

Regions of Connected Knowledge (RoCK) Towards Coherent European Rail Network in Europe

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Committee of Regions - Brussels

Room: JDE63

09:30 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

10:00 **Opening Remarks**

Chair: **Mr. Jérémie Pélerin**, Senior Corporate and Public Affairs Manager,
UNIFE - The European Rail Industry (confirmed)

10:15 **Session One**
**Regions of Connected Knowledge (RoCK) – Thinking One Step Ahead in
the Field of Railway Transport in Europe**

- Strategic goals of the RoCK regions
- RoCK – Project's Description
- Participating Partners and Financial Framework
- Mid and Long Term Targets
- Adding Value to the EU Transport Agenda

Speaker:

Mr. Goesta Weber, City of Eindhoven Introduction RoCK project (confirmed)

10:35 **First Round of Discussion**

11:05 **Morning Coffee Break**

11:25 **Panel Session Two**
**Operational Barriers and Technical Challenges of RoCK Project –
Bringing Comparative Knowledge Together**

- Rail Market Organisation
- Infrastructure
- Rolling Stock
- Passenger Issues
- Regulatory Bodies

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Mr. Detlef Golletz, SEEDA Transmanche Metro, Regional Rail Services Through the Channel Tunnel (confirmed)

Mr. Ron Nohlmans, Gemeente Eindhoven, The New Dutch Hoofnet Concessie, Including HST Hubs Abroad (confirmed)

Mr. Paul Alzer, Parkstad Limburg, Rail Connection Eindhoven-Heerlen-Aachen (confirmed)

12:25 **Second Round of Discussion**

13:00 **Sandwich Lunch and Refreshments**

14:00 **Session Three**

Future of Rail Regulation

- RoCK Targets vs. the Commissions Major Policy Targets
- New Opportunities for Europe in the Railway Transport
- Towards a Single European Rail Space – Myth or Reality
- Transport Infrastructure as Prerequisite for Business
- Smart Small Scale Investments with Large Impact on Connectivity
- Recommendations for Future Policy Actions

Speaker:

Mr. Goesta Weber, City of Eindhoven, Presentation of RoCK Position Paper 'Rail Regulation' (confirmed)

14:20 **Third Round of Discussions**

14:50 **Network Reception and Refreshments**

15:30 **End of Programme**

16:00 **TV Debate/ Press Conference with Speakers and Chair**

16:30 **End of the Workshop**

**** Please note that the programme and speakers are subject to change ****