

Joint Workshop on Reducing the Cost of High-Speed Rail Construction of the 9 European Transport Corridors



AGENDA 20 and 21 MAY

Palacio Zurbano, Calle de
Zurbano, 7, 28010 Madrid, SPAIN



20 May

10h00 – 12h30

Visits (Taller de Fuencarral Alta Velocidad de Renfe, Chamartin high-speed station).

Meeting Point: Main entrance of the Madrid Chamartin train station. Look for the prominent logo marking the designated gathering area.

13h30 – 14h00

Master of ceremony: Mathieu Grosch

Registration and welcome coffee.

14h00 – 14h20

Political Opening

Kristian Schmidt, Director, Land Directorate, DG MOVE.

14h20 – 14h35

Dialogue between Professor Secchi and Luís Llamas, General Manager of ADIF Alta Velocidad: A public entity and non-financial corporation with independent accountability for high-speed rail investments outside government accounts.

14h35 – 14h50

Panel 1:

Perspectives from France, Italy, Germany, and Latvia on financing and construction cost disparities in European high-speed rail. Moderators – **Catherine Trautman & Marian-Jean Marinescu**:

- **Dariush Kosvar**, Europe Director, SNCF RESEAU.
- **Marco Gallini**, Head of Planning & Asset Management at Rete Ferroviaria Italiana S.p.A. (RFI).
- **Jens Hallfeldt**, Head of Technical Project Management and **Gabriel Menke**, expert from the Technical Project Management, DB .ProjektStuttgart-Ulm GmbH – part of Deutsche Bahn group
- **Kristine Malnaca**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Latvia.

15h50 – 16h20

Coffee break.

16h20 – 17h20

Panel 2:

“Integrating climate-resilience and decarbonisation into high-speed rail construction and maintenance: cost optimisation and long-term viability of assets” Moderators – **Anne Jensen & Pat Cox**:

- **Ana Pena Laseca**, Sustainability, Climate change and Environment Head from Ferrovial (focus decarbonised construction).
- **Manuela Rocca**, Deputy DG from TELT Italia (focus decarbonised construction).
- **Bernhard Weber**, Deputy head of department Cost Engineering and Project Services in the ÖBB Infrastruktur AG, Business Unit Project Management (focus climate resilience).
- **Danilo Sorrentino**, Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Manager, SNCF Réseau.

17h20 – 17h30

Overview on “ERA’s contribution to facilitating HSR deployment”, by **Oana Gherghinescu**, Executive Director, ERA.

17h30 – 17h40

Cost of EU High-Speed Rail: Insights from the EIB, by **Claus Eberhard**, Lead Economist, Mobility Department, EIB.

17h40 – 17h50

Summary of the day and outlook on the breakout group expert discussions, by **Mathieu Grosch**.

21 May

08h00 – 08h15

Welcome and organisation of the breakout groups.

08h15 – 10h00

7 breakout groups to identify strategies and provide recommendations and clear actions that would support reduction of the HSR construction costs.

- Breakout group 1 on “Construction Design and Standards”, moderated by **Kristian Schmidt**.
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- Breakout group 2 on “Administrative Procedures”, moderated by **Catherine Trautmann**.
- Breakout group 3 on “Procurement and Contracting Strategies for construction”, moderated by **Carlo Secchi**.
- Breakout group 4 on “Land acquisition, Spatial Planning and Stakeholder Engagement”, moderated by **Mathieu Grosch**.
- Breakout group 5 on “Materials, Innovation and Supply Chains”, moderated by **Pat Cox**.
- Breakout group 6 on “Benchmarking & lifecycle cost”, moderated by **Marian-Jean Marinescu**.

10h00 – 10h30

Coffee break.

10h30 – 11h30

Plenary reporting and in-depth debate by the 7 rapporteurs on breakout group outcomes moderated by **Kristian Schmidt**, Director, Land Directorate, DG MOVE.

11h30 – 11h45

Wrap-up Fireside Chat between **Oana Gherghinescu**, Executive Director, ERA & **Kristian Schmidt**, Director, Land Directorate, DG MOVE.