

Dear Sir/Madam,

Three years ago the kick-off meeting of INTER-Regio-Rail has taken place. During this meeting the project partners, mostly passenger rail authorities from four countries of Central Europe have met and discussed in which way to implement their joint pilot projects, to organise the exchange of their experiences and to find joint positions.

Now, three years later, the project is coming to its end, leaving a track of changes all over Europe: In eight regions of Europe the partners have developed new tools to improve regional transport and tested them by implementing pilot projects, making sure these are transferrable to other countries and regions. The partners have organized several study trips, site visits and a joint conference. The most important outcome however is that the INTER-Regio-Rail partnership has created a network of European passenger rail authorities that shares experience among its partners and makes the voices of passenger rail authorities heard by the European legislator.

INTER-Regio-Rail is coming to its end, but the cooperation will continue. The partners of INTER-Regio-Rail plus the passenger rail authorities' associations of France, Italy and the Czech Republic are inviting you to study and to discuss the results of our cooperation and to join the network of European passenger rail authorities.

Welcome to the final conference of INTER-Regio-Rail, welcome to Bologna!

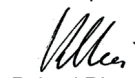
Yours faithfully,

Italian association of administrations responsible for mobility management (Federmobilità)



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French Association of Transport Authorities (GART)



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President

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Dr. Thomas Geyer
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VENUE

Regione Emilia-Romagna
Conference room A
Viale della Fiera 8
Bologna
Italy

HOW TO GET THERE

From the Central Railway Station (Stazione Centrale) you will reach the Conference venue using bus line 35 (direction rotonda Baroni). The journey takes approx 10 minutes. Get off at bus stop "Viale Fiera", cross the street and reach the Regione Emilia Romagna Conference room A located in Via della Fiera 8.

WELCOME JOINT DINNER

The main conference day, 15 May, will be preceded by a field visit on links between High Speed and Regional rail transport in the Region of Emilia Romagna on the afternoon and a joint dinner in the evening of 14 May.

REGISTRATION

Please register on our website www.interregionrail.eu. There, you will also find information on how to book a hotel in Bologna.

ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS



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INTER-Regio-Rail Final conference

14-15 May 2013
in Bologna

European Passenger Rail Authorities
cooperate to tackle their current and
future challenges

Tuesday, 14th May 2013

15.30 **Field visit on links between High Speed and Regional rail transport in the Regione Emilia-Romagna**

Site visit to the C.O.E.R. head quarter of RFI, Bologna central station. The main concepts of HS in Italy and its coordination with regional rail transport: infrastructure, operation, stations

Visit of the INTER-Regio-Rail Bicycle Railcar of the Regione Emilia-Romagna,

Nannina RUIU, Rete Ferroviaria Italiana
Cesare SGARZI, Regione Emilia-Romagna

Meeting point:

C.O.E.R., RFI, Bologna main station at 15.20

20.00 **Joint dinner**

Informal get-together, welcome by:

Paolo FERRECCHI, Head of Transport and Infrastructure Directorate, Regione Emilia Romagna
Dr. Thomas GEYER, President of BAG-SPNV

Wednesday, 15th May 2013

09.00 **Registration, coffee**

09.15 **Opening of the conference, Regione Emilia-Romagna**

Welcome by:

Alfredo PERI, President of federMobilità
Dr. Thomas GEYER, President of BAG-SPNV

09.40 **Introduction to the schedule of the day**

09.50 **Presentation and discussion of the INTER-Regio-Rail pilot projects**

10.00 **Workshops A1 and A2 in parallel**

Workshop A1: Station and network infrastructure development

Jiří HRUBON, Korid (CZ): Rail Network Development

Wiktor PLESINSKI, Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region (PL): Railway station development

Workshop A2: Special groups of passengers

Anna SCUTTARI, EURAC / **Dr. Karin CANINI**, Mobility Agency Bolzano (IT): The potential of customer satisfaction analysis

Manfred KREISNER, Greater Stuttgart Region (DE) (tbc): New responses to demographic changes

External view: Arriën KRUYT, European Passengers' Federation

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.20 **Workshops B1 and B2 in parallel**

Workshop B1: Rail transport across national borders

Christoph MEHNERT, ZVON (DE): Legal solutions for cross-border awards

Kai DAHME, VBB (DE): Vehicles for cross-border rail transport

External view: Jean-Eric PAQUET, European Commission

Workshop B2: Intermodal transport

Paolo FERRECCHI, Regione Emilia Romagna (IT): Cyclists in regional rail transport

Tomasz ROSIK, City of Lubin (PL) (tbc): Integrating regional and local public transport

External view: Joerg SCHWEIZER, University of Bologna (tbc)

12.30 **The perspectives of rail transport from the point of view of the European Commission**

Jean-Eric PAQUET, European Commission

13.00 **Lunch**

14.30 **Keynote Speech: How can passenger rail authorities learn from good practices in regional rail transport?**

Piers MARLOW, Arriva plc.

15.00 **Reports from the pilot project workshops**

15.15 **Report on the European lobbying activities of INTER-Regio-Rail**

Susanne HENCKEL, BAG-SPNV

15.30 **Coffee break**

15.45 **The benefits of cooperations for regional and national actors from the point of view of the European Infrastructure Managers**

Monika HEIMING, EIM

16.15 **Statements on the future cooperation of passenger rail authorities in Europe**

Jiří HRUBON, ČAOVD (CZ)

Alfredo PERI, federMobilità (IT)

Bernard SOULAGE, GART (FR)

Dr. Thomas GEYER, BAG-SPNV (DE)

Joint signing of the European Passenger Rail Authorities' cooperation strategy

16.45 **Closing of the conference**

Alfredo PERI, Regione Emilia Romagna / federMobilità

20.00 **Evening Event**