

Shift2Rail Executive Director to speak at International Railway Summit

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London, 6 October 2016 International Railway Journal (IRJ) and IRITS Events Ltd are delighted to announce the participation of Shift2Rail's Executive Director, Carlo Borghini, as a speaker at the 4th International Railway Summit, taking place on 15-17 February 2017 in Paris.

Mr Borghini took up the post of Executive Director of Shift2Rail in February 2016, prior to which he had been Director of Corporate Services at the European Defence Agency (EDA). He will be keynote speaker in the session "Is Shift2Rail a game changer for rail?" at the International Railway Summit.

Shift2Rail is a Joint Undertaking established in 2014 by the European Commission and member companies from across the railway industry, and it seeks to accelerate the integration of new and advanced technologies into the European network. Its main aims are to increase reliability and punctuality, double railway capacity, reduce congestion and CO2 emissions, halve the cost of infrastructure and rolling stock and maintain Europe's global market leadership.

The undertaking now has 19 associated members, including railway operators and infrastructure managers, infrastructure and rolling stock suppliers and contractors, IT specialists, engineering service providers, high-tech SMEs, and research organisations and universities.

In December 2015 Shift2Rail published their first calls for proposals, worth €170 million.

International Railway Summit's <u>conference programme</u> will focus on the future of railways from a technological, organisational and creative point of view, sharing knowledge and proposing solutions to the challenges of enhancing passenger experience and bolstering rail's competitivity within the transport market.

Organisations and individuals interested in learning more about International Railway Summit and about how they can participate in the event can visit www.irits.org or contact the organisers, IRJ and IRITS Events.

About International Railway Summit

The International Railway Summit brings together senior executives from the world's key rail-sector leaders and experts. The summit features a conference programme produced by International Railway Journal, one-to-one business meetings between rail sector buyers and technical experts and evening networking functions. The next editions of the International Railway Summit will take place in Paris on 15-17 February 2017 and in Kuala Lumpur on 15-17 November 2017, and are co-hosted by International Railway Journal and IRITS Events Ltd. To find out more visit www.irits.org.

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