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Transfer Conference & Shift to Regional Rail Award

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Shift to rail is one of the main challenges to reach the **Green Deal objectives** in transport and one of the key issues in the European Year of Rail. However, a modal shift towards rail has not occurred, neither in passenger nor freight transport where is too low – Rail Market Monitoring 2021.

During the **REIF Transfer Conference & Shift to Regional Rail Award** we'll go through the **existing and future international policies and measures** to accelerate the modal shift and through the **REIF project actions implemented**; furthermore the voice of the **international associations representing industry players** will join the debate to deepen the state of the art and their perspectives.

Discover the Agenda | Transfer Conference & REIF Shift to Regional Rail Award

Moderator: Andrea Bardi, General Manager, ITL Foundation*

Welcome and Openings | 9:00am – 9:20am

- ◆ Paolo Ferrecchi, General Manager of General Directorate for Territorial and Environmental Care, **Emilia Romagna Region**
- ◆ Giuseppe Luppino, Head of Unit European Projects, **ITL Foundation**
- ◆ Winfried Ritt, Senior Project Manager, **Interreg Central Europe JS**

Introduction - REIF Project and Transferability Plan | 9:20am – 9:55am

- ◆ **REIF Project Overview** - Klaus Bongartz, Advisor, **Thüringer Ministerium für Infrastruktur und Landwirtschaft**
- ◆ Project VIDEO
- ◆ **Focus on Transferability Plan** - Anna Giarandoni, Senior Project Manager, **ITL Foundation**

Technical Session - REIF Project and beyond: opportunities and challenges for the future of rail freight transport | 9:55am – 11:05am

- ◆ **Keynote Speech** - Eric Lambert, Chairman, Combined Transport Group Chairman, **UIC**
- ◆ **REIF Project: Lessons Learned and discussion on the statements**
- ◆ **WPT1 – Smart governance concepts for improved regional rail freight transport | Main results** - Aleksandar Dobrijević, M. Sc, **Institute for Traffic and Transport Ljubljana***
- ◆ **WPT2 – Implementation and coordination of concepts to eliminate bottlenecks and foster intermodal services | Main results** - Alberto Cozzi, Project Manager, **Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea**
- ◆ **WPT3 – Anchoring, Policy Integration & Transfer of project findings | Main results** - Francesco Paolo Nanni Costa, Project Manager, **ITL Foundation**

International Session | 11:05am-12:00pm

- ◆ Maria Koidu, EU Official Unit D1 - Maritime Transport & Logistics, **DG MOVE**
- ◆ Klaus Uwe Sondermann, Managing Director, **KombiConsult**
- ◆ Constantino Canu, Policy Advisor, Rail Freight, **CLECAT**

REIF SHIFT TO REGIONAL RAIL - AWARD | 12:00pm – 12:45pm

- ◆ Presentation of the Winners
- ◆ Awarding Ceremony 12:30 12:45 Wrap up and Closing remarks
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REIF Project in a nutshell

REIF Project aims at **increasing the modal share of rail freight transport** in particular tackling relevant challenges related to lacking connectivity at regional level, by **identifying infrastructural bottlenecks, preserving vulnerable connections and redeveloping closed tracks**.

Pilot actions test novel approaches to overcome different discontinuities of the regional rail network, resulting in **regional action plans** defining priorities and potential policy measures.

Partners will derive regional strategies to be integrated into regional policy instruments, in order to concretely change the current situation by **establishing regional policy instruments and coordination mechanisms**.



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