



European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and
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Western Balkans Rail Sector Policy Conference

**Western Balkans Railways Regulation and Market
Opening – Full Steam Ahead?**

DRAFT AGENDA

29 May 2025

Hotel Hilton, Podgorica

09:00 – 09:20 | Registration

- **General Moderator:** Jelena Pajic, Associate, Communications, EBRD
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09:20 – 09:35 | Opening statements

- **Speaker:** Matteo Colangeli, Regional Director Head of Western Balkans, EBRD
 - **Speaker:** Representative of EUD – TBC
 - **Speaker:** Matej Zakonjsek, Director, TCT Secretariat
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09:35 – 10:50 | Session 1: Key developments and outstanding challenges for market opening – state of the sector, investment needs, policy and regulation

- **Speaker:** Matej Zakonjsek, Director, TCT Secretariat
 - **Speaker:** Donald Mishaxhiu, Regional Head Infrastructure, EBRD
 - **Speaker:** Denis Jakubik, Senior Transport Engineer, EIB
 - **Speaker:** Minister, Montenegro Ministry of Transport
 - **Speaker:** Ergys Verdho, CEO, Albanian Railways
 - **Moderator:** Milica Delevic, Director, EBRD
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10:50 – 11:00 | MoU Signing – Establishment of Western Balkans Regional Network of National Safety Authorities (NSAs), National Investigation Bodies (NIBs) and Railway Regulatory Bodies (RRBs) i.e. the ‘rail regulators.

11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee Break



11:15 – 12:30 | Session 2: Supporting the Rail Regulatory Bodies - market opening and integration – agenda for the Regional Network?

- **Speaker:** Alberto Oeo, Economist, CNMC – *Spanish Case Study*
 - **Speaker:** Anh Lai / Economist, *IRG Rail – IRG Network and Benchmarking report*
 - **Speaker:** Ksenija Dunjic, EU Integration and Int Cooperation Adviser, Directorate for Railways, Serbia
 - **Speaker:** Representative of Serbia Voz – TBC
 - **Moderator:** Duncan Kernohan, Associate Director, Sector Reforms, EBRD
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12:30 – 13:45 | Session 3: Supporting the National Safety Authorities (NSAs), and National Investigation Bodies (NIBs) - safety and interoperability - agenda for the Regional Network?

- **Speaker:** Dorjan Nova, Head of Interoperability Department, Railway Safety Authority, Albania
 - **Speaker:** Denis Lukac, Director, Directorate for Railways, Montenegro
 - **Speaker:** Zyrafete Zejnullahu – Krasniqi, Director, Railway Regulatory Authority, Kosovo*
 - **Speaker:** Aleksandar Donev, Director, Railway Safety Authority of the Republic of North Macedonia
 - **Speaker:** Miroslav Stojcic – Director, Centre for Investigation of Accidents in Transport, Serbia
 - **Moderator:** Kire Dimanoski, Rail Officer, TCT Secretariat
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13:45 – 14:00 | Closing statements

- **Speaker:** Remon Zakaria, Associate Director, Head of Montenegro, EBRD
 - **Speaker:** Dejan Lasica, Rail Coordinator, TCT Secretariat
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14:00 – 15:00 | Lunch and networking

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence