## Speaker biographies







Jean-Pierre LOUBINOUX

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Director General of the International Union of Railways (UIC)

A graduate of the Ecole Centrale Paris, he worked at the French Foreign Trade Delegation to Hong Kong (1977-1978) before joining French railways SNCF in 1978, where he held various responsibilities including Director of the SNCF **General Delegation** in **North-America** and Chief Executive of French Railways UK Ltd in Britain. He then joined the SNCF Freight Department where he successively managed the Coal-Steel Business Unit and the HR, Data Processing and Finance Department before being appointed Chief Executive of SNCF Freight International (2001) and from 2001 to 2009 Chairman and CEO of SNCF International and SNCF Director of International Development.

In March 2009, Jean-Pierre Loubinoux was appointed Director-General of the International Union of Railways (UIC), the worldwide association representing the rail sector and encompassing 240 railways across all the continents. His mandate was renewed at the 2010 and 2014 UIC General Assemblies and is set to run until 2017.

Jean-Pierre Loubinoux holds a large scope of responsibilities at international and professional level. In 2014 he was appointed Member of the High-level Advisory Group to the United Nations Secretary General on Sustainable Transport. He is also French Foreign Trade Advisor and Chairman of the Transport Committee, Chairman of the Medel International France-Argentina Committee, Chairman of AFFI (the French association of railway engineers and managers), Member of the Chartered Institute of Transport and Member of the Board of the US High Speed Rail Association.





**United Nations**Framework Convention on Climate Change

Christiana FIGUERES
Executive Secretary of UNFCCC

Christiana Figueres was appointed as the new Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in 2010, and was reappointed for a second three year term in July 2013.

Ms. Figueres has been involved in climate change negotiations since 1995. Initially a member of the Costa Rican negotiating team, she was also a member of the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism and Vice President of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties in 2008-2009. In 1995 she founded the Centre for Sustainable Development of the Americas (CSDA), a non-profit think tank for climate change policy and capacity-building, which she directed until 2003. Before that, she served as Director of the Technical Secretariat, Renewable Energy in the Americas (REIA).

Ms. Figueres began her life of public service at the Embassy of Costa Rica in Germany in 1982. She also served as Director of International Cooperation in the Ministry of Planning in Costa Rica (1987-1988), and was Chief of Staff to the Minister of Agriculture (1988-90).

Ms. Figueres has served on many boards of non-governmental organisations involved in climate change issues. She is a widely published author on the design of climate solutions, has been a frequent adviser to the private sector, and lectures at many universities and colleges.

Ms. Figueres holds a Masters Degree in Anthropology from the London School of Economics and a certificate in Organizational Development from Georgetown University. She was born in San José, Costa Rica in 1956 and has two daughters.







Sharon DIJKSMA

Sharon DIJKSMA State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment Netherlands

Sharon Dijksma was a member of the House of Representatives of the States General for the Labour Party (PvdA) from 1994 to 2007. Her portfolio included education, transport, public works & water management and development cooperation. On 22 February 2007 she was appointed State Secretary for Education, Culture & Science in the fourth Balkenende government.

From 17 June 2010 to 20 September 2012 Ms Dijksma was a member of the House of Representatives for the PvdA, with responsibility for general economic policy and spatial planning & infrastructure. From 17 December 2012 to 3 November 2015 she was Minister for Agriculture in the Rutte-Asscher government.

On 3 November 2015 Ms Dijksma was appointed Minister for the Environment in the Rutte-Asscher government.

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Mikhail AKULOV



Mikhail AKULOV CEO Federal Passenger Company, Russian Railways

Mr. Akulov graduated from Moscow Institute of Railway Engineers in 1982 with a major in railway transportation electrification and underwent advanced training in 1998 and 2000 at the Academy of National Economy under the Russian Government in the programmes State Management of Railway Transportation and State and Corporate Governance of Railway Transportation in Modern Conditions.

Source: RZD







José VIFGAS

José VIEGAS Secretary-General of the International Transport Forum at the OECD

José Viegas has been Secretary-General of the International Transport Forum at the OECD since August 2012. A Portuguese national, Mr. Viegas has had a distinguished career in academia and in the private sector before joining the ITF. A full Professor of Transport at the Technical University of Lisbon, he served as Director of MIT-Portugal's Transport Systems focus area. As chairman of TIS.pt consultants, he advised governments and international institutions on key transport projects and policies.

At the helm of the ITF, Mr. Viegas has implemented new initiatives to increase value for member countries. He has created a work stream for rapid-delivery policy analysis for countries, strengthened ITF's links with the private sector through the ITF Corporate Partnership Board and advanced the harmonisation of pan-European road freight transport by helping to secure approval for the Quality Charter developed by ITF's European Road Transport Group. Mr. Viegas has also guided ITF through the implementation of its Revised Mandate and new General Rules; as well as taking a leading role in reforming ITF's funding structure.

Mr. Viegas holds a PhD in Civil Engineering from the Technical University in Lisbon and undertook postgraduate studies in regional Studies at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany. He speaks fluent Portuguese, English, French, Spanish, German, and Italian.



Josef DOPPELBAUER



Josef DOPPELBAUER Executive Director of the European Railway Agency (ERA)

Dr. Josef Doppelbauer holds a degree and a Doctorate, both in Physics. He started his career at the Alcatel Research Centre in Vienna, Austria, where in 1997 he became Technical Director. In 2001, he moved to Paris to become Chief Technical Officer for Alcatel Transport Automation Solutions.

Dr. Doppelbauer joined Bombardier Transportation in December 2002, first working in the Rail Control Solutions division, where he held several positions in Engineering, Sales, and as President. In 2008, he moved on to the global headquarters of Bombardier Transportation in Berlin. From July 2008 to June 2012, he was Vice President Project Management, and from July 2008 to December 2013 Chief Technical Officer. From 2014 – 2015 he was Vice President Research and Technology, Bombardier Transportation.

Dr. Doppelbauer has 25 years of experience in key aspects of railway technology, including signalling and communications and control. Since the early 1990's, he has been involved with the development of the European Rail Transport Management System (ERTMS). His international work experience includes stations in Austria, France, UK, Sweden, and Germany. Dr. Doppelbauer is the current chairman of the European Rail Research Advisory Committee (ERRAC), the European technology platform of the rail sector. From 2011 to June 2014, he was the chairman of the Steering Committee of the Joint Technology Initiative SHIFT2RAIL. Currently, he represents Bombardier Transportation in the Governing Board of SHIFT2RAIL.

Mr. Doppelbauer has held the position of Executive Director of the European Railway Agency since 1 January 2015.







Andy DOHERTY

Andy DOHERTY ERRAC Chairman, Director Network Rail

Andy Doherty runs a large team within Network Rail. His key responsibilities include leading a 'system overview' of the railway, ensuring the integration of interfaces with trains and the various engineering disciplines. Andy also leads all the Network Rail activities and processes on R&D, wheel/rail interfaces, acceptance of systems and equipment, and sets policy on all European work re new standards. Andy is the chairman of the EIM (European Infrastructure Managers) Support Group, managing its input into the development of the new ERA (European Railway Agency) standards and a number of European Projects such as INESS. Andy is an electrical system engineer who has also become an expert in rolling stock design, the mechanical interface between the train and track, and transmission based signalling systems such ETCS and electro-magnetic compatibility.

Previously Andy held a number of senior roles in London Underground including Project Director and Engineer for the upgrade of the Central and Northern Lines and the Driver Only Operation project.

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Alberto MAZZOLA International Affairs Senior Vice President, FS Italian Railways

Alberto Mazzola, joined the European Economic and Social Committee on September 20 2015.

He has been working since 2002 for Ferrovie dello Stato and he currently holds the responsibility of International Affairs Senior Vice President. Previously, he has been the company EU Representative in Brussels and then the Director of European Affairs and International Organizations.

In 2008 he has been appointed and he is still today the Deputy Chairman of Transport Working Group of Business Europe, the leading EU Employers Association. He represents FS Italiane at CER (Community of European Railways and Infrastructure Managers) and at UIC (Union Internationale des Chemins de Fer).

After receiving a Master in Business Administration and graduating cum laude in Nuclear Engineering at the Politecnico of Milan, he joined Finmeccanica in 1988 where he covered different position in Business Development and European Union Affairs. His experience in Finmeccanica spanned from technology management to business planning and M&A, with a particular focus on USA, Russia and Eastern Europe. During this time he has been member of several advisory boards.

In 1992 he assisted the Romanian Ministry of Industry to devise a policy to reorganize and privatise state companies. In 1990-1991 he has been member of the Cabinet of the Italian State Holdings Minister. In 1990 he has been elected Mayor of Villa d'Adda (Italy).

He is a member of the Italian Journalists Association, published more than 50 articles on European Affairs, co-authored the report on Benchmarking National Research Policies, Public and Private Investments in EU R&D.

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Henry MARTY-GAUQUIÉ

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Director, Representative of the European Investment Bank Group (EIB) in Paris

A graduate in International Law and Political Science, Henry Marty-Gauquié has dedicated his whole career to European integration. In 1978 he started by working for the French Prime Minister (Raymond Barre) in the legal department of the S.G.C.I. now S.G.A.E. From 1981 to 1989, he served as the First Secretary at Law of the French Judge at the European Court of Justice and as Director of the President's Private Office at the European Court of Auditors.

In 1989, Henry Marty-Gauquié joined the European Investment Bank where he was appointed Director of Communications and later as the EIB Group Representative in Paris. He is also in charge of institutional relations with non-EU International Organisations.

Among other external responsibilities for the EIB he serves as a Member of the Oversight Committee of the Marseille Centre for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) and as a Board Member of the French Institute for PPP (IGD), Paris.



Sabiha DERBEL



Sabiha DERBEL President of Tunisian National Railways (SNCFT)

Sabiha Derbel is a graduate of the National Engineering School of Tunis (ENIT). She successively held the positions of Project Manager and then Head of the Department of Development and Infrastructure and Central Director of the Railway Sector in 2015 before being appointed Head of SNCFT on 6 May 2015.

Sabiha Derbel is married with two children.





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Lutz BERTLING
UNIFE Chairman, President of Bombardier Transportation

Mr. Bertling studied Mechanical Engineering at TU Braunschweig. Upon completion of his studies in 1988, he joined the academic staff at the Institut für Werkzeugmaschinen und Fertigungstechnik (IWF) at TU Braunschweig, becoming Head of Production Systems at IWF. He remained at IWF until he received his doctorate in 1993.

Prior to joining Bombardier in June 2013, he accumulated a wealth of experience working for global aerospace and transportation businesses. Between 1993 and 1999, he held positions of increasing responsibility at Adtranz and DaimlerChrysler Rail Systems GmbH, today part of Bombardier Transportation, finally as Vice President System Development and Production Unit Carbody.

In 1999, Mr. Bertling joined EADS' Military Aircraft Business Unit as Vice President Augsburg Plant and Aerostructure Programs. He moved to Eurocopter Group in September 2003 as Executive Vice President Governmental Helicopters.

In April 2006, Mr. Bertling became Chief Executive Officer of Eurocopter Deutschland. In October of the same year, he took on the role of President and Chief Executive Officer of Eurocopter Group. During this time, he oversaw a doubling of turnover, an over-proportional growth of the services businesses and a major wave of innovation.

Mr. Bertling is a Chevalier of the French Legion d'Honneur, honorary professor of the Tongji University Shanghai and a fellow of the Royal British Aeronautical Society. Being a private pilot, he is passionate about flying helicopters.