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PROGRAMME

Conference morning

PROGRAMME CONFERENCE MORNING

09:00 - 10:15 SESSION I - BELGIAN RAIL IN THE COMING DECADE

When it comes to rail, Belgium in some areas is a frontrunner, such as the rollout of digital signalling ERTMS and the electrification of rail. What role can Belgium play in rail in the coming decade, for example in international connections? What are some lessons from the Belgian rail sector, and what is next?

09:00 - 09:20 How can Belgium play a leading role in European rail development?

Georges Gilkinet *Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Mobility in Belgium*

09:20 - 09:35 The Benelux Union and Railways: Connecting Belgium with its neighbours

Guus de Bruijn *Policy advisor Benelux Union*

09:35 - 09:50 Driving operational excellence at SNCB

Gerd de Vos *Director Technics SNCB*

09:50 - 10:15 Panel discussion: What challenges need to be solved for rail to live up to its full potential?

- **Dorien Rookmaker** *European Parliament*
- **Bernard Belvaux** *Alstom Benelux*
- **Gerd De Vos** *SNCB*

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 12:00 SESSION II - INCREASING THE SHARE OF RAIL

The European Train Control System (ETCS) can play a large role in safer operations, more capacity and increasing the share of rail. The rollout of this system on Belgium's tracks is going faster than in most other countries, what are the key takeaways from this? And what needs to happen when it comes to the rolling stock?

10:50 - 11:05 Current and future challenges facing railway rolling stock owners

Carole Coune *Secretary General Association of European Rail Rolling Stock Lessors (AERRL)*

11:05 - 11:15 ERTMS deployment in Europe from the perspective of the ERTMS Users Group

Michel Ruesen *Managing Director ERTMS Users Group*

11:15 - 11:30 ERTMS-infrastructure deployment in Belgium

Bavo Lens *Senior ETCS Design & Test Engineer Infrabel*

11:30 - 11:45 How to create a railway digitalisation unicorn in Europe

Stanislas Pinte *CEO The Signalling Company*



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