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UIC TEDP Working Group - Education, Innovation & Research (EIR)

UIC Training Expertise Development (TEDP)

The UIC Platform Training Expertise Development (TEDP) enhances the quality and success of rail training activities through professional dialogue, exchange of experience, evaluation of methods and technical equipment.

Working Group - Education, Innovation and Research (EIR)

The aim of the Education, Innovation & Research working group is to share and to carry out global and regional research which brings innovation and has practical application to the industry within the railway sector.

Invitation EIR Workshop (Expert Exchange / Networking / Visits)

EIR Workshop on the 07./08./09. October 2026 at the Headquarter of DB Fernverkehr (DB Long-distance Group) in Frankfurt am Main/Germany

Topic: The Transformation of Railway Education / Opportunities and Challenges of the “New Learning”

The Working Group EIR (Education, Innovation & Education) is established to accompany and anticipate the transformations that are happening in the railways, as the demands on railway organizations are changing.

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What to expect:

- Keynote speech on the transformation of learning and work through AI
- Lectures and presentations - Education experts from Deutsche Bahn and other international rail companies will present their concepts and approaches to a new way of learning
- The opportunity for direct and targeted exchanges with international rail education experts and decision-makers at market and information booths
- International networking
- A behind-the-scenes look - during 4 exciting tours at Deutsche Bahn (in Frankfurt and Cologne)
- Introduction and launch of the international UIC Mentoring Program (6 months)

Key figure:

- Date: October 07–09, 2026
- Location: DB Fernverkehr Headquarter // Visits at DB Locations in Frankfurt and Cologne
Europa-Allee 78 - 84, 60486 Frankfurt am Main
- Price: please note the registration page
- Register: [Link](#)



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Agenda

Day 1 - UIC TEDP EIR Workshop (07 October 2026)

12:00 – 13:00 Registration / Arrival / Opening Address

13:00 – 13:10 Opening Address UIC TEDP (Artur Fojud (UIC) / Vito Pagliarisi (Chairman))

13:10 – 13:20 Opening Address Deutsche Bahn

Deutsche Bahn's UIC activities and the importance from a governance perspective

Tressia Boukhors | DB AG | European & International Political Affairs (VPE)

13:20 – 15:00 The Transformation of Railway Education / Opportunities and Challenges of the “New Learning”

- **Keynote: “AI as a Trojan Horse”**

From “Using AI” to “AI Enhances Me”: Why it's about new opportunities and value creation in the workplace - not just efficiency”

Armin Hopp | Speexx CEO & Founder

- **From Change Fatigue to Agentic Organization - a real challenge**

Many companies, including those in the railroad sector, face constant pressure to adapt due to digitalization, increasing complexity, and rapid advances in AI. This often leads to “change fatigue,” in which employees and organizations feel overwhelmed by constant change.

AI agents can support this transformation by enhancing decision-making, automating processes, connecting knowledge, and enabling effective human-machine collaboration. This presentation explores how organizations can transition toward an “agentic organization,” where people and AI work together to drive ongoing adaptation and innovation.

Norman Wiebach | Senior Consultant Digital Empowerment, PhD candidate | DB Training, Cluster Digital Empowerment (HD.L4 D)

- **Presentation “Scuola FS (Italy)” the new hub FS Group has organized for training**

Presentation of the FS Group's current activities and projects regarding the digitalization of group-wide training and professional developed - as part of the “Scuola FS,” the new FS Group hub

Vito Pagliarisi | FS International | Human Resources Recruiting & Talent Management



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- **The human factor in new times - Presentation of the new DB Campus**

Deutsche Bahn AG's future learning and meeting place - which will support employees in all roles and business areas in understanding the complex interrelationships of the rail system, driving topics forward in a targeted manner, and adopting new perspectives.

Carlo Enk | Deutsche Bahn AG | Projekt DB Campus (HDXC)

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break & come together

15:30 – 16:00 Skill Requirements of the Future - Insights from UIC (ERIC) & European Initiatives (SERAS)

- UIC ERIC: Enhancing Railway Innovation Through Capacity Building

Artur Fojud | UIC | UIC Head of Research & Innovation Unit

- EU SERAS: Alliance for transformation (future skills) of the Railway Sector

Matthias Rohrmann | Managing Director AGV MOVE | Vice-President, EU Social Dialogue Railways

16:00 – 17:00 Official Launch of the 2. UIC International Mentoring Program (TEDP)

- The Railway Talent Working Group partners with rail entities, training centers, universities and educational institutions in a global effort to provide a one-stop portal to education, training and learning resources for all rail stakeholders and to create a friendly environment for talents in the rail industry, increasing the attractiveness of jobs and careers.

- Official introduction of the participants and the participating railway companies

Claudia Schubert | Politics Federal States & Public Transport (VPL) | Deutsche Bahn AG

Magdalena Kaczmarek | Head of Recruitment, Training and Employee Development Unit | PKP- Polish State Railways S.A.

17:00 End Day 1

19:00 UIC Dinner & Networking

(Invitation for a short City Walk)



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Agenda

Day 2 – UIC TEDP EIR Workshop (08 October 2026)

08:30 – 09:00	Arrival / Networking
09:00 – 10:20	Topic Section 1 – Lectures (L)
▪ 09:00 – 10:00	Lectures / Presentations - Title 1 / 2 / 3
▪ 10:00 – 10:20	Open Plenary session / Q&A
10:20 – 10:30	Short coffee break / Networking
10:30 – 12:30	Topic Section 2 - Presentations (P) & Exchange Corner (EC)
▪ 10:30 – 11:30	Lectures / Presentations - Title 4 / 5 / 6 / 7
▪ 11:30 – 12:00	Exchange Corner - Interactive exchange with experts & specialists
▪ 12:00 – 12:20	Lectures / Presentations - Title 8
▪ 12:20 – 12:30	Resume & Open Plenary session
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break / Networking
13:30 – 15:10	Topic Section 3 - Presentations (P) & Exchange Corner (EC)
▪ 13:30 – 14:30	Lectures / Presentations - Title 9 / 10 / 11 / 12
▪ 14:30 – 15:00	Exchange Corner - Interactive exchange with experts & specialists
▪ 15:00 – 15:10	Resume & Open Plenary session
15:10 – 15:30	Short coffee break / Networking
15:30 – 15:50	UIC TEDP Activities 2026/27/28 – Report & Prospects
	• TEDP Actives Outlook (overview) • Working Group 1 - Railway training centres network • Working Group 2 - Education, Innovation and Research • Working Group 3 - Railway Talents
15:50 – 16:00	Closing Speech & Briefing Technical Visits (Timesheet / Places)

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Please note:

For detailed descriptions of the presentations and speakers, please see the following pages.

Note: If you decide to take a tour in Cologne (TC DB Cologne or ICE plant, Tours 1 and 2), you can travel directly to Cologne - the meeting point on Friday is the Cologne Messe-Deutz train station. For more information, please refer to the hotel list and travel information.



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Title # & Description

Topic Section 1 – Lectures (L)

1. **Successful collaboration through shared understanding and language skills - as key factors for success in European passenger transport** (L)

Close cooperation with international partners strengthens communication, coordination, and process alignment along European transport corridors. Language skills and mutual understanding make a significant contribution to the success of international cooperation, as they facilitate direct exchange, reduce misunderstandings, and foster trust among partners. This supports smooth coordination across national borders and contributes significantly to the successful implementation of common goals.

tba | Subnetwork Management for the International Network (P.FVS-I) | DB Fernverkehr AG

2. **'Opportunities and challenges for digital learning in GB rail'** (L)

Gain insight into the British railway sector on the opportunities and challenges for digital Learning.

- The organizational background - moving from a privatized, fragmented railway to one largely under government control
- Simulation - very outdated, small players in the global market presenting difficulties with ongoing support and development driving the move away from full-cab simulators (with some exceptions)
- Digital platforms maturity - varying greatly across the industry, particularly in relation to mobile device availability/usage
- Industrial relations - particularly around technology agreements, mobile devices and use within driving cabs
- Potential for use of AI to support better qualitative coaching feedback for trainee and qualified staff

Andrew Taylor / Operations People Specialist | Rail Delivery Group UK

3. **Learning digitalization initiative in RFI (Italian Railway Network) Technical Compulsory Training** (L)

The Learning Digitalization initiative in RFI aims to support the methodological evolution of the Technical Compulsory Training (certification training) through the adoption of innovative digital learning solutions, such as Virtual Reality, Simulators, and Gamification, integrated with traditional training methods.

The initiative is designed to make learning more practical, interactive and experiential, enabling learners to safely experience realistic railway scenarios that cannot be experienced in day-to-day operations.

Laura de Micco | Head of Learning at RFI | FS Italiane Group



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Topic Section 2 – Presentations (P) & Exchange Corner (Interactive) (EC)

4. **DB's Digitalization Initiatives – How Deutsche Bahn Employees Are Supported in Using Digital Tools - # MS CoPilot and Others** (P / EC)

Deutsche Bahn is consistently driving forward its digital transformation and empowering employees through modern digital tools such as Microsoft Copilot, collaborative platforms, and AI-powered applications. The rollout is accompanied by targeted training initiatives, hands-on workshops, and communities of practice to sustainably promote efficiency, knowledge sharing, and data-driven decision-making in day-to-day work. In this way, DB strengthens both the productivity of its employees and its capacity for innovation and competitiveness.

Norman Wiebach | Senior Consultant Digital Empowerment, PhD candidate | DB Training, Cluster Digital Empowerment (HD.L4 D)

5. **“AI @ UDI” - Université de l'Ingénierie (SNCF Réseau)** (P / EC)

- **AI and memory retention** : we are exploring how AI can help create RECAP memory-anchoring capsules (one of our in-house pedagogical tools) after training. The aim is to reduce the workload for trainers and subject-matter experts, while enabling more training courses to benefit from a structured post-training reinforcement program.
- **AI and training maintenance**: AI could help analyze large volumes of training-impact data (such as Kirkpatrick model level 1 reports, evaluation grids and learning objectives) to identify improvement opportunities that would be difficult for a single person to process manually. An immersive learning experience that reveals how railway operations, infrastructure, technology and people interact within the overall railway system.

Aurélié McCallum | **Patricia NIETO ESTEBAN** | Development CDP in Pedagogical Engineering

6. **Immersive Journey: Discovering the Railway in Context** (P / EC)

An immersive learning experience that reveals how railway operations, infrastructure, technology and people interact within the overall railway system.

Siegfried Rauch | Senior Product-/ Projectmanager / DB Training, Infrastructure & Maintenance (HD.L 31)

Ronny Uebe | Product-/ Projectmanager / DB Training, Infrastructure & Maintenance (HD.L 31)

Lina Holz / Projectmanager / 3DQR



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7. DB Project KITT Learn: AI-powered learning for the railroad (P / EC)

KITT Learn is an AI-based, platform-independent application that helps railroad employees improve their language skills and prepare for (railroad-specific) exams. Various modules, such as pronunciation training, explanations in simple language, flashcards, and a learning tutor, enable flexible, self-directed learning tailored to each user's individual needs.

Dr. Julia Hölterhoff | Head of Delivery-Team Speech and Language Technology (SALT) / DB Systel

Vanessa Krall | Product-/ Project Manager | DB Training, Cluster People & Corporate Competence (HD.L 4P)

8. The Development of Railway Academies (P)

Current developments in railway academies in a global context - trends, outlook, and context (for direct discussion)

Vanessa Perez Miranda | UIC | Customer Experience & Accessibility Senior Advisor
Passenger Department

Irina Balzer | DB Engineering & Consulting, DB Rail Academy



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Topic Section 3 – Presentations (P) & Exchange Corner (Interactive) (EC)

9. **Bahn 360 with AI integration – the first DB group-wide application to integrate (P / EC) Bahn GPT (internal ChatGPT) and video customization using Gen AI**

In addition to increasing reach, Bahn360 also enhances the targeted engagement of prospective candidates interested in DB's various job profiles. The integration of BahnGPT as an AI-based chatbot into Bahn360 creates a wide range of new internal application options for product developers, trainers, and learning facilitators - as well as for learners.

Philip Heinzig | Product-/Projectmanager | DB Training, Infrastructure Engineers (HD.L 32)

10. **GAMESONBOARD turns intercultural onboarding into an engaging, AI- powered game experience (P / EC)**

How do you onboard staff who arrive from many different countries? GAMESONBOARD is an AI-assisted, gamified platform that makes intercultural onboarding engaging, multilingual, and measurable. Developed under Erasmus+ funding, it is freely available under an open-source license - with no vendor lock-in. At our booth, you can try it hands-on and explore what it could look like for your organization.

Jörg Zell | CEO Interaktiv GmbH |

11. **“Learning Facilitation Tools @ UDI - Université de l'Ingénierie (SNCF Réseau) (EC)**

- Introduction to a railway signaling serious game
- Hands on material to facilitate the understanding of complex concepts
- Pedagogical videos integrated into training activities
- Our pedagogical platform MONCAP

Aurélie McCallum | **Patricia Nieto Esteban** | Development CDP in Pedagogical Engineering

12. **The International CCS+ Education Program – makes Rail Careers Future-Ready (EC)**

Europe's rail sector is evolving fast. To stay competitive and seize new opportunities, it must embrace digitalization and move from national to European-level solutions - especially for cross-border travel.

The CCS+ Education Program creates a unified training system across Europe, making rail careers more appealing, reducing learning time, and supporting key initiatives like ERTMS and the Single European Railway Area. It's the foundation of a smarter, greener, more connected rail future.

Maik Astheimer & Rita Zeghli | DB InfraGo University collaborations | CCS+ Education Program Manager Germany



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Visits at Deutsche Bahn AG on 09 October 2026

Due to the large number of people (approx. 40-60 people), we will divide the participants into 4 groups:

Schedule & Timeline

Location Cologne Visit Group 1 & 2 DB Training Center / ICE Plant Cologne

- **Group 1** – Visit to the Training Center in Cologne-Dellbrück
 - Location: Waltherstraße 49-51, 51069 Cologne
 - Transfer Frankfurt to Cologne 08:00 – 10:00
 - time slot 10:00 – 12:00
 - Lunch 12:30 – 13:30
 - Transfer Cologne to Frankfurt (via Airport) 13:30 – 14:30
 - Possible participants: 20 – 30 P
 - **is organized by DB Training (confirmed / organized)**
 - Costs:
 - Arrival: individual / FIP Tickets
 - Lunch: individual (Restaurant – Station Cologne Messe Deutz)

- **Group 2** - Visit to the ICE plant in Cologne Nippes
 - Location: Longericher Straße 202, 50729 Cologne
 - Transfer Frankfurt to Cologne 08:00 – 10:00
 - time slot 10:00 – 12:00
 - Lunch 12:30 – 13:30
 - Transfer Cologne to Frankfurt (via Airport) 13:30 – 14:30
 - Possible participants: 15 – max. 20 P
 - Recommendation: Last mile via Taxi / Uber
 - **is organized by DB AG / DB FZI (DB Rolling Stock Maintenance) (confirmed / organized)**
 - Costs:
 - Arrival: individual / FIP tickets
 - Arrival Cologne: Last mile via Taxi / Uber (2 km Walking Distance)
 - Lunch: individual (Restaurant – Station Cologne Messe Deutz)



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Schedule & Timeline

Location Frankfurt/Main: Visit Group 3 & 4 – Frankfurt Traffic Control Centre / Central Station

- **Group 3 – Visit to DB Fernverkehr central traffic control center**
 - Location: DB Tower Europa-Allee 78-84 in 60486 Frankfurt
 - Time Slot: 09:30 – 12:00
 - Possible participants: max. 15 P
 - **is organized by DB AG / DB Fernverkehr (confirmed / organized)**
 - Costs:
 - Lunch: individual payment (DB Casino – FFM HBF)

- **Group 4 – Guided tour of Frankfurt Central Station with information on the reconstruction of the station**
 - Location: Am Hauptbahnhof, 60329 Frankfurt am Main
 - Date blocked in the time slot 09:30 – 12:00
 - Possible participants: max. 20 P
 - **is organized by DB AG / DB InfraGo (confirmed / organized)**
 - Costs:
 - Lunch: individual payment (DB Casino – FFM HBF)

Visits Descriptions

Group 1 – Visit to the training center in Cologne-Dellbrück

DB Training, Learning & Consulting, as part of Deutsche Bahn AG, offers employees and managers a wide range of training and consulting services as part of the Group-wide personnel development program. With over 3,400 seminars, training courses and online courses as well as more than 350 consulting projects per year, DB Training, Learning & Consulting is one of the largest qualification and consulting providers in the European transport market. More than 1,200 dedicated learning facilitators at 68 locations support the knowledge and skills development of over 270,000 learners every year. Independent and self-directed learning promotes the individual development of employees and forms an essential basis for the digitalization of learning in the DB Group.

Program: At the DB Training Center in Cologne-Dellbrück, you can experience railway-specific technology with all your senses. In the brand-new training workshop, visitors can gain an insight into the practical part of vocational training. Various models are used to show the phases of training for electronics technicians, industrial mechanics and mechatronics technicians. There will also be plenty of demos, and trainers will be available to answer questions live.

The visitors' journey also takes them through the signal box technology. This is where the dispatchers control train and shunting movements. They set and secure points and signals, routes and level crossings. Visitors could embark on a short “journey through time” through the various interlocking technologies and try them out for themselves. From mechanical signal boxes to electronic signal boxes and a VR signal box simulation, there are many different technologies to marvel at and experience.



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Why are the toilets on the trains not working? Employees explain the complexity of seemingly simple systems in the training center. A traffic light on the train? What does that mean? 918 seats over 374 meters?



Visitors can experience the flagship of long-distance transportation, the ICE4, digitally in 3D with the highest resolution and precision.

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Group 2 - Visit to the ICE plant in Cologne Nippes - Deutsche Bahn's first CO2-neutral ICE plant

Over a construction period of two and a half years, Deutsche Bahn's - and even Europe's - most modern maintenance facility has been built on the site of the former freight and shunting yard in the north of Cologne.

Out of a sense of responsibility towards people and the environment, the maintenance depot relies on green technologies and renewable energy sources and is therefore completely CO2-neutral.



ICE 4 series 412 at the ICE plant in Cologne-Nippes (Image: Deutsche Bahn AG / Oliver Lang)

The completely CO2-neutral ICE maintenance depot in Cologne-Nippes (Image: Deutsche Bahn AG / Daniel Saarbourg).

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The new ICE plant in Cologne-Nippes is a masterpiece of innovative and sustainable environmental technologies. Deutsche Bahn maintains its ICE fleet on 23 hectares of factory space - in a completely CO2-neutral process:

- **Geothermal energy:** the heat exchange process saves over 1,000 tons of CO2 every year. The entire plant is heated and air-conditioned with the help of groundwater.
- **Photovoltaics:** 1,440 modules on the roof of the factory building supply electricity for 75 households.
- **Solar thermal energy:** A system on the roof of the social building produces hot water for the plant.
- **Electricity:** In addition to the self-generated solar power, green electricity is purchased for peaks in the high-voltage power supply. At the same time, LED lights reduce consumption by up to 15 percent compared to energy-saving lamps.

Those who come to work by bike will find covered parking spaces that are only accessible from the factory premises. There is a special solar charging station for electric company cars. On the factory site, which stretches over 2.3 kilometers, employees can grab a company bike to get from A to B quickly. So everyone really benefits from the new plant: passengers, employees and the environment.

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Group 3 – Visit to DB Fernverkehr central traffic control center

The Central Traffic Control Center, headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, coordinates all train traffic on Deutsche Bahn’s rail network.

The approximately 50 employees at the Network Control Center (NLZ for short) coordinate all train traffic on Deutsche Bahn’s rail network and maintain constant contact with infrastructure operators in neighboring countries. As part of DB InfraGo AG, the NLZ provides daily updated key performance indicators and analyzes punctuality risks with the aim of identifying opportunities for improvement. It defines processes and standards for train scheduling. A high standard in train scheduling is ensured through sustainable quality management.

The NLZ houses the DB InfraGO AG Situation Center. In the event of a major disruption, the central task force is convened here.



The Network Coordination and Freight Operations divisions are responsible for supraregional operations management. They coordinate network scheduling for 24-hour passenger and freight service. They take the lead in supraregional incident management. In addition, they coordinate the deployment of emergency cranes and rescue trains. In doing so, they coordinate with the control centers of the rail transport companies, the infrastructure operators in neighboring countries, and the operations centers. The teams coordinate and are responsible for the national and international operations management activities of DB I.

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Group 4 – Guided tour of Frankfurt Central Station with information on the reconstruction of the station

The Frankfurt Transportation Hub

The Current Situation: Already today, one-third of all long-distance trains in Germany stop at Frankfurt Central Station. Around 450,000 commuters and travelers use it daily as their destination or transfer station, and that number is steadily increasing. With approximately 1,200 long-distance commuter trains per day, Frankfurt Central Station has already reached its capacity limit. In the future, rail traffic will increase even further. What does this mean for the Frankfurt hub?

Many Trains, Not Enough Space

The result: The high volume of trains is causing bottlenecks on the approach to the Central Station. To reach the station, incoming trains must wait or take detours. This leads to train delays as well as longer travel and waiting times. The current infrastructure cannot accommodate the projected future increase in traffic.



Why the Long-Distance Rail Tunnel?

The solution: To expand capacity at Frankfurt Central Station, the number of tracks must be increased. Due to the dense inner-city development, this is only possible through a tunnel with an underground station: the Frankfurt Long-Distance Rail Tunnel. In this way, a large portion of long-distance trains will be able to serve a new underground station located beneath the terminus station in the future. This will not only eliminate bottlenecks in long-distance traffic, but the freed-up capacity will also allow local and regional trains to flow more smoothly into the Central Station.

Video: [Der Fernbahntunnel Frankfurt - YouTube](#) – the Long-Distance Rail Tunnel - Vision of the Future (please use English Translation)



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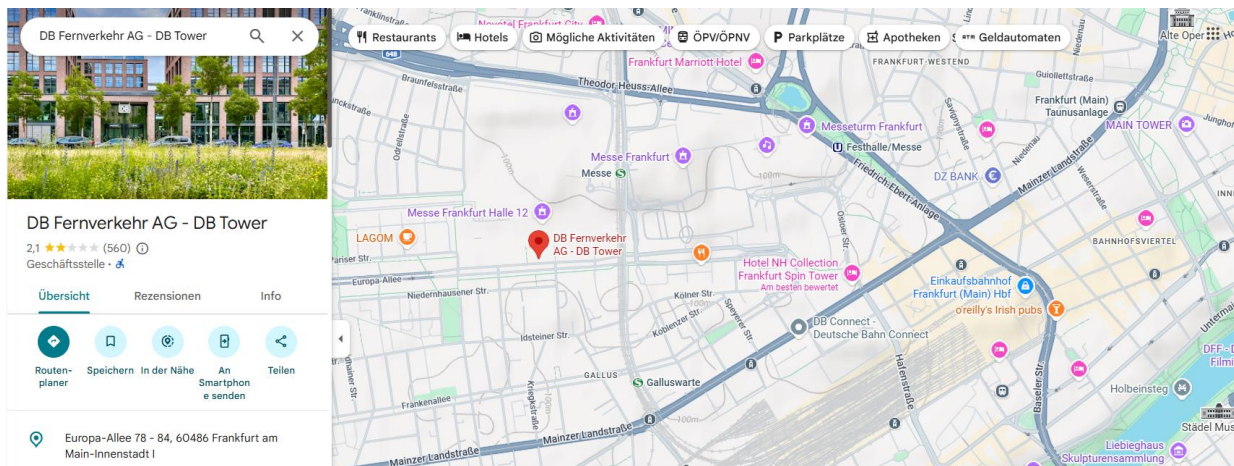
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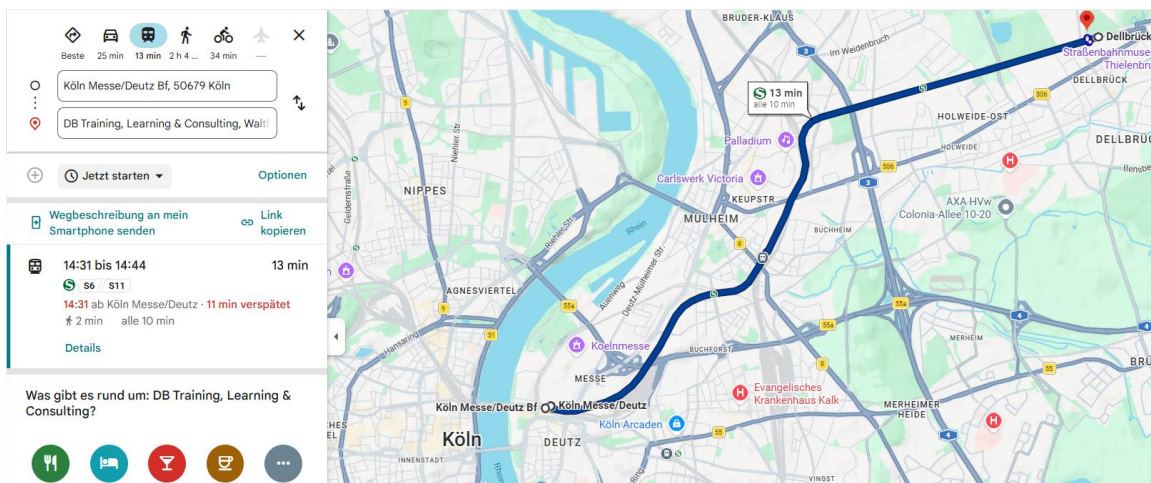
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Visit 1 & 2 – Cologne

DB Training Center Köln-Dellbrück

Location: Waltherstraße, 51069 Köln

Transfer Köln Messe-Deutz via Regio Train – 13 min





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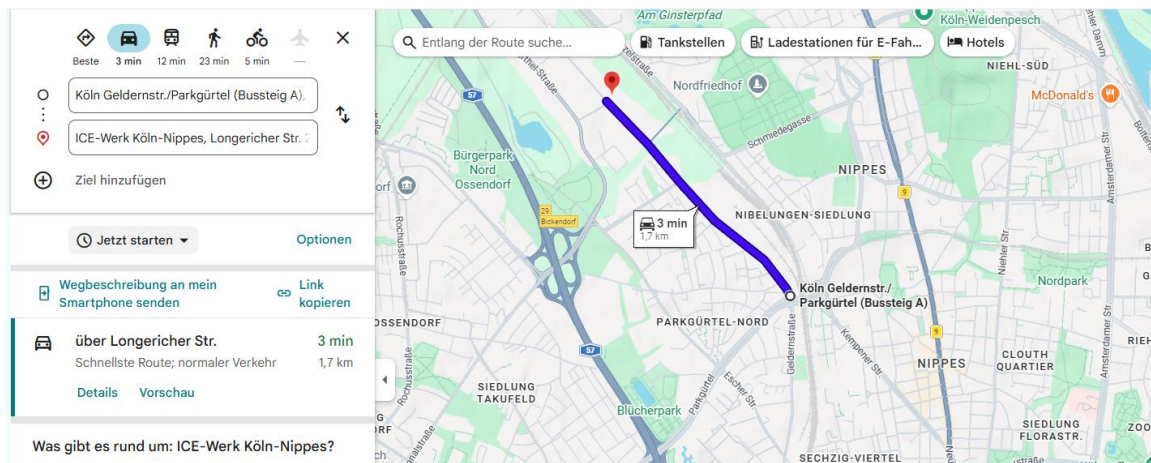
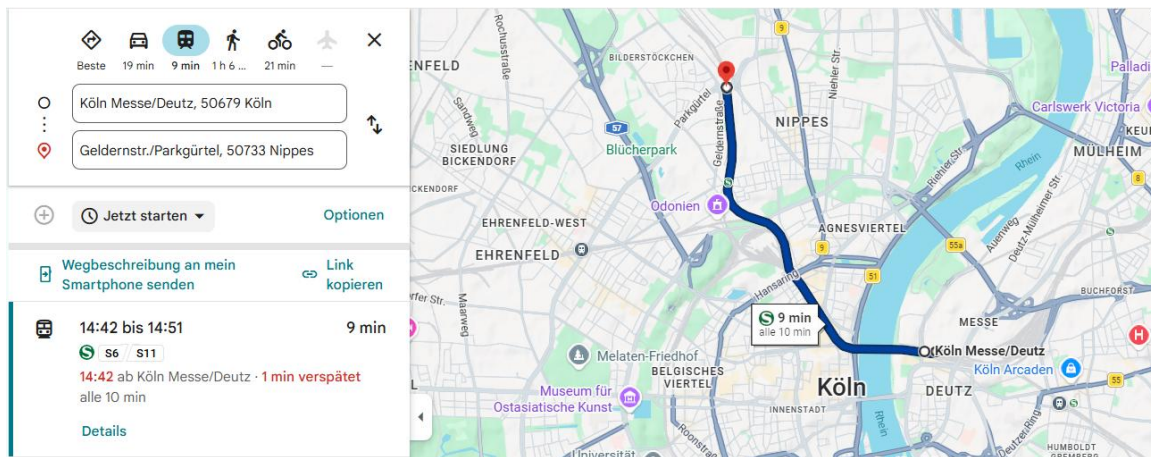
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DB ICE Plant Köln-Nippes

Location: ICE-Werk Köln-Nippes

Longericher Str. 202, 50739 Nippes

Transfer Köln Messe-Deutz via Regio Train & Taxi – 15 min





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Hotel Recommendations Frankfurt & Cologne

Please note that I have made sure all the hotels listed are located **between 15 and 30 minutes** (total travel time by public transport) from the event venue at the DB Fernverkehr headquarters (Europa-Allee 78–84, 60486 Frankfurt am Main).

Hotel Recommendations Frankfurt am Main

1. **Hotel – Main Plaza Suite Tower (maybe the best choice)**

[Hotel Frankfurt am Main – Main Plaza Suite Tower](#)

Booking.com: [Main Plaza Suite Tower, Frankfurt am Main](#)

Notes: Impressive building / Beautiful location / Good access to the event venue / and the airport / very close to the official dinner on October 7, 2026 (5 min walk)

2. **Hotel Cult Design-Hotel Frankfurt-Sachsenhausen**

[Hotel Cult | Design-Hotel Frankfurt Sachsenhausen](#)

Booking.com: [Hotel Cult Frankfurt City, Frankfurt am Main](#)

Notes: Cheaper / same Area / Good access to the event venue / the airport / very close to the official dinner on October 7, 2026 (6 min walk)

3. **Hotel Toyoko Inn Frankfurt**

[Toyoko Inn Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof – Offizielle Homepage](#)

Booking.com: [Toyoko Inn Frankfurt am Main Hauptbahnhof, Frankfurt am Main](#)

Notes: Cheaper / very good access to the event venue / and to the airport / close to the official dinner on October 7, 2026 / Japanese Breakfast

4. **Hotel Motel One Frankfurt - Main Station**

[Hotel Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof Zentrum Motel One Design Hotels zum Top-Preis](#)

Booking.com: [Motel One Frankfurt-Hauptbahnhof, Frankfurt am Main](#)

Notes: very good access to the event venue / and to the airport / close to the official dinner on October 7, 2026



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5. **Hotel Motel One Frankfurt – Römer (Old Town City Centre)**

[Hotel Frankfurt Römer Zentrum Motel One Design Hotels zum Top-Preis](#)

Bokking.com: [Motel One Frankfurt-Römer, Frankfurt am Main](#)

Notes: Impressive building / Nice location (near old town) / Good access to the event venue / to the airport / close to the official dinner on October 7, 2026 (10 min Taxi)

Affordable Hotel Options (not in the City Center; max. 30 min from the event venue)

6. **Hotel – Windmill/Wyndham – Frankfurt Niederrad**

[Windmill – Frankfurt Niederrad](#)

Booking.com: [Wyndham Frankfurt Niederrad, Frankfurt am Main](#)

Notes: nice and modern Hotel / the cheapest and most affordable Hotel / not in the city center but still only a max. 30-minute trip away from the event venue (office district / very quiet) / **located directly between the airport and City** / good connected to the official dinner on October 7 (25 min Taxi)

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7. **Hotel – Premier Inn – Eschborn/Frankfurt**

[Premier Inn hotels | Book direct](#)

Booking.com: [Premier Inn Frankfurt Eschborn, Eschborn \(aktualisierte Preise für 2026\)](#)

Notes: very modern Hotel / cheap and affordable Hotel / not in the city center but still only a max. 30-minute trip away from the event venue (office district / very quiet)

8. **Leonardo Hotel Eschborn/Frankfurt**

[Leonardo Hotel Eschborn Frankfurt | Leonardo Hotels](#)

Booking.com: [Leonardo Hotel Eschborn Frankfurt, Eschborn](#)

Notes: modern Hotel / cheap and affordable Hotel / not in the city center but still only a max. 30-minute trip away from the event venue (office district / very quiet)

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Hotel Recommendations Cologne Messe-Deutz (Station) (Visits Cologne)

9. Hotel – Motel One Cologne-Messe

[Hotel Cologne Messe Motel One Design Hotels at best price](#)

Booking.com: [Motel One Köln-Messe, Köln](#)

Notes: very modern & affordable Hotel / near to the city center and still only a max. 15-minute trip away from the event venue

10. Hotel – Adina Apartment Hotel Cologne

[Apartment Hotel Cologne Messe | Adina Hotels](#)

Booking.com: [Adina Apartment Hotel Cologne, Köln](#)

Notes: very modern & affordable Hotel / near to the city center and still only a max. 15-minute trip away from the event venue



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Hotel Recommendations Cologne Messe-Deutz

11. Hotel – Main Plaza Suite Tower (maybe the best choice)

[Hotel Frankfurt am Main – Main Plaza Suite Tower](#)

Booking.com: [Main Plaza Suite Tower, Frankfurt am Main](#)

Notes: Impressive building / Beautiful location / Good access to the event venue / and the airport / very close to the official dinner on October 7, 2026 (5 min walk)

12. Hotel Cult Design-Hotel Frankfurt-Sachsenhausen

[Hotel Cult | Design-Hotel Frankfurt Sachsenhausen](#)

Booking.com: [Hotel Cult Frankfurt City, Frankfurt am Main](#)

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