



**7<sup>th</sup> International Railway Summit**  
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## **Making the most of the data flood at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Railway Summit**

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Leading rail sector organisations Shift2Rail and UNIFE will co-host an in-depth discussion on how to make best use of the wealth of data being gathered by new digital systems, at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Railway Summit in Frankfurt on 22 February 2019.

The session is entitled ‘Better data for better outcomes: How can operators keep on top of the data flood and maximise its potential?’. It will be moderated by Shift2Rail’s Executive Director, Carlo Borghini, and will also include, amongst other expert voices, the insight of UNIFE’s Director General, Philippe Citroën.

The summit takes place from 20-22 February at the Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof hotel. The event offers a unique mix of one-to-one meetings and a full two-day conference programme, this year focussed on opportunities offered and questions posed by advances in digital technologies.

Shift2Rail is a European research and innovation (R&I) working towards integration of new and advanced technologies into innovative rail product solutions. Shift2Rail promotes the competitiveness of the European rail industry and meets changing EU transport needs.

The Association of the European Rail Industry (UNIFE) represents over 100 of Europe’s leading large and SME companies, and several national rail associations, across all segments of the rail supply industry. UNIFE advocates its members’ interests at both the European and International level.

Further expert contributions will be made by Libor Lochman, Executive Director, Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER), which speaks for members on the EU policy-making scene; Nadia Mazzino, VP Digital Railway and Innovative Technologies, Ansaldo STS, providers of signalling and transportation systems for passenger and freight operations; Danijela Ristić-Durrant of the University of Bremen, and Project Coordinator of Shift2Rail’s SMART project; Ming Chen, also of the Shift2Rail SMART project, the independent research organisation TNO, and Flex-Rail.

Organisations and individuals interested in learning more about the 7<sup>th</sup> International Railway Summit and about how they can participate in the event can visit [www.irits.org](http://www.irits.org) or contact the organisers, IRITS Events.

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## **About the International Railway Summit**

The International Railway Summit is an exclusive meeting of the world's key rail operators, national and local governments, and leading technical experts. Rail sector leaders receive free bespoke consultation from innovative experts, relevant to their future projects. The summit also offers a full conference programme, technical visits, and evening dinners, designed to forge lasting relationships between participants.

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition will take place in Frankfurt on 20-22 February 2019. The 8<sup>th</sup> edition will take place on 20-22 November 2019 in New Delhi, the first time the event will have been held in India. The International Railway Summit is hosted by IRITS Events Ltd. To find out more visit [www.irit.org](http://www.irit.org).

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