

PROGRAMME

Rail – Europe’s climate solution?

Wednesday, 10 October 2018
18:30 - 21:00

Stanhope Hotel
Rue du Commerce 9 - 1000 Brussels

Rail is a **highly efficient form of transport for both passenger and freight** which has a significant environmental benefit. Rail only accounts for 1.7% of total energy consumption in transport, though it carries 17.4% of inland freight, and 7.6% of passengers in the EU28.

On **10 October 2018**, CER and Austrian Federal Railways ÖBB will host a roundtable discussing **Rail – Europe’s climate solution?** This event will give attendees a unique opportunity to gain knowledge about **the impact of rail business** on climate and energy targets. As the European Union is currently reflecting on the **strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emission reductions**, the event will focus on **decarbonisation of the transport sector** in accordance with the EU’s commitments in the Paris Agreement.

After a keynote by a representative of the **Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU**, the panel will address the **policy areas that could promote modal shift in the upcoming years**, boosting the competitiveness of the rail sector while leveraging synergies with other modes.

18:00 Registration, networking cocktail

18:30 Welcome address by moderator

Libor Lochman, Executive Director, CER

18:35 Keynote speech

Andreas Reichhardt, General Secretary, Austrian Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology

18:50 Panel discussion

Bogusław Liberadzki, Vice-President, European Parliament

Elisabeth Werner, Director Land Transport, DG MOVE

Andreas Matthä, Chairman of the Board of Management (CEO), ÖBB

20:00 Closing remarks by Libor Lochman

Walking dinner