



**EUROBRIDGE 2026 – APRIL 10, 2026, DRAFT PROGRAM**

***Hôtel Le Plaza, Adolphe Maxlaan 118/126, Bruxelles***

**INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MOBILITY: BRIDGES, ROADS, TUNNELS**

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**8:30 – 9:00 Welcome Coffee**

**9:00 – 9:10 Welcome remarks by FIEC President and Christian Tridon**

**9:10 – 10:10 Political roundtable**

General discussion on the future priorities/strategy of transport at the EU level.

*Speakers: topics of TEN-T, budget MFF and military mobility*

- **Jean-Pierre Paseri**, Future FIEC President (tbc)
- **Hugo Patricio**, Senior Advisor Railway Infrastructure & Asset Management, International Union of Railways (tbc)
- **Pat Cox** (Former journalist and politician, former President of the European Parliament. He is currently European coordinator for the Scandinavian-Mediterranean transport corridor of the TEN-T network) (tbc)
- **François Kalfon**, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

**10:10 – 10:30 Coffee Break**

**10:30 – 12:30 Infrastructure maintenance models**

Presentations of original maintenance models (infrastructure inventory method, inspection methods, methods for prioritizing interventions, routine maintenance and reinforcement methods etc.).

*Speakers:*

- **10h35 – 10h55 Sander Sein**, Estonia (Civil engineer, PhD in civil engineering, former bridge analyst at the Estonian Road Administration, and lecturer at Tallinn University of Technology. His work focuses on the assessment of concrete road structures and bridges, maintenance planning, and bridge inspection) (tbc)

- **11h00 – 11h20** **Rade Hajdin**, Switzerland (Doctor of Civil Engineering (ETH Zurich, 1990) and expert in infrastructure management. Founder/President of Infrastructure Management Consultants (IMC, Zurich). Specialist in infrastructure life cycle management, bridge and civil structure assessment and maintenance (confirmed)
- **11h25 – 11h45** Representative from **Italy** or from **Germany** (tbc)
- **11h50 – 12h10** **Giuseppe Carlo Marano**, Professor, Italy, on the general advancement of AI-based technology in this field (confirmed)
- **12h15 – 12h30** Questions/answers with the public

**Before the break: Presentation of the exhibitors (5 minutes on the stage).**

**12:30 – 2:30** **Lunch Break**

**2:30 – 3:00** **Special presentation on the Messina Bridge Project, Valerio Mele, Technical Director Stretto di Messina SPA (confirmed)**

**3:10 – 4:10** **How to adapt the training? – moderated by the ESTP**

How to integrate maintenance in the training system/which new skills are needed.

Speakers:

- **3:15 – 3:30** **Representative from ESTP** French Civil Engineering School (name to be confirmed) and **José Matos**, Professor, Portugal, on the European Chair dedicated to the incorporation of infrastructure maintenance in civil engineering training programs) (confirmed)
- **3:30 – 3:45** **Emilio Bastidas-Arteaga** (University professor in La Rochelle (LaSIE Laboratory). Civil engineer, double PhD (Los Andes, Colombia; Nantes, France) with accreditation to supervise research (HDR). His research focuses on the durability of reinforced concrete structures, corrosion, structural reliability, and climate adaptation) (tbc)
- **3:45 – 4:00** **TU Delft** specialized in AI for Construction (tbc)
- **4:00 – 4:10** Questions/answers with the public

**4:15 – 5:15** **Carbon impact and sustainability - moderated by the FNTP**

Last year, we had 3 presentations on national initiatives (SEVE TP for France, CO2 Ladder for Belgium, and a company from Spain that presented its internal strategy). The goal would be to have concrete presentations from other countries.

*Speakers:*

- **4:20 – 4:30** **European Commission** on the political context and carbon neutrality (tbc)
- **4:30 – 4:40** **Christian Honeger**, ASFINAG, Austria (road and tunnels) (tbc)
- **4:40 – 4:50** **Frank Plöger**, Head of Policy, Sustainability and Quality, Hamburger Hochbahn AG (Construction Project with Green Steel, Hamburg Metro Project)(tbc)
- **4:50 – 5:00** **Agnieszka Bigaj-van Vliet** (Doctor of Civil Engineering, senior scientist at TNO (Netherlands). She is an expert in the design, assessment, and life cycle management of concrete structures, sustainability, reliability, and construction materials) (tbc)
- **5:00 – 5:15** Questions/answers with the public

**5:15 – 5:30** Concluding remarks by Christian Tridon

**REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2026: EUROBRIDGE 2025 - Bridge Maintenance & Safety Conference**