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PROGRAMME

Conference afternoon

PROGRAMME CONFERENCE AFTERNOON

13:00 - 14:00 **SESSION I - PROJECTS IN PORTS, UNLOCKING POTENTIAL VIA RAIL**
Belgium is home to major port areas, which are connected to the hinterland via extensive rail infrastructure. Now that the Belgian government has decided to double the volume of rail freight by 2030, all eyes are on the infrastructure upgrades to facilitate this effort. In this session, we will put the spotlight on the major projects planned and currently ongoing.

13:10 - 13:25 **Rail Vision 2040 and the modal shift to rail for freight**
Erik van Meensel *Expert Rail in Cabinet of Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Mobility Georges Gilkinet, Belgian Federal Government*

13:25 - 13:40 **Infrabel's current and future projects in Belgian ports**
Heidi Hendrix *Head of Portrail Solutions Infrabel*

13:40 - 14:00 **Rail freight infrastructure in Belgium: Which actions are needed?**
Thierry Vanelslander *Professor Department of Transport and Regional Economics, University of Antwerp*

14:00 - 14:30 **Coffee break**

14:30 - 16:00 **SESSION II - MODAL-SHIFT READY? USE CASES AND EXPERIENCES ON BELGIAN RAIL**
There are many companies involved in the optimisation of rail transport. This ranges from improving the coordination of rail activities to increasing the on-site modal shift. In this session, we hear about best practices and experiences.

14:35 - 14:50 **Lineas: Operator's point of view**
Martijn Elbers *Head of Lineas Intermodal*

14:50 - 15:05 **Combinant: Facilitating shift to rail in Port of Antwerp-Bruges**
Ben Beirnaert *General Manager Combinant NV*

15:05 - 15:20 **Improving rail freight in Port of Antwerp**
Nils van Vliet *CEO Railport Antwerpen NV*

15:20 - 16:00 **Panel discussion: Maintaining momentum or too little too late? Investments in rail infrastructure**
• **Pieter De Spiegeleer** *Belgian Federal Parliament*
• **Jeroen Vermaelen** *Lineas Belgium*
• **Heidi Hendrix** *Infrabel*
• **Thierry Vanelslander** *University of Antwerp*



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