



UIC “Energy Efficiency Days 2009” conference presents the best rail energy saving solutions for the future

Today the “Energy Efficiency Days 2009” (23-26 September) jointly organised by UIC and SNCF open in Tours, France. Nearly 300 energy and rail experts will meet to share information, good practices and new technologies on how to continuously improve the energy performance of the rail sector.

(Tours, 23 September 2009). The conference is jointly organised by the International Union of Railways (UIC), SNCF, the Railenergy-project and the TRAINER Consortia. This unique event is under the high patronage of *Mr Jean-Louis Borloo*, Minister of State, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and the Sea, responsible for green technologies and climate negotiations, and is co-funded by the European Commission.

The Energy Efficiency Days 2009 Conference will provide an insight view of the latest development of railway energy efficiency, international energy and climate change trends, financing of energy efficiency programs, billing of energy; energy management systems, decision support systems, fuel cell and hybrid propulsion. This joint conference will comprise the Railenergy intermediate conference, the 4th UIC Energy Efficiency Conference and the TRAINER final conference. For practical hands on experience, technical visits will be organised to a production site and a SNCF maintenance workshop.

In addition to railway and energy experts, there will be a keynote address from *Pierre-Franck Chevet*, General Manager - Energy and Climate - from the French Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development, and Town and Country Planning - Regional Development, while *Bernard Jamet* from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will address the global challenge of climate change.

Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, Director General of UIC, says that “*transport is causing around 20% of the CO₂-emissions, and rail is a part of the solution to reduce the growing emissions of the transport sector. UIC will foster innovation and best practice exchange for railways all over the world*”, and continues that he is looking forward to encouraging the rail energy experts to “*work together on the vision for an energy efficient, sustainable and zero emission railway*”.

UIC is proud to organise the Energy Efficiency Days 2009 during the UN's Global Climate Week which will “*unite efforts, whether individual or collective, calling for urgent action to combat climate change*”. The long time systematic work from the rail sector to continuously improve its sustainability performance has been recognised by the UN and UIC members are invited to join UN's Climate Action Network. UIC and UN are working together with the “*Train to Copenhagen*” and the “*Seal the Deal*” campaign, and the participants of the Energy Efficiency Days 2009 will have possibility to sign up for the Seal the Deal-petition in order to encourage the world's leaders to reach a global climate agreement in Copenhagen in December.

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