



Symposium

Competition & Regulation
in the Rail Sector

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Berlin, 29 January 2026

Venue

European School of
Management and Technology
Schlossplatz 1
10178 Berlin
Germany

Agenda

- 10.00 am** **Welcome remarks**
Professor Jörg Rocholl *President European School of Management and Technology Berlin*
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- 10.10 am** **Welcome and introductory remarks**
Evelyn Palla *Chairwoman of the Management Board and Chief Executive Officer Deutsche Bahn AG*
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- 10.25 am** **Rail in Europe – current trends in European transport policy**
Oana Gherghinescu *Executive Director European Union Agency for Railways*
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- 10.40 am** **Discussion on the European context**
Moderator: Anja Bröker *Company spokesperson Deutsche Bahn AG*
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- 11.00 am** **Coffee break**
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- 11.15 am** **Keynote: Reform of track access charge regulation**
Andreas Gehlhaar *Head of the Railways Department Federal Ministry of Transport*
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- 11.30 am** **Panel discussion: Reform of track access charge regulation**
Regina Kraushaar *Saxon Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development*
Dr Markus Hunkel *Chief Executive Office of RDC Deutschland GmbH*
Dr Philipp Nagl *Chairman of the Management Board and Chief Executive Officer DB InfraGO AG*
Joachim Berends *Vice President and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Rail Freight Transport Verband Deutscher Verkehrsunternehmen e.V.*
Andreas Gehlhaar *Head of the Railways Department Federal Ministry of Transport*
Moderator: Anja Bröker *Company spokesperson Deutsche Bahn AG*
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- 12.30 pm** **Lunch break**
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- 1.45 pm** **Keynote: The key to railway operating quality in the Netherlands**
John Voppen *Chief Executive Officer ProRail*
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- 2.00 pm** **Panel discussion: Capacity management as a lever for reliable rail transport**
John Voppen *Chief Executive Officer ProRail*
Dr Daniela Brönstrup *Vice President of the German Federal Network Agency for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Post and Railway*
Kerstin Haarmann *VCD Verkehrsclub Deutschland e.V.*
Oliver Wittke *Member of the Executive Committee Bundesverband SchienenNahverkehr e.V*
Dr Matthias Feil *Head of Timetable, Capacity Management and Network Access DB InfraGO AG*
Moderator: Anja Bröker *Company spokesperson Deutsche Bahn AG*
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- 3.00 pm** **Official end of the event**

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