

Belgrade – Niš Railway Modernisation Project

Dear Guest,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the **Information Day of the Belgrade—Niš Railway Modernisation Project**, which will take place on **10 July 2024**, at the **Palace of Serbia, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, Belgrade**. Online participation will be also be facilitated.

The Belgrade – Niš Railway is the backbone of the European Railway Corridor X in Serbia. Modernising the **228 kilometre section** for speeds of up to **200 km/h**, at an **estimated cost of EUR 2.8 billion**, is significant for the country and its connectivity with the European rail networks.

Financing for the project has been secured and will be provided through sovereign loans from the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, blended by substantial EU grant funds provided through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF).

This **open event** will provide insights into the Project, its current status, and future implementation plans. Participants will include economic operators from the railway industry and construction sector within the European Union.


The preliminary agenda is attached to this invitation, and we look forward to your participation. The event will be available online, the link to the online meeting will be communicated in due time.

If you are receiving this invitation as an association, we kindly ask you to disseminate it to your members.

Please confirm your attendance by email at DELEGATION-SERBIA-EIE@eeas.europa.eu, including the number of participants likely to attend, preferably by July 3rd.

Yours sincerely,


Emanuele Giaufret
Ambassador of the European Union to the
Republic of Serbia


Goran Vesic
Minister of Construction, Transport and
Infrastructure of Serbia

Agenda	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	<p>Opening and welcome</p> <p>Strategic relevance of railway infrastructure investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mr. Goran Vesić, Minister of Construction, Transport and infrastructure of the Republic of Serbia ✓ Mr. Emanuele Giaufret, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia.
9:30 - 10:00	<p>An overview of ongoing and planned projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ms. Anita Dimoski, Assistant Minister of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Serbia. ✓ Ms. Jelena Tanasković, Acting Director General of Joint Stock Company for Public Railway Infrastructure Management “Infrastructure of Serbian Railways”
10:00 -10:15	Coffee break
10:15 -11:45	<p>Presentation of the Belgrade - Niš Railway Modernisation Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Design development overview ✓ Environmental and Social aspects ✓ Procurement procedure and expected timescales ✓ Anticipated implementation timetable
11:45 -12:45	Q&A
12:45 -13:30	Working in Serbia in the railway sector (legal, technical, administrative requirements etc.)
13:30 -14:15	Q&A
14:15 -14:30	Closing remarks