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## PROGRAMME

### Employment and education in the European Year of Rail

Tuesday, 27 April 2021 | 16:00 - 17:30  
Online

#### 16:00 Opening

##### Welcome speech

**Pedro Nuno Santos**, Portuguese Minister for Infrastructure and Housing

##### Keynote speech

**Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

#### 16:20 Panel discussion

**Barbara Thaler**, Member of the European Parliament

**Carlo Scatoli**, Senior Expert - Skills and Qualifications, DG EMPL

**Luís Andrade Ferreira**, Executive Director of the Portuguese Railway Competence Centre, Professor at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Oporto

**Eckhard Voss**, Managing Partner, wmp consult

##### Audience Q&A

#### 17:25 Closing remarks

Moderated by **Alberto Mazzola**, CER Executive Director

#### Event background

The **green and digital transformation** is more than ever at the centre of the EU policy debate and will be key to determine **tomorrow's job market**. Rail has been a forward-looking employer across Europe over the last number of years, providing many modern high-skilled jobs. Yet many challenges remain, given that some countries will face shortages as large parts of the workforce are expected to retire in the next 10 years.

This event will look at how the railway sector is stepping up to these challenges by **reaching out to new talents**, increasing citizens' knowledge of the work in the sector, and **making sure the 1 million people it already employs have the right set of skills for a digitalised and green future**. It will also be the chance to hear how EU-funded projects such as the Skill Training Alliance for the Future European Rail system (STAFFER in short) can help the sector advance on new developments in employment and training.

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