



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

'NEED FOR HIGH-SPEED'

Setting the scene for a European High-Speed Rail Network

Monday 11 July 2022 | 18:00-19:30
Followed by the CER Summer Cocktail

Townhall Europe, 5 Square de Meeûs, 1000 Brussels ([map](#))

In cooperation with the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU as part of CER's EU Presidency event series

17.30 Welcome

18.00 Introductions by moderator

- **Alberto Mazzola**, CER Executive Director

Opening keynote

- **Martin Kupka**, Czech Minister of Transport

18.15 Presentation of views

- **Dorien Rookmaker**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Kristian Schmidt**, DG MOVE Land Transport Director, European Commission
- **Jiří Svoboda**, Director General, Správa železnic (Czech rail infrastructure manager)
- **Michal Krapinec**, CEO, České dráhy (Czech passenger rail operator)
- **Christopher Irwin**, Board Member of the European Passengers' Federation

Debate & Audience Q&A

19.25 Closing remarks by moderator

19.30 Opening of the CER Summer Cocktail