

Press Release – ERFA Board of Directors Re-elect Dirk Stahl and Maciej Gladyga as President and Vice-President

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During the ERFA Board of Directors meeting held on 26 November 2021, the decision was taken to re-elect Dirk Stahl and Maciej Gladyga as ERFA President and ERFA-Vice President respectively. Both mandates are for a two-year period up until November 2023. This period will consist of a number of important legislative revisions, such as the Rail Freight Corridors Regulation and TEN-T Guidelines, as well as a revision to existing State Aid rules for Railway Undertakings.

Mr. Stahl is the CEO of BLS Cargo. BLS Cargo operates with about 400 employees in Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium and is one of the main corridor operators providing rail freight transport services on the north-south corridor between the North Sea and the Mediterranean as well as on other corridors from Belgium. Mr. Stahl has extensive experience in the international rail freight market and is well acquainted with the needs of the sector.

Mr. Gladyga is the Managing Director of IGTL (Land Transport Chamber of Commerce of Poland). Within this role, Mr. Gladyga represents operators of various sizes and wagon keepers within the Polish rail freight market.

Upon his re-election, ERFA President, Dirk Stahl, commented, “It is a great privilege to be re-elected as ERFA President. Over the past two years, we have worked hard on ensuring rail freight was supported throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe the achievement of Track Access Charge reductions and waivers in many countries is a clear result of our good work. I look forward to continue working with Mr. Gladyga, the ERFA Board of Directors and ERFA Secretariat to ensure private and independent rail freight companies have a strong voice over the next two years”.

ERFA Secretary General, Conor Feighan, said “the re-election of Mr. Stahl and Mr. Gladyga is a strong vote of confidence for the work of the association over the past two years. The association is now well positioned ahead of some important legislative revisions which will play an important role in determining whether rail freight is in a position to reach the European Union’s objective of 50% growth in volumes by 2030”.

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