



European Rail Freight Association



12th Annual Event / Seminar – debate

1st April 2014, 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Hotel “Le Méridien” B-1000 Brussels

**“ The core network needs the 4th Railway Package!
Enough talking, we must act! ”**

Speakers' Profile

Mr O. Onidi



Director of European Mobility Network DG MOVE

Mr Onidi oversees the Directorate with responsibility for the promotion of the Trans-European Transport Network policy, the implementation of the single European rail area, inland navigation and port policy and the development of infrastructure innovation and investment strategies.

His last assignment was as Director for Innovative and Sustainable Mobility within the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport. Before, he was Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Energy Commissioner, Mr Günther H. Oettinger. He also worked as Head of Unit for air transport and Head of the satellite navigation system programme – GALILEO, as assistant to Directors-General in the areas of Energy & Transport, External Relations, the Secretariat General and in the cabinet of the Commissioner for Research and Development, innovation, education and training. Before joining the Commission, he worked as adviser to the Executive Committee of Belgacom and as public policy Manager at American Express International.

Mr Onidi holds a Master of Science in Economics, a Master in European Studies and in Business Administration

Mr E. Delachambre



Deputy CEO GEFCO

From 2013: GEFCO France – 1,7 MM€ of revenue, 4000 people –
GEFCO is a logistics provider for all industrial branches

2009- 2012: Eurocargorail France – 200 m€ of revenues, 1100 people –
Eurocargorail is the first private railways operator in France., ECR is a
DB Schenker rail subsidiary

2006 – 2008: VFLI – 80 M€ of revenues, 800 people –
VFLI is the second private railways operator in France. VFLI is a GEODIS SNCF
subsidiary

1993 – 2005: GEODIS SNCF Freight activity:



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Mr L. Kerkelink



Chairman of the Board of Netzwerk Europäischer Eisenbahnen e.V.

1983 – 1989 studying of civil engineering at RWTH Aachen
1990 – 2000 Eisenbahn und Häfen GmbH, Duisburg
2000 – 2011 Managing Director of Dortmunder Eisenbahn GmbH
Since 2008 Managing Director of Rail4Captrain GmbH (former Rail4Chem Eisenbahnverkehrsgesellschaft mbH)
Since 2012 Member of the Management Board of Captrain Deutschland GmbH
Since 2013 Chairman of the board of Netzwerk Europäischer Eisenbahnen e.V.

Mr K. Skorik



Managing Director Freightliner Poland – Director of ERFA

Mr K. Skorik is Managing Director of Freightliner Poland and Freightliner Germany. Since June 2008 he was also European Business Development Director of Freightliner Group. He was responsible for Freightliner's subsidiary in Poland and for the business development in the continental Europe. Konstantin joined Freightliner in the UK in 2001 and held different commercial and strategy positions within Freightliner Heavy Haul and Freightliner Group. He has overseen establishment of the Freightliner's first ever international subsidiary in Poland in 2005-06. Prior to joining Freightliner, Konstantin gained 6 years of experience in project finance at the World Bank. Konstantin has an MBA from the London Business School and Masters of Computer Sciences from Kiev Polytechnic University, Ukraine.

Mr F. Schuhholz



Managing Director ERS Railways – Vice President of ERFA

Frank Schuhholz started as assistant to the Board of Directors of Hellmann Worldwide Logistics, Hamburg back in 1998.

From 1999 till 2003 Frank Schuhholz has worked for Hellmann Moritz International Forwarders Sp. z o.o., Warsaw in various positions before he became COO for the German Polish JV in 2001.

In 2003 Mr Schuhholz became Head of Logistic Services being responsible for the European-wide roll-out of the Railport concept at DB Cargo, Mainz (later DB Schenker Rail) a position which he pursued till 2008.

In 2009 Mr Schuhholz became Head of Container Inland Services for Central and Southern Europe based in Rotterdam within the A.P. Møller Maersk Group.

As of May 2010 Mr Schuhholz became Managing Director of ERS Railways BV, headquartered in Rotterdam.



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12th Annual Event / Gala – dinner

1st April 2014, 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
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Mr B. Simpson



MEP, Chairman of the TRAN Committee

Brian Simpson was first elected to the European Parliament in June 1989. Representing the North West of England, Brian is recognised in the parliament for his work on transport and tourism. He has been a member of the Transport & Tourism Committee since becoming an MEP and is currently one of its longest serving members. From 1991 to 2004, he held the position of Socialist Group spokesperson for Transport & Tourism. He was re-elected to this position in 2008. In 2009 he was appointed the chairperson of the Transport and Tourism Committee. From 1st July 2014 he will take up the position of TEN-T Co-ordinator for Motorways of the Seas.

He is also a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee where he acts as the British Labour Party spokesperson. He has held other positions within the European Parliament including, the Presidency of the Parliamentary Delegation for relations with Norway, Iceland and Switzerland and Vice President for the delegation with the former Yugoslavia. He is presently an active member of the Parliament's delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand.

His hobbies include most sports (particularly rugby league), Heritage Railways and Military History. Brian is particularly well read on the American Civil War and is a keen member of the Civil War Trust. He is Vice President of the Heritage Railways Association.

Mr F. Coart



President of ERFA

On 20th January 2011, Mr François Coart was elected President of the European Rail Freight Association (ERFA). As from 06/2012, he is Development Director of Europorte. From 09/2010 to 06/2012, he is Strategy Director of Europorte (F&UK), the one of first privately owned rail freight operator in Europe. Europorte is the railway undertaking of the Groupe Eurotunnel. Since 2008, he is also General Director of the Groupe Eurotunnel subsidiary London Carex (UK), dedicated to develop a high speed rail freight terminal in London. During 2009 and 2010, he was also leading the acquisition of the 3rd largest rail freight operator in the UK, GB Rail Freight and of the French assets of Veolia Cargo for his group. In 2006 he joined Groupe Eurotunnel as Rail Development Director. From 1993-2003, he was working with Alstom Transport (F), amongst others as Vice-President Commercial & Marketing France. From 1989-1993, he was working with Bombardier (B), amongst others as Marketing Manager. Mr François Coart is a commercial engineer (Catholic University of Louvain, B).