



**7<sup>th</sup> International Railway Summit**  
Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof, Frankfurt  
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## Technical visits announced for 7<sup>th</sup> International Railway Summit

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Delegates attending the 7<sup>th</sup> International Railway Summit will visit key rail facilities in the host city of Frankfurt on the afternoon of Wednesday 20 February 2019, learning about the city's transport infrastructure, the maintenance of high-speed trains, and engaging with the prototypes and ideas that could transform the sector.

Frankfurt's main transport operator, Verkehrsgesellschaft Frankfurt am Main mbH (VGF), which runs services on 9 underground and 10 tram lines, will take delegates on a tram infrastructure tour, including major transport hub Konstablerwache station. VGF Managing Director and Chief Technology Officer Michael Rüffer will lead the tour, which begins at VGF's headquarters, highlighting innovations and modernisations made in recent years.

Delegates will also have the chance to explore the ICE-Werk depot in Frankfurt-Griesheim, where Germany's high-speed ICE (InterCity Express) trains are maintained in pristine condition, revised, and upgraded. DB Fahrzeuginstandhaltung (DB Maintenance), a subsidiary of Deutsche Bahn, Germany's national railway company, will guide attendees through the most significant processes and advances of this most modern of complexes, which covers over 100,000m<sup>2</sup>.

Digitalisation represents the core theme of the 3-day summit's conference programme, and delegates will be able to see and test for themselves the exciting new technologies being developed by DB Systel, Deutsche Bahn's digital partner. At the Skydeck Think Tank atop the Silver Tower in Central Frankfurt, DB Systel will demonstrate, through a guided tour and interactive workshops, transformative products and visions in the fields of virtual and augmented reality, artificial intelligence, automation, and blockchain.

Registration for the technical visits will open shortly.

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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