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UIC Regional Assembly Europe appoints Luigi Ferraris (FS) as new Chairman for the region

(Paris, 14 December 2023) The UIC Regional Assembly Europe has appointed Luigi Ferraris, CEO of FS Italiane, as the new Chairman of the Europe Region for the period 2024 – 2025.

This nomination follows the proposal by the European Management Committee during its meeting in September with regard to the new governance of the EMC College for the next two years.

Mr Ferraris takes over from Mr Martin Frobisher from Network Rail who acted throughout 2023 also as Acting Chair of the organisation for Europe.

Luigi Ferraris said: *“I am looking forward to having the possibility to lead, together with such distinguished fellow CEOs, the UIC Europe Region over the next two years. I will devote my best efforts to put the UIC Region Europe invaluable assets, projects and initiatives at the service of the collective efforts that the European Rail sector and the European Institutions are sharing to address the multiple challenges that lie ahead of us. Decarbonisation and rail growth shall be our targets, while digitalisation and innovation our key enablers, crafting plans to enhance key projects and game changers with tangible benefits for the rail sector. A close cooperation between technical developments and the European Union’s political agenda is central to achieve the ambitious goals set for the sector.”*

Mr Ferraris will work closely with the European members to guide the region through its next phase of growth and innovation. The next European Management Committee at the end of February 2024 will be the first EMC meeting under the new Chairmanship and an important milestone in the adoption of the future roadmap for the region, setting out the European strategy and goals for the region’s priorities.

With the aim of promoting a competitive, sustainable and attractive railway transport system serving more than 500 million citizens across Europe, the region is fertile ground and the birthplace for a number of projects such as DAC (Digital Automatic Coupling), DP-Rail and FRMCS (Future Railway Mobile Communication System), among others. It has a wealth of information and production which form the UIC asset base and can support the business needs of other regions.

Together with the strong support and commitment of its members, UIC believes that Mr Ferraris can drive the region's vision of advancing the shape of future mobility in Europe and help achieve the objectives set out in the work programme.

UIC would also like to extend its gratitude to the region's Vice-Chair, Martin Frobisher (Network Rail), for his dedication to the role of acting Chair of the region throughout the period of 2023 and looks forward to this next chapter of collaboration.

Biography of Luigi Ferraris

Luigi Ferraris has served as Chief Executive Officer of Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane since June 2021.

He previously held the role of CEO and Director General of Terna, Italy's national electricity grid operator, from May 2017 to May 2020.

From February 2015 to April 2017, he was Chief Financial Officer at Poste Italiane Group and, prior to that, from October 1999 to January 2015, he worked for the Enel Group, where he held a number of senior management positions. From April 2015 to April 2017, he was an independent board member of the energy company ERG S.p.A.

After graduating in Economics and Business from the University of Genoa, Ferraris began his career as an auditor with Price Waterhouse and went on to hold various management positions in leading Italian and international industrial firms, such as Agusta, Piaggio VE, Sasib Beverage and Elsag Bailey Process Automation. Between 1998 and 1999, he was Chief Financial Officer of Elsacom, a satellite telephone company belonging to Finmeccanica Group.

Luigi Ferraris is also a Professor of Corporate Strategy at the LUISS Guido Carli University of Rome.

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