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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUE

European Silk Road Summit 2023 is organised from 29 November to 1 December in Budapest, Hungary. The event takes place at the hotel 'InterContinental Budapest'.

Address:

Apáczai Csere J. u. 12-14.
Budapest, 1052 Hungary

TIMETABLE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 29 November

20:00 - 22:00
Welcome reception

Thursday 30 November

07:00 - 07:30
Silk Road Fun Run

09:30 - 17:15
Conference programme

17:15-18:15
Networking drinks

19:00-22:00
Networking dinner

Friday 1 December

09:00-12:00
Site visit: METRANS
Budapest-Csepel
Terminal (BUCS)

CONTACT



If you have any questions about the European Silk Road Summit 2023 or need assistance with your registration, do not hesitate to contact us!

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WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

20:00 - 22:00

Welcome reception

Networking is the cornerstone of each and every European Silk Road Summit. Therefore, European Silk Road Summit 2023 kicks off with a pre-event welcome reception and drinks. Meet the other attendees as well as our partners before the summit officially starts at the event venue 'InterContinental Budapest'.

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER

07:00 - 07:30

Silk Road Fun Run

Start your day and join the Silk Road Fun Run, a 5-kilometre run around the city centre. Kick off your day healthy and feel the early morning vibes of the city of Budapest, before the conference programme starts.

We will leave together from the event venue 'InterContinental Budapest'.

09:00 - 09:30

Registration

You are welcome at the event venue 'InterContinental Budapest' from 09:00.

09:30 - 11:00

Opening Session: Expanding the network

The main route on the New Silk Road is still the most consumed route for freight trains between Europe and Asia. However, the volumes have dropped significantly in the past two years. This has given rise to other routes, most notably the Middle Corridor. In the opening session, we look at the latest figures, growth rates and shift of balance of the corridors. We also discuss the shift of focus of the European Union, which has increasingly realised the potential of the Middle Corridor.

09:30 - 11:00

Opening Session: Expanding the network



09:30 - 09:40

Welcome to European Silk Road Summit 2023

MAJORIE VAN LEIJEN

Programme Manager & Moderator

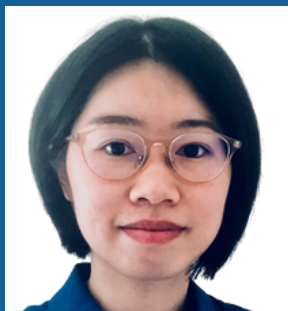


09:40 - 10:00

The Crossroads of Europe: The CEE region

DELI ANDOR

Member of the European Parliament



10:00 - 10:20

China-EU market analysis: Driving through the triple shocks

GANYI ZHANG

Political and Economic Analyst, GEODIS



10:20 - 10:40

Building transport connections between Europe and Central Asia

GRIGORY SAVVA

Associate Director of the Sustainable Infrastructure Group, EBRD
(European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)



10:40 - 11:00

From Kazakhstan to Europe - a closer look at the Middle Corridor

YERZHAN NAURUZBAYEV

Director of the Business Transformation Center,
KTZ (The National Railways of Kazakhstan)

11:00 - 11:45

Coffee break

11:45 - 12:40

Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A

From Caspian to Black Sea

The area between the Black and Caspian Sea is where the trains on the way from China to Europe divert. It is this section that creates new challenges, new partnerships and new logistics solutions.

In this breakout session, we take a closer look at this part of the Middle Corridor.

11:50 - 12:25

Panel discussion: How to operate a rail-sea connection efficiently?

IGOR ZHIGORA

Head of Commercial Silkway and Westbound Intermodal, DP World Europe

RATI DEVADZE

Transport and Logistics Policy Advisor, USAID Economic Governance Program implemented by Deloitte

LEILA BATYRBEKOVA

Secretary General & Founder of the Europe and Central Asia Transport and Trade Association (ECATA)

RASHAD MAJIDOV

Head of the Business Development Department, ADY Container LLC

12:25 - 12:40

Interview: How Hyperloop in Turkey brings Europe and Asia closer together

MEHMET ÖRGEN

Hyperloop Leader & Corporate Affairs Director, Erciyas

Breakout Session B

The main route

Although the main route has lost a lot of its volumes, it has also developed in the past few months. Record transit times have been accomplished, new terminals have been established and China and Europe have come closer together now that travel restrictions have been lifted. In this breakout session, we discuss the latest developments on the main route.

11:50 - 12:05

Create new routes from Lithuania

LAIMONAS NEKROŠIUS

Head of Sales, LTG Cargo

12:05 - 12:40

The Panel of Nominees: Operating the main route in a time of sanctions

JUERGEN HUSCHKA

Member of the Group-Management & Executive Director Eurasia, InterRail Holding AG

MARTIN KOUBEK

Head of Silk Road, METRANS

MIŁOSZ WITKOWSKI

Rail Freight Director, Polish Forwarding Company

MONIKA OLEJNICZAK

Director Sales, DB Cargo Eurasia GmbH

12:40 - 14:00

Networking lunch

14:00 - 15:15

Afternoon Session: All roads lead to Budapest

The CEE region is growing in importance for China-Europe rail freight traffic. Poland was always a gateway, while countries like Hungary are gaining ground. With the trend of nearshoring, large Chinese manufacturers have found their way to the CEE countries, to settle with their headquarters closer to the end market. What does this mean for the region?



14:05 - 14:25

Nearshoring around the Danube: This is where it happens

PRZEMYSŁAW PIĘTAK

Supply Chain Advisory Director, CBRE Sp.z.o.o

14:25 - 15:00

Panel discussion: The Hungarian hotspot

SOPHIA NINA BURNA-ASEFI

Central Asia Lead, The Risk Advisory Group

AGNES HERNAD

Managing Director, Rail Cargo Operator Hungaria

ZOLTAN KOZLOVSZKY

Senior Consultant, Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA)

DMITRIJ HASENKAMPF

General Manager Sales & Business Development, RTSB



15:00 - 15:15

The Greek gateway to Budapest

EIRINI CHADIARI

Member of the Board of ThPA S.A. (Port of Thessaloniki)

15:15 - 16:00

Coffee & networking break

16:00 - 17:15

Closing Session: Geopolitics along the New Silk Road

Freight transportation between China and Europe is inevitably linked with political decisions. The area covered by the Eurasian corridor is characterised by different interests, cultures, diplomatic relations and even war. In this session, we discuss the implications of these aspects on the corridor and award the winner of the RailFreight Ambassador 2023.



16:05 - 16:25

Italy and the BRI: Exit or eternal connection?

ANDREA GIURICIN

CEO, TRA consulting & Senior Transport Consultant, World Bank



16:25 - 16:45

The great railroad game: The 'new' great power rivalry in Asia and the Middle East

PATRICIA GOLDSTONE

Independent writer

16:45 - 17:15

Awarding of the RailFreight Ambassador 2023

Time to award RailFreight Ambassador 2023! The award will be handed out by Thomas Kowitzki from DHL Global Forwarding, the winner of the award in 2022, after we interview him about his last year.

The ambassador will be chosen by you! The online voting is now open and will run until Friday 24 November. Attendees of the European Silk Road Summit 2023 will also have the opportunity to give their (extra) vote at the summit.

NOMINEES



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Networking drinks

19:00 - 22:00

Networking dinner

The conference day of the European Silk Road Summit 2023 ends with a networking dinner. This seated dinner offers the perfect opportunity to get together with your fellow industry professionals in a formal setting. Enjoy a multiple-course dinner, and drinks while making important new business contacts.

The dinner takes place at 'Spoon The Boat' a floating restaurant on the river Danube with a beautiful view of Budapest. The boat is located a 3-minute walk away from the event venue.

Address:

Vigadó tér 3

Budapest, 1052 Hungary

Please note! In order to join the dinner, you must register upfront. There are only a limited amount of seats available to join the dinner.



09:00 - 12:00

Site visit: METRANS Budapest-Csepel Terminal (BUCS)

The METRANS Budapest-Csepel Terminal (BUCS) is situated on Csepel island, created by the river Danube at the heart of the Hungarian capital. It is an important hub on the New Silk Road. With stable connections to and from Poland, it serves markets in the Balkan region, such as Romania and Serbia. At the same time, Budapest serves as a hub in the direction of the Adriatic Sea and North Sea ports.

During this site visit our attendees get a tour around the terminal and learn more about the operations of METRANS Budapest-Csepel Terminal.

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