

# MORNING MOBILITY

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## MORNING MOBILITY: Politico Newsletter UNIFE General Assembly 2024

### RAIL

**RAIL INDUSTRY GATHERING:** Today and Thursday, railway industry group UNIFE holds its annual general assembly in Brussels. New Director General Enno Wiebe, taking the baton from Philippe Citroen, is expected to push to modernize European rail stock and technology and to lock down commitments from member states and policymakers.

**Key topics:** The rail industry will discuss ways to boost competitiveness within the region and will highlight its position as an almost emissions-free transport mode as the EU moves toward net-zero emissions from transport. Gender equality within the sector will also be discussed, as the results of industry-funded surveys are presented and suggestions for improvements are considered.

**Growth conditions:** “We must accelerate the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) roll-out, we must seek investment, and work for the harmonization of operational rules. It is the only way we can double rail freight and treble high-speed rail traffic by 2050 and reach our climate goals,” said Siemens Mobility CEO Michael Peter, who is also UNIFE’s board chair, in a press note seen in advance by Jeremy.

**On the mic:** Also speaking at the event will be Belgium’s outgoing mobility minister, Georges Gilkinet, and DG MOVE Director General Magda Kopczynska.