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# High-Speed Rail in Europe & Private Capital

*Contracting & Financing Options for the Czech High-Speed Rail*



Registration



**The Czech Infrastructure Association**

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in recognition of

**The Vice-Chairman of the Economic Committee of the Parliament CR, Ing. Martin Kolovratnik**

**The Chairman of the Subcommittee for Transport of the Parliament CR, Mgr. Ondrej Lochman, Ph.D.**

This international forum is a part of two-day event *the Czech-French Railway Days 2023* of the Embassy of France in Prague and Business France Czech Republic.

The new **High-Speed Rail (HSR)** is of critically need in the Czech Republic, as the capacity of the existing conventional rail lines on the main corridors, whose foundations were laid 180 years ago, has reached its maximum. The new HSR program will not only bring new lines, but it will also free up capacity for regional trains and especially freight traffic. It is also important for the long-distance Trans-European connections between Berlin-Prague-Vienna/Bratislava and the Baltic States-Warsaw-Brno-Vienna/Bratislava.

The HSR program involves development of **780 km** of the new railway lines with a maximum speed **up to 350 km/h** based on SNCF's standards. According to the current plan, **70 %** of the HSR total investment program of **€50 billion** will be concentrated between years 2025-2035. In this period the HSR annual CAPEX needs of **€5 billion** will exceed the 10y historical average capital railway spending 5 times.



Given the unprecedented investment program, the private capital will undoubtedly play a key role in the delivery of the HSR program. Currently, the Czech Ministry of Transport is considering its potential strategic options for financing, and it is also testing feasibility for two pilot rail projects on a conventional network.

Our recent study identified that at least **60 Rail PPP Projects** were delivered in the last 30 years in Europe and over **€66 billion** was invested. Ten PPP projects worth of €35 billion delivered over 900 km of railway infrastructure, of which **96 % were high-speed lines**.

Between 2011-2017 **France needed only 8 years to build 656 km of high-speed rail** (1/4 of its total high-speed rail network) split in **3 PPP projects**.

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# EUROPEAN HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY & PRIVATE CAPITAL | INTERNATIONAL FORUM

**Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 9:00 CET, Prague, Czech Republic**

Venue: Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Snemovni 1, Prague, room J205

9:00	45 min	<b>Opening Speeches</b> <b>Alexis Duterre</b> , French Ambassador to the Czech Republic <b>Karel Havlicek</b> , Deputy Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies Parliament CR <b>Lenka Hlubuckova</b> , Principal Director for Economic & Infrastructure, Ministry of Transport CR <b>Tomas Janeba</b> , the President of the Czech Infrastructure Association <b>Christian Biegert</b> , CEO, Via Salis (presentation of the current status of the PPP project D4 motorway)
9:45	105 min	<b>PANEL 1: The Czech High-Speed Rail Strategy in the Context of Europe</b> <i>Lessons Learned from Delivery and Financing HSR in France and Great Britain</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction of the Czech High-Speed Rail Strategy</li><li>• Introduction of the considered HSR financing models and the two pilot PPP Rail Projects</li><li>• Experience from France and Great Britain: benefits &amp; challenges of HSR</li></ul> <i>Panellists &gt;</i> <b>Jakub Bazgier</b> , Head of HSR program, the Czech Railway Infrastructure Manager <b>Tomas Cosek</b> , Deputy Director General for Economics, the Czech Railway Infrastructure Manager <b>Mona Bercaud</b> , Head of International Affairs, SNCF Réseau <b>Prof. Andrew McNaughton</b> , Chairman, Network Rail High Speed Ltd. <b>Martin Kolovratnik</b> , Vice-Chairman of Economic Committee of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
11:30	20 min	Coffee Break
11:50	50 min	<b>PANEL 2: Financing Models for High-Speed Rail in Europe</b> <i>The Future Trends: Sustainable Finance, Green Bonds and Private Capital</i> <i>Panellists &gt;</i> <b>Jan Trojak</b> , Head of Structured Finance, CSOB <b>Lionel Leullier</b> , Financial Director of PPP Management, SNCF Réseau <b>Igor Storchak</b> , Senior banker, EBRD <b>Marc Derycke</b> , Principal Advisor, EIB-EPEC <b>Tomas Janeba</b> – the moderator
12:40	35 min	Lunch Break
13:15	135 min	<b>PANEL 3: Private Capital Delivering High-Speed Rail in Europe</b> <i>Lessons Learned from the Successful PPP Projects - their Opportunities and Limitations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of PPP Rail Projects in Europe</li><li>• SNCF approach and lessons learnt from the PPP projects</li><li>• Investors' presentation and lessons learnt from the PPP projects:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ HSL Tours-Bordeaux (SEA), France</li><li>○ HSL Nimes-Montpellier (CNM), France</li><li>○ HSL Bretagne-Pays de la Loire (BPL), France</li><li>○ HSL Dover-London (HS1) and InterCity Express Rolling-Stock Program, Great Britain</li></ul></li></ul> <i>Panellists &gt;</i> <b>Marc Milosevic</b> , Vice President, VINCI Railways <b>David Delgado Romero</b> , Partner & Director CEE, Meridiam <b>Patrick Leweurs</b> , Director of PPP Management, HSL BPL Project, SNCF Réseau <b>Mikhail Nahorny</b> , Managing Director for Europe, John Laing <b>Tomas Janeba</b> – the moderator
15:30	10 min	Closing

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#### Attendees

Up to 200 attendees, 1 000+ video archive follow-ups, including representatives of:

- » Czech Authorities, such as the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Finance and the Parliament
- » Czech Public Stakeholders – Rail Administration, State Transport Infrastructure Fund
- » Czech Regions and Cities
- » Civil Society Organisations
- » Academic and research institutions
- » Embassies and foreign chambers of commerce
- » Economic and social infrastructure owners and operators
- » Asset owners and asset funds, including pension funds
- » Banks and financial sector
- » Private sector representatives and invited guests

#### Representation

60 % Public sector | 40 % Private sector

#### Language

Czech | English will be simultaneously interpreted into the Czech language.

#### Entry

Free of Charge | Attendance with a confirmed registration

#### Registration

Due to security reasons, no attendance will be allowed without a previous registration. To register, use the link: [www.ceskainfrastruktura.cz/akce/high-speed-rail-in-europe-private-capital/](http://www.ceskainfrastruktura.cz/akce/high-speed-rail-in-europe-private-capital/) or QR code below.

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