

30th April 2024

## Invitation to the Side Event on Digital Automatic Coupling at the ITF Summit 2024 in Leipzig

Excellencies, esteemed experts, ladies and gentlemen,

The German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport and the Swiss Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications have the honour to officially invite you to the side event on

### **Digital Automatic Coupling.**

The digital automatic coupling DAC is the core component for the automation of rail freight transport. In order for the DAC to be effective, it must be introduced on a large scale. As European countries with a dense network with considerable potential, we are responsible for contributing to making freight transport fit for the future. How can we achieve this together? This is what we want to discuss with you. We look forward to welcoming many participants from the EU member states, relevant institutions and the industry.

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*Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2024*

*Time: 17h00 – 18h00*

*Place: Congress Center Leipzig, Hall 5, Seehausener Allee 1, 04356 Leipzig, Germany, ITF Summit*

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### Programme:

1. Statements by Transport Ministers on DAC
  - Dr. Volker Wissing, Federal Minister for Digital and Transport, Germany
  - Mark Harbers, Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management, Netherlands
  - Albert Rösti, Federal Councillor, Head of the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Switzerland
2. Discussion with experts
3. Questions from the audience

Registration:

Official registration to the ITF Summit 2024 is necessary in order to have access to the premises where the event takes place. Registrations can be made through the conference webpage: [Registration - ITF Summit 2024 \(itf-oecd.org\)](#) and runs independently from the side event on DAC.

The event is open to all participants of the ITF Summit. For organizational reasons, we would appreciate a short confirmation of your participation at the side-event to the following address: [internationales@bav.admin.ch](mailto:internationales@bav.admin.ch). It is, however, not compulsory and spontaneous attendance is possible (limited seats available).

We look forward to welcoming you to this important event and to jointly continuing to bring DAC forward and rail freight into a prosperous future.



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