

**The Railway Forum
Eighth European Rail Policy Seminar
Thursday 15 October 2009**

The Railway Forum held an annual seminar on European rail policy until 2004. The eighth such seminar will be held on 15 October 2009 at the Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Conference Centre at 65 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1HT.

The Seminar will consider both EU legislative and regulatory policy development affecting the rail industry and developments within the industry itself. Areas for discussion will focus on revision of the 3rd Package; interoperability and technical standards; passenger rights and ticketing issues and open access.

Draft Programme

12.45-13.30	Buffet Lunch	
13.30-13.40	Chairman's Opening Remarks	Richard Brown CBE, Chairman, The Railway Forum
13.40-14.20	The Commission Agenda	Maurizio Castelletti, Head of Rail Transport, DG TREN
14.20-14.40	The UK view on regulation	Bill Emery, Chief Executive, ORR
14.40-15.00	The French perspective	David Azema, Director SNCF Strategy
15.00-15.20	A Lawyer's View	Stephenson Harwood
15.20-15.40	Questions & Discussion	
15.40-16.00	Coffee	
16.00-16.20	The Passenger Rights Agenda	Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Passenger Focus
16.20-16.40	Railteam's progress	Nick Mercer, Commercial Director, Eurostar
16.40-17.00	Network Rail in Brussels	Garry White, Head of European Affairs Network Rail
17.00-17.20	The supply side view	RIA
17.20-17.40	The European Parliament & Rail Policy	Brian Simpson MEP
17.40-18.00	Questions & Discussion	
18.00-18.10	Concluding remarks	Richard Brown CBE
18.10-19.30	Drinks Reception	