16:00	Closing Coffee Break