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Innovation – Sustainability – Competitivity: 3 key topics at the heart of SIFER 2023

For over 20 years, SIFER has acted as an emulator for the stakeholders of the railway sector by offering a unique meeting place in France, allowing participants to foster exchanges and business opportunities on an international scale.

SIFER acts as a platform to debate on current events and the future of the sector. This year again, it will propose a valuable programme of conferences organised by the show partners and several sessions from exhibitors, which will address concrete challenges of the market.

SIFER Partners' Conference Programme

This year's programme will focus on three key topics: innovation, sustainability and competitiveness in the rail industry.

#INNOVATION

- **SNCF Réseau Conference:**
“Rail Open Lab, an open association to accelerate innovation in the rail sector”
- **i-Trans Rail Innovation Awards:**
i-Trans, founding member of the ERCI network of European clusters, organises phase 1 of this railway innovation competition aiming at highlighting and rewarding the skills and know-how of innovative companies offering solutions to increase the competitiveness of the railway sector. 3 companies will be rewarded:
 - “Best Large Company”
 - “Best SME”
 - “Favourite Innovation”

#SUSTAINABILITY

- **BTP Rail Round Tables:**
 - “0 emissions: solutions to achieve this goal”
 - “Hydrogen for railway work machines”
- **Business France seminar:**
“The decarbonisation of British rail transport” & “Rail transport in Italy: a sustainable mobility issue at the heart of the recovery”

#COMPETITIVITY

- **UNIFE Round Tables:**
 - "Competitiveness of the European Railway Industry: Growing Challenges and Answers"
 - "Skills and youth – what are the challenges for the European railway sector?"
- **Ville, Rail & Transports Conference:**
"How to reorganise the French industrial sector in a changing and increasingly competitive environment?"

Associated events to promote knowledge exchange and networking

Alongside the conference agenda, SIFER will host several talk sessions and technical presentations held by some key exhibitors like Altametris, Clearsy, Instituts Carnot, Tenneco, URETEK, Vogelsang, or Wabtec.

Enterprise Europe Network Hauts-de-France and i-TRANS competitiveness cluster will organise BtoB international meetings to allow medium-sized enterprises, start-ups and larger companies as well as research institutes to find new business partners, initiate cross-border cooperation and share innovative technologies in an efficient way.

Innovation is also in the exhibition area with the Innovation Hub and a FIF Village

For this new edition, SIFER is introducing new areas such as the Innovation Hub, featuring start-ups offering innovative and creative solutions to the challenges of tomorrow.

Another new feature will be offered by the Federation of Railway Industries (FIF) with a stand in the form of a village that will bring together a dozen of its members, as well as an arena where conferences will be addressing subjects ranging from European rail recovery plans and major projects, to decarbonisation, innovation and attractiveness.

And of course, SIFER is also the chance to discover:

- An exhibition area featuring the latest products and new technologies on the market
- An on-track display with rail-mounted vehicles and track-related equipment
- A full programme of events and networking activities

For all sessions details and more info on SIFER: www.sifer-expo.com

Opening hours: Tuesday 28 March 2023 10:00 - 17:00; Wednesday 29 March 2023 10:00 - 19:00; Thursday 30 March 2023 10:00 - 16:00.

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