



European Rail Freight Association



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16th May 2013, 4.00 pm – 6.45 pm
Cercle Royal Gaulois, Rue de la Loi 5, B-1000 Brussels

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Speakers' Profile

Mr J.-E. Paquet



Director of European Mobility Network DG MOVE

Mr Paquet began his career in the European Commission in 1993 in the Directorate-General for Transport, in the International Relations area, and later as assistant to the Transport Director General, Robert Coleman. In 1999 he joined Mr Verheugen's office, Member of the European Commission in charge of enlargement. In 2002 he became the deputy head of office of M. Busquin, member of the European Commission in charge of Research policy. Mr Paquet was EU Ambassador in the Islamic republic of Mauritania between 2004 and 2007. He returned to transport in 2007 where he lead the development of the Trans-European Transport Network policy. The Directorate " European Mobility Network" is responsible for European infrastructure policy and investment strategies, the single European rail area, inland waterways and port policy.

Mrs A. Walker



Chair of IRG-Rail and ORR

Anna Walker has been Chair of the UK Office of Rail Regulation since 2009. During 2013 she is also serving as Chair of IRG-Rail, the European forum of independent regulatory bodies for rail.

She has held a number of senior public positions, including: Chief Executive of the UK Healthcare Commission, 2003-2009; Director General at the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with responsibility for land use and rural affairs. 2001 – 2003; Director General at the Department for Trade and Industry, responsible for the government's energy policy. 1998-2001; Deputy Director General at the UK telecommunications regulator, OFTEL. 1993-1997.

Mr L. Lallemand



CEO of INFRABEL

Luc Lallemand went to the Antwerp Maritime Academy and finished his studies as Bachelor Deck Officer. After that he graduated magna cum laude as Master of Commercial Engineering. Nowadays he is CEO of INFRABEL, Chairman of the Board of Directors of TUC Rail, Vice-Chairman of EIM, Director at Vinçotte, Réseau Ferré de France and RATP Dev.



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Mr S. Wendel



Director of the Freight Corridor 1

Stefan Wendel, born 12.05.2051 in Hamburg, Diploma in telecommunications. For 8 years Project manager expert in civil aviation industry. Responsible for turnkey airport projects for facilitation with landing, navigation and telecomm systems, air traffic control equipment and all other technical airport facilities, mainly in Afrika and south Amerika. Since 1989 in railway industry as project manager for HSL Madrid Sevilla line and Director of line maintenance, representative and project manager for Teheran-Mashad line, consortium leader Hamburg-Berlin line modernisation. Head of signalling projects and project management process owner in industry for Germany. Since 2003 with Deutsche Bahn. Head and technical speaker of region South East unit for infrastructure projects. Head of infrastructure of suburban network in Bavaria. Since 2006 leader of IM Corridor Rotterdam-Genoa organisation, MD and programme director of corridor EEIG.

Mr P. Citroën



Executive Director of UNIFE

Philippe Citroën joined UNIFE in June 2011. He began his career as Transport Advisor at the French Permanent Representation to the EU in 1986 and then became Member of the Cabinet of the French Transport Minister in 1990. In 1993 he became Manager and Chief of Staff at RATP Paris, and joined the SNCF as Strategy Director in 1999. Prior to assuming his position at UNIFE, he served for 8 years as CEO of Systra, one of the world's leading public transport engineering companies.

Mr J.H. Nielsen



CEO of SAMSKIP

Jens Holger Nielsen is the CEO of Samskip Multimodal and Chairman of Samskip Icepak Logistics. These activities comprises Samskip's pan-European multimodal network handling more than 600,000 TEU annually using vessel, barge, rail and road systems operated by Samskip as well as Samskip's global refrigerated and dry NVOCC activities. Jens Holger reports to the Board of Directors of Samskip. Jens Holger joined Samskip in 2006 after 20 years in A.P. Moller Maersk where he held senior positions in the container business. Living and working for extensive periods in seven different countries in USA, Europe and Africa, Jens Holger has through an international career and a wide range of senior management positions more than 25 years of knowledge and experience in shipping and logistics.



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Mr J-C. Hermand



Logistics Manager of TOTAL Petrochemicals

Chemical Engineer from the Université Libre of Brussels. After 15 years spent in various manufacturing positions in Europe and in the USA, joined in 2005 Total Petrochemicals as Worldwide Transport HSE manager. In 2010, took over the position of Europe, Asia & M.E. Logistic Manager for the Base Chemicals products. Since 2012, in the new Total Refining and Chemicals Europe organization, is in charge of the Logistic department for Base Chemicals and Refining specialty products. Represents Total in CEFIC, UIC and Essencia Logistics committees.

Mr F. Coart



President of ERFA

On 20th January 2011, Mr François Coart was elected President of the European Rail Freight Association (ERFA). As from 06/2012, he is Development Director of Europorte. From 09/2010 to 06/2012, he is Strategy Director of Europorte (F&UK), the one of first privately owned rail freight operator in Europe. Europorte is the railway undertaking of the Groupe Eurotunnel. Since 2008, he is also General Director of the Groupe Eurotunnel subsidiary London Carex (UK), dedicated to develop a high speed rail freight terminal in London. During 2009 and 2010, he was also leading the acquisition of the 3rd largest rail freight operator in the UK, GB Rail Freight and of the French assets of Veolia Cargo for his group. In 2006 he joined Groupe Eurotunnel as Rail Development Director. From 1993-2003, he was working with Alstom Transport (F), amongst others as Vice-President Commercial & Marketing France. From 1989-1993, he was working with Bombardier (B), amongst others as Marketing Manager. Mr François Coart is a commercial engineer (Catholic University of Louvain, B).



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Mr. Siim Kallas



Vice President of the European Commission Commissioner for transport

Born: October 2, 1948; Tallinn, Estonia

Married, two children.

Nationality: Estonian

In May 2004, Mr Kallas was appointed as the first Estonian member of the European Commission, working in the field of economic and monetary affairs. Mr Kallas was appointed Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of transport in February 2010. From October 2004 until February 2010 he served as Vice-President responsible for administration, audit and anti-fraud.

Mr Siim Kallas has been an active participant in the restoration of Estonian statehood and has served in Estonia as Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of the Central Bank. He has been elected to the Estonian Parliament three times. He also held the position of the Chairman of the Estonian Reform Party since the party's creation in 1994 until November 2004, after which he became the Honorary Chairman of the party.

Mr Siim Kallas graduated cum laude from the Finance and Credit Department of the University of Tartu in 1972. He continued his studies as a post-graduate student until 1975 and is now a Visiting Professor at the University of Tartu.

Career in detail:

Since February 2010: Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for transport

November 2004-February 2010: Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for administration, audit and anti-fraud

May 2004-November 2004: Member of European Commission

2003-2004: Member of Parliament and the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament

2002-2003: Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia

1999-2002: Minister of Finance of the Republic of Estonia

1995-1999: Member of Parliament and the Defense Committee of the Parliament

1995-1996: Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

1991-1995: President of the Bank of Estonia

1989-1991: Chairman of the Estonian Central Association of Trade Unions

1986-1989: Deputy Editor of the Estonian daily newspaper "Rahva Hääl"

1979-1986: Director of the Estonian Central Board of Savings Banks

1975-1979: Finance Ministry of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic