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LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS

14 & 15 June: The coffee breaks and lunch will be served on the 4th floor in Madrid 3, Exhibition Area



BUS TRANSFERS (Buses will leave only when fully occupied)

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General Assembly Dinner at Vinuelas

Riu Plaza Hotel → Vinuelas

17:45 Meeting point for bus transfer to the UNIFE dinner at Vinuelas at the corner of Hotel Riu Plaza and C/San Leonardo

22:25 Return to Riu Plaza Hotel

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Technical visits

Bus transfer will be provided to and from the 2 technical visits.

For more information please read the Cultural and Technical visits section



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VENUE ADDRESSES

14-15
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**Meetings at Hotel
Riu Plaza España**
Calle Gran Vía, 84,
28013 Madrid,
Spain

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**Gala Dinner at
Casino de Madrid**
Calle de Alcalá, 15,
28014 Madrid,
Spain

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**General Assembly
Dinner at Castillo de
Viñuelas**
Ctra. de Soto de Viñuelas
28760 - Tres Cantos,
Madrid, Spain



UNIFE CONTACTS AND RIU PLAZA HOTEL FLOOR PLAN

For more information please check at the back of the programme



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NETWORKING APPLICATION

Follow the QR code to download the UNIFE GA application. Login with your email to receive the access code to your inbox and start networking right away!

10:00-10:45	 Registration and Welcome Coffee (Hotel Riu Plaza España)
10:55-11:00	Opening of the event (Madrid 2, 4th Floor) Philippe Citroën, Director General, UNIFE
11:05-11:25	A woman's place is in rail! (Madrid 2, 4th Floor) Estere Upmace, Communications Manager, UNIFE
11:30-12:45 11:30-12:45	Dialogue Forum on Quality (Neptuno, 3rd floor) Dialogue Forum on Sustainable Mobility: Opportunities and Challenges for the European Rail Supply Industry (Madrid 2, 4th Floor)
12:45-14:15	 Lunch (Madrid 3, 4th Floor)
14:15-15:30 14:15-15:30	Dialogue Forum on Rail Cybersecurity: A priority of the European Rail Supply Industry (Madrid 2, 4th Floor) Dialogue Forum: Mapping out Investment for Rail (Neptuno, 3rd floor)
15:30-16:00	 Coffee Break (Madrid 3, 4th Floor)
16:00-17:15 16:00-17:15	Dialogue Forum: Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking - An incubator of tomorrow's rail innovations (Neptuno, 3rd floor) Dialogue Forum: Ensuring fair competition for European Rail Suppliers - New trade instruments on public procurement (Madrid 2, 4th Floor)

19:30-22:40 **Gala Dinner at Casino de Madrid**
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Given the proximity of Hotel Riu Plaza España and Casino de Madrid, and to avoid big traffic jams, we kindly ask you to directly meet us at **Casino de Madrid at 19:30**
Dress Code: Business attire

8:00-8:55

☕ Registration and Welcome Coffee (**Hotel Riu Plaza España**)
All meetings in Madrid 2, 4th Floor

9:00-9:30

Opening of the event

Philippe Citroën Director General, UNIFE

Henri Poupart-Lafarge Chair of UNIFE, and Chairman & CEO Alstom

David Lucas Parrón Spanish Secretary of State for Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda, Spain

Moderator Roundtables

Nick Kingsley Executive Editor Railway Gazette

9:30-10:30

Competitiveness and global leadership of the EU rail supply industry

Panellists

Lorena Ionita Deputy Head of Unit Mobility, DG GROW, European Commission

Lucian Cernat Head of Unit Regulatory Cooperation & Public Procurement, DG TRADE, European Commission

Jehan Sauvage Policy Analyst in the Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD

Sabine Schneider Head of Talent Management, Siemens Mobility

Augusto Mensi Member of the UNIFE Presiding Board, and CEO Lucchini RS

10:30-10:45

☕ Coffee Break (Madrid 3, 4th floor)

10:45-11:55

Rail mobility and digitalisation challenges in Europe

Keynote speech

Kristian Schmidt Director Land Transport, DG MOVE, European Commission

Panellists

Xavier Flores Secretary General for Infrastructure, Spanish Ministry of Transport

Kristian Schmidt Director Land Transport, DG MOVE, European Commission

Matthias Ruete European Coordinator for ERTMS

Josef Doppelbauer Executive Director, European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)

Giorgio Travaini Executive Director Ad Interim, Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking

Michael Peter Member of the UNIFE Presiding Board, and CEO Siemens Mobility

12:00-13:00

Major rail developments in Spain: overview and prospects

Raül Blanco Díaz President, RENFE

María Luisa Domínguez González Chairwoman, ADIF, and President EIM

Juan Tébar Molinero Director of Railway Exploitation, Metro de Madrid

13:00-13:50

 Lunch (Madrid 3, 4th floor)

14:00-15:30

General Assembly Statutory Meeting

(Reserved to UNIFE members only)

Introductory remarks from Chair of UNIFE

15:30

Closure of the General Assembly Meeting

17:45

Meeting point for bus transfer at the corner of Hotel Riu Plaza and C/San Leonardo

Dress code: Smart Casual

19:00-22:30

General Assembly Dinner at Castillo de Viñuelas

22:25

Meeting Point for bus transfer to Riu Plaza España just in front of Castillo de Viñuelas

Cultural and Technical Visit Day

8:20

Meeting point at the corner of Hotel Riu Plaza and C/San Leonardo

9:00-12:00

Technical Visits I ADIF: Atocha Station – refurbishment, extensions, and Control Center

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a valid ID

Atocha railway station, inaugurated in 1851, has undergone successive refurbishments and extensions and is currently the station with the highest passenger traffic in the country (including high speed, long and medium distance and commuter). Since 2021, it is also the main scenario of the liberalization process, with 4 different railway undertakings operating high-speed trains at the same time. In addition to its famous tropical garden which attracts as many visitors as passengers every year, Atocha station is home to Adif's high-speed Regulation and Control Centre (CRC), the nerve centre of high speed in Spain. Through the CRC, Adif controls all processes and systems of the Spanish high-speed rail using the Da Vinci system. The CRC manages and coordinates the traffic in real time following a defined transport plan, while complying with the required safety and punctuality indexes, which allows for an immediate response to possible incidents.

12:30

Estimated return

8:10

Meeting point at the corner of Hotel Riu Plaza and C/San Leonardo

9:00-12:30

Technical Visit II Metro Madrid: Robotized Central Warehouse, Station 4.0 and Rolling Stock Refurbishment Workshops

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We will visit Metro Madrid facilities in Canillejas, Madrid. The visit will start with a reception of visitors at the entrance of the Metro site. Following this, will be a visit to the new Robotised Central Warehouse, which is a new logistics centre and a pioneering hub in Spain using innovative technology for the maintenance of trains and installations throughout the underground network. Then we will visit Station 4.0, which is an innovative centre which aims to improve passenger information and accessibility outcomes. We will finish with a visit to the rolling stock repair and refurbishment central workshops, where there will be a real-time demonstration of raising a train.

12:45

Estimated return

9:45

Meeting point Puerta Real of Retiro Park - in Front of Puerta de Alcalá

10:00-12:30

Cultural Visit: Guided tour of Madrid and Royal Palace visit

This 2.5-hour tour of Madrid and the Royal Palace will be led by two official guides. Experience a 1 hour and 15-minute walking journey through some of Madrid's most notable highlights, such as Puerta de Alcalá, Cibeles Fountain, Bank of Spain, Alcalá Street, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, Plaza de la Villa, Exterior of Almudena Cathedral. Then, at 11:00, we will enter the Royal Palace and utilise radio guides to fully immerse ourselves in the rich history and architecture of the palace. Discover Madrid's most iconic landmarks and absorb the culture of this incredible city on this one-of-a-kind journey.

12:30

Estimated return



Henri Poupart-Lafarge

Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO Alstom. Mr. Henri Poupart-Lafarge is a graduate of École polytechnique, the École nationale des ponts et chaussées and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He started his career in 1992 at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., before joining the French Ministry of Economy and Finance in 1994. Mr. Henri Poupart-Lafarge joined Alstom in 1998, as Head of Investor Relations and responsible for management control. In 2000, he became the Transmission and Distribution Sector's Senior Vice-President of Finance, a position he held until the sale of the sector in 2004. From 2004 to 2010, he was Chief Financial Officer of the Alstom Group, from 2010 to 2011 President of the Alstom Grid Sector and was President of the Transport Sector from 4 July 2011 until his appointment as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Henri Poupart-Lafarge has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Alstom since 1 February 2016.



David Lucas Parrón

Born in Madrid in 1968, Lucas is a highly accomplished individual with a PhD in Law specializing in State Public Law. He has held prominent positions in Spanish politics, including mayor of Móstoles and spokesperson for the PSOE in the Madrid City Council. Lucas has also made significant contributions internationally, serving in leadership roles in various organizations and playing a key role in implementing the 2030 Agenda in Spanish municipalities. With a strong background in academia, he has taught law and political science at renowned universities. Since February 2020, Lucas has held the position of Secretary General of the Urban Agenda and Housing in the Ministry, where he showcases his expertise in urban issues and housing.



Lorena Ionita

Lorena Ionita is Deputy Head of Unit Mobility, DG GROW, European Commission. Previously, she worked in various departments of the European Commission: Directorate General "Competition", Directorate-General "Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs" and Directorate General Economic and Financial Affairs". Before joining the European Commission, she worked for BUSINESSEUROPE in Brussels, representing employers' organisations at EU level and in the European social dialogue. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Economics at College of Europe and a Master in International Business and Economics at the Academy of Economic Sciences in Bucharest (Romania).



Lucian Cernat

Dr. Lucian Cernat is Head of Unit Regulatory Cooperation & Public Procurement, DG TRADE, European Commission. With almost 20 years of experience in trade policy, he advises on EU trade policy, influencing over 4.5 trillion euros of EU trade flows annually. He is a renowned speaker at high-level events and his publications have been quoted in leading international journals. Dr. Cernat is a regular VoxEU columnist and his paper on "Trade Policy Analysis 2.0" was widely read. Before joining the European Commission, he worked at the United Nations in Geneva and was a trade negotiator with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Cernat holds a PhD from the University of Manchester and a postgraduate diploma from Oxford University.



Jehan Sauvage

Jehan Sauvage currently serves as Policy Analyst in the Trade and Agriculture Directorate of the OECD, where he leads the team in charge of market distortions and subsidies in industrial sectors. In this capacity, he has authored several reports quantifying and analysing the support that governments provide to industrial producers. Prior to holding that position, Jehan also served as Counsellor in the office of the OECD's Director for Trade and Agriculture and as Policy Analyst in the OECD's trade and environment team.



Sabine Schneider

As a Human Resource Manager with a career around various HR facets, it is still a major driver for me to create people ecosystems and allow talents to grow manifold. Being a passionate HR Leader and Talent Manager is a great honor and a pleasure for me at the same time. I clearly understand Human Resource as an enabler for business impacting through large-scale initiatives and translating global HR principles to local needs. Considering my learnings from my years spend in Asia, it will be even more essential to transform the business for the future: Purpose-led, performance-driven, and humble.



Augusto Mensi

Augusto Mensi is the current CEO of Lucchini RS Group and a Member of the UNIFE Presiding Board. After a degree in engineering, Mensi joined the Lucchini Group, gaining experience in various roles including ICT, engineering, and controlling. He is also the Chairman of ERWA Steering Committee and member of the Advisory Board of "Mobility Engineering" MSc, Politecnico di Milano University.



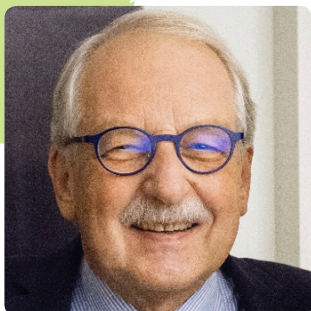
Kristian Schmidt

Kristian Schmidt is Director, Land Transport at the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport since April 2021. He previously held senior management positions at the European Commission, as Director at the Directorate-General for International Development Cooperation (DG DEVCO 2010-2013), as Deputy Head of Cabinet to European Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas (2004-2010) and as Deputy Head of Cabinet to EU Commissioner Poul Nielson (1999-2004). His diplomatic career, initiated at the Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, includes a posting at the UN New York (1997-1999), serving as EU Ambassador to Uganda (2013-2017) and EU Ambassador to Burma/Myanmar (2017-2020). Kristian Schmidt is an economist (cand.polit, University of Copenhagen, 1992), and an Erasmus scholar with additional academic degrees from France (Licence Sciences Economiques, Université d'Aix-en-Provence, 1989 and studies at Sciences Politiques, IEP, Paris, 1992), from Italy (International Relations, Università di Bologna, 1991) and the United Kingdom (MPhil International Relations with distinction from the University of Cambridge, 1993).



Xavier Flores

Xavier Flores took office at the Ministry of Transport, Mobility, and Urban Agenda on January 14, 2022, in Madrid, Spain. With a background in Civil Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, he has dedicated his career to working for the Generalitat de Catalunya. Since 2013, Xavier has held the position of General Director of Mobility Infrastructures, contributing significantly to the planning and operation of Catalonia's public and rail transport network. He brings valuable expertise at the Ministry of Transport and oversees key projects such as the Sagrera Station and the Mediterranean Corridor.



Matthias Ruete

Matthias Ruete has been the European Coordinator for ERTMS since January 2019. As Director-General, he was the most senior civil servant at the European Commission dealing with Transport (2006 to 2014). Most recently, he was Director-General for Migration and Home Affairs (2014 to 2018). He joined the European Commission services in 1986. He served as Director for Competitiveness (2005), Director coordinating the enlargement negotiations (2000 to 2004) and Director in International Transport, Galileo and trans-European Infrastructure Networks (1998 to 2000). He holds a Master in Law (London) and a doctorate in intellectual property law (Giessen) and both German state exams in law.



Josef Doppelbauer

Josef Doppelbauer has 25 years of experience in key aspects of railway technology, including signalling and control command systems; he joined the Agency in January 2015. Before leading the Agency, he held managerial positions at Bombardier Transportation. Since the early 1990's, he has been involved with the development of the European Rail Transport Management System (ERTMS). From 2012 to 2014, he was chairman of the European Rail Research Advisory Committee (ERRAC), the European technology platform.



Giorgio Travaini

Giorgio Travaini is heading the EU-Rail JU since March 2023 as Executive Director ad interim. He is responsible for the 1,2Bn€ Europe's Rail R&I integrated Programme since 2021 as Head of Programme. He has been supervising as head of R&I the 920M€ R&I Programme of Shift2Rail, since 2015. Before, he was a Senior Corporate advisor at UNIFE, advising on strategic topics and preparing S2R. Since 2007, as Senior Technical Manager, he supervised several R&I projects, teams and technical committees. He was also secretary of ERRAC. In 2006, he assisted Mr Paolo Costa, Chairman of Transport Committee of the European Parliament. In 2004 he joined the EU environment, working for the European Chamber of Commerce association and the Valle d'Aosta Regional representation office. Prior to that he had other international experiences with Procter & Gamble in Rome and with BNP Paribas Cardif in Paris.



Michael Peter

Michael Peter is the CEO of Siemens Mobility – a company that specializes in rolling stock, rail automation and traffic solutions. After having studied Electrical Engineering at the Technical University of Braunschweig as well as at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid and receiving his master's degree in electrical engineering (Dipl.-Ing.) in 1992, Mr. Peter has dedicated his career to transportation systems and industrial solutions, rolling stock and infrastructure solutions for road and rail as well driving digital transformation at Siemens. He has held various positions with Siemens in Germany, USA, Thailand and Spain.



Raül Blanco Díaz

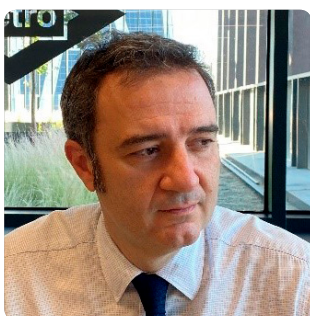
Raül Blanco Díaz is the President of RENFE-Operadora and has a background in Economics from the University of Barcelona. He has held various positions throughout his career, including General Director of the Fundación Escuela de Organización Industrial (EOI) and Secretary General for Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Tourism. He has also worked in local government and held positions such as Director of Economic Development and Employment at L'Hospitalet de Llobregat City Council. In the field of education, he has taught at several universities and participated in courses and seminars at national and international centers.

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María Luisa Domínguez González

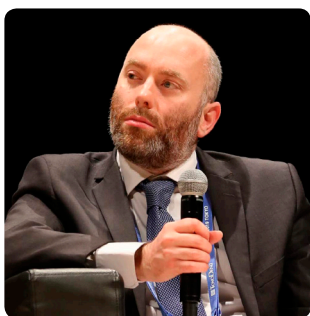
Appointed as Chairwoman of ADIF in July 2021, she holds a master's degree in civil engineering (UPM, 1993), a degree in Law (UNED, 2006) and a master's degree in International Strategic Management (UPM, 2016). She joined the Spanish Railway Infrastructure Manager in 1998, holding various positions, from managing the infrastructure and architecture design of High-Speed projects, to becoming the Head of the Technical Coordination area. In 2018, she was appointed as General Director of Strategic Planning and Projects, being responsible for ADIF's strategy, functional planning of network, infrastructure, and architecture designs. In addition to her work, she is lecturer on many university master's degrees and since April she was appointed President of EIM (European railway Infrastructure Managers).



Juan Tébar Molinero

Juan Tébar, Chief Operating Officer of Metro de Madrid, head of the Rolling Stock, Operation, Installations and IT, Civil Works and Railway Safety Departments. He is a civil engineer who started his career at the Spanish railway administrator, ADIF, where he held several positions of responsibility. He has devoted his career to railway systems and public transport, especially to the management of railway infrastructure contracts and works. He has been involved in the extension of the Spanish High Speed Railway Network, specialising in the construction of tunnels. He has been the proponent of different Railway System Changes in application of the Common Safety Method RE 402/2013, and Director of various works and proponent of the commissioning of the General Interest Railway Network (RFIG). Juan Tébar is member of the Governing Board of the College of Civil Engineers of Madrid and of the Spanish Association of Tunnels and Underground Works (AETOS).

MODERATOR



Nick Kingsley

Nick Kingsley is Executive Editor at the Railway Gazette Group, where he leads the content creation function across its publishing and events portfolio. Railway Gazette is the market leading business title for the global professional rail industry, with readership in 140 countries and a heritage dating back to 1835. Nick has held a range of editorial roles since joining Railway Gazette in 2006 from the market analysis group Datamonitor.

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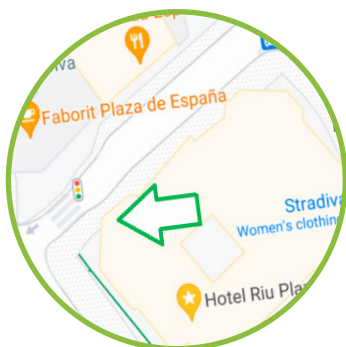
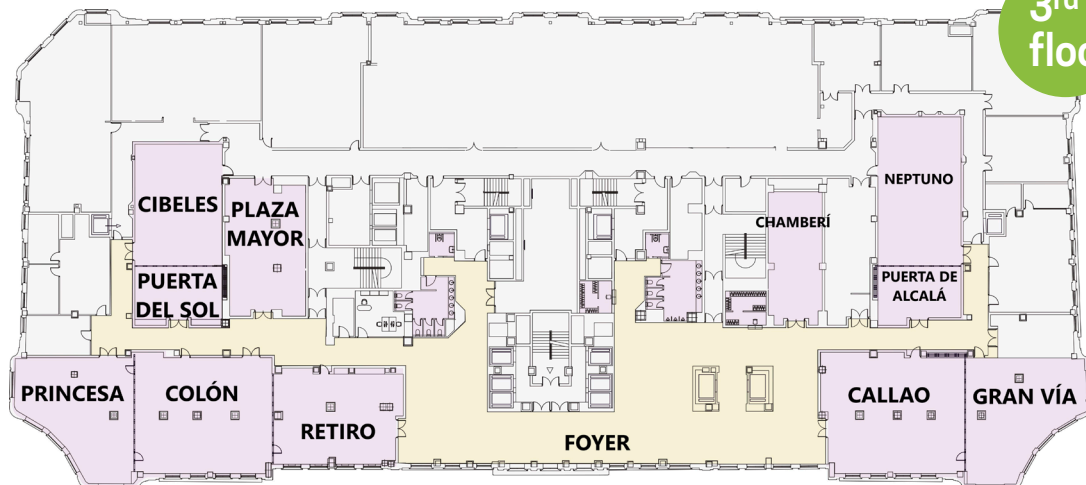
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 **Riu Plaza Hotel**
Entrance for UNIFE
General Assembly

Riu Plaza Hotel (plan)



 **Meeting point for**
bus transfers: Corner
of Hotel Riu Plaza and
C/San Leonardo



Meeting point for
the Cultural Visit:
Puerta Real of Retiro
Park - in Front of
Puerta de Alcalá