

**18 December 2019**  
**Emilia Romagna Region Delegation to the EU**  
**21 Rue Montoyer, 1000 Brussels, Belgium**

***The future of rail transport for European regions:  
Challenges and perspectives beyond 2020***

The successful transition to a zero-emission transport sector will require a better alignment and greater consistency between EU, Member States and regional policies, in order to foster territorial connectivity, the rapid development of digital technologies and new related skills.

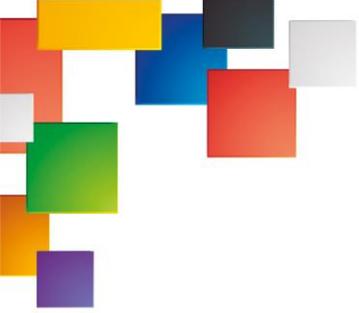
A common effort to maintain railways as the most environmentally friendly mode of transport requires a consistent legal basis, policies and financial programmes focused primarily on: railway integration, high capacity infrastructures and digital interoperability.

In this context, the Emilia-Romagna Region developed the ER.I.C. Intermodal Cluster together with eight of the main regional transport platforms and logistic providers, in order to promote the growth of the intermodal platforms on the national and international stage and also to foster the creation of a common framework to address the R&I strategy for the sector in the Region.

By bringing together European institutions, networks and logistic experts and stakeholders, the workshop aims to foster a discussion on policies and instruments to strengthen the rail freight transport in the context of the **new programming period 2021-2027**, and to present the intermodal cluster of Emilia Romagna Region.

Specifically, it will debate the ways to further support the development of freight transport infrastructures along the TEN-T corridors, the main lines of technological innovation required for the network's railway nodes, as well as how to accompany internationalization and reskilling and training initiatives. The meeting will also explore the potential of networking cluster of logistic operators at EU level.

The event will also present the NEWBRAIN activities, a project financed by Interreg Adrion Programme since 2018 and aiming at promoting and supporting initiatives of clustering among nodes of the Core Network, thus being more effective in tackling freight transport challenges in the long run, as well as being more attractive in leveraging investments and funds.

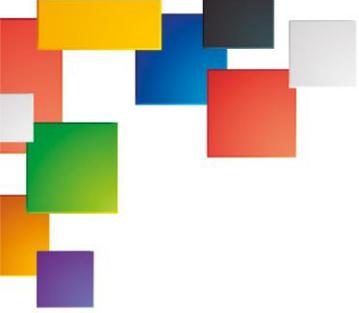


## Final Programme

**09:00 Welcome and opening** Lorenza Badiello Head of Office, Region Emilia-Romagna Delegation to the EU

### First session

<b>9:05-9:30</b>	<b>Rail freight towards 2030 and the role of TEN-T Corridor for the rail freight transport of the future</b>	Wojciech Sopinski - Directorate General for Mobility and Transport, Unit Transport Networks, European Commission
<b>9:30-9:50</b>	<b>Future Ten-t policy and Connecting Europe facility 2021-2027</b>	Giuliana del Papa - Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU
<b>9:50 – 10:10</b>	<b>The experience of Region Emilia-Romagna for the promotion of the rail freight transport</b>	Paolo Ferrecchi - General Director, Territory and Environment, Emilia-Romagna Region
<b>10:10 – 10:30</b>	<b>Presentation of the intermodal cluster ER.I.C</b>	Andrea Bardi – General Manager - ITL Foundation



## ***Roundtable 10:30 – 12:30 - Challenges and opportunities for the rail freight transport of the future***

*Moderator: Giuseppe Luppino President of Open ENLoCC Network*

- Annika Kroon - Deputy Head of Unit Maritime transport and Logistics, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission
- Indre Venckumaite - Project manager, Central and South East Europe + ATM and Marco Polo, CEF Transport Unit, Innovation and Networks Executive Agency INEA
- Carlo M. Borghini - Executive Director, Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking
- Fernando Liesa - Secretary General, European Technology Platform ALICE
- Isabel Velasco - President European Logistics Platforms Association Europlatform and Representative European Logistics Association ELA

Conclusions: Paolo Ferrecchi - General Director, Territory and Environment, Emilia-Romagna Region

*A light lunch will follow*

*A NEWBRAIN ADRION project desk will be present during the event in order to disseminate project results and collect relevant hints and suggestions from the stakeholders attending the event.*