



## PROGRAMME

### Unlocking the full potential of rail freight What needs to be done

Thursday, 19 November 2020 | 16:00 - 17:30  
Online

*(Live streaming from Brussels, with video link to remote speakers)*

**16:00 Opening by moderator (5') | Start of livestream**

**Libor Lochman**, CER Executive Director

**Keynote speech (10')**

**Enak Ferlemann**, Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure

**Sector view (5-10')**

**Sigrid Nikutta**, CEO of DB Cargo

**Panel discussion (45')**

**Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg**, MEP, Transport and Tourism Committee

**Walter Goetz**, Head of Cabinet of Transport Commissioner Adina Vălean

**Sigrid Nikutta**, CEO of DB Cargo

**Godfried Smit**, Secretary General of the European Shippers' Council

**Audience Q&A (15')**

**Closing remarks (5') | End of livestream**

#### Event background

Rail is a highly efficient form of transport for both passengers and freight, which has a significant environmental benefit. Rail only accounts for 1.7% of total energy consumption in transport, though it carries 17.4% of inland freight. **So how can we unlock the full potential of rail freight in Europe?**

This event will explore how advances and experience with **new technologies can help increase rail's freight modal share to 30% by 2030** through better use of ERTMS, digital automatic coupling, automated train operations, digital capacity management and longer/heavier trains. Panellists will address **how such advances can be better reflected in policy areas** - such as the revision of the Rail Freight Corridor and TEN-T Regulations - that could promote modal shift in the upcoming years, boosting the competitiveness of the rail sector while leveraging synergies with other modes.