

THURSDAY, JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 FROM 6pm CET, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

INVITE-ONLY DISCUSSION EVENING

## SUSTAINABLE FINANCE & RAILWAY IN EUROPE

Experience with Green Bonds Financing Railway in Europe





## Invite-only Discussion & Networking Event

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*“Rail is the most sustainable mode of transport. Increasing its share of passengers and freight is critical to achieving net-zero goals” [BCG]*

The Czech Infrastructure Association in cooperation with its partners organises a panel discussion on the future of financing of the major infrastructure programs in the Czech Republic.

France, Spain, Germany, Netherland and many other countries finance its investments into a railway by Green Bonds. French SNCF launched a major green bond programme six years ago and plans to convert all the SNCF Group's investments to responsible investment criteria by 2025. SNCF is currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest issuer of Green Bonds in France and the 6<sup>th</sup> largest in the world. By mid-2021, SNCF had issued €7.6 billion of Green Bonds through 22 issues to finance not only rail infrastructure (70 %) but also its rolling stock. The bonds have a maturity of between 10 and 30 years and have avoided emissions of 33 million tonnes of CO2e.

In the next 20 years, the Czech HSR program will require up to €50 billions of investments, which have a potential to qualify as EU Taxonomy eligible and attract an interest of European banking and capital markets.

## Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 6pm CET

The Flow Building, Vaclavske namesti 47, 110 00 Prague 1 | entrance from Opletalova street ([map](#))

6:00 pm	30 min	Welcome drink
6:30 pm	60 min	<b>Sustainable “Green” Financing of Railway Infrastructure</b> <i>Experience with Green Bonds Financing Railway in Europe</i>  <i>Invited panellists &amp; up to 70 representatives of state and industry</i> <b>Mona Bercaud</b> , Head of International Affairs, SNCF Réseau <b>Tomáš Čoček</b> , Deputy Director for Economy, Správa železnic [International Sustainable Finance Centre] <b>David Delgado Romero</b> , Partner & Director CEE, Meridiam <b>Lionel Epely</b> , CFO, Vinci Concessions <b>Vladislav Nožička</b> , Executive Director for Specialised Finance, ČSOB Representatives of <b>EIB</b> and <b>EBRD</b> Representatives of <b>Ministry of Transport</b> and <b>Ministry of Finance</b> <b>Tomas Janeba</b> (president ARI) and <b>Jan Brazda</b> (partner PwC) – the moderators
7:30 pm	120 min	Networking with a glass of wine

### The Flow



### Partners of the Discussion

