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As a new initiative – within the framework of **InnoRail 2019** – the two-day section called **V4+9 CROSS-BORDER INNO RAIL** will be organised for the first time in Budapest. Our organisation will cooperate with the project coordinator as a project partner.

Project Title:

V4+9 CROSS-BORDER INNO RAIL



Project venue: Budapest, Aquaworld Resort Hotel

Project Partners:

1. Organization's name in its native language: ČESKÁ KOMORA AUTORIZOVANÝCH INŽENÝRŮ A TECHNIKŮ ČINNÝCH VE VÝSTAVBĚ
Organisation's name in English: CZECH CHAMBER OF CHARTERED ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS (CKAIT)
Legal representative: Prof. Ing. Alois Materna CSc., MBA, First Deputy Chairman
Website: www.ckait.cz
2. Organization's name in its native language: POLSKA IZBA PRODUCENTÓW URZĄDZEŃ I USŁUG NA RZECZ KOLEI
Organisation's name in English: POLISH CHAMBER OF RAILWAY
Legal representative: Adam Musiał, Director
Website: <http://www.izbakolei.pl/en>
3. Organization's name in its native language: ŽILINSKÁ UNIVERZITA, FAKULTA ELEKTROTECHNIKY A INFORMAČNÝCH TECHNOLOGIÍ

Organisation's name in English: UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA, FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Legal representative: Prof. Ing. Pavol Špánik, PhD., Dean

Website: <http://fel.uniza.sk/en/>

Project coordinator: Ágnes BALLA

Organization's name in its native language: InnoRail Kiadó és Konferencia Kft.

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We are inviting leading professionals of railway operators from V4 countries, neighbouring EU member states, and other West Balkan states for a professional exchange. Within that forum they may share challenges they face, results they achieved, as well as they take with regard to future developments in the region.

One of the top issues is the high-speed railway link between V4 countries. Guest speakers from British, German and French high-speed railways will present their perspectives. The reconstruction of the Budapest-Belgrade railway line will also be subject to talks.

The invitation of guest speakers is ongoing. With their help we will finalise the two-day programme. In addition to presentations round table discussions will tackle the most timely and interesting topics.

The event's main focus is the broadening of cooperation between railway experts. Governments of V4 countries think in terms of a greater development region beyond their own borders. Therefore we, too, intend to expand professional cooperation beyond the V4 region.

To start that process we intend to provide a venue for sharing knowledge and innovation results, thus furthering railway related EU objectives such as the implementation of mutual interoperability. This objective aiming at a safe, modern, environment-friendly and fast European railway network will also strengthen the economy of V4 countries amongst member states.

While in terms of economic growth the Visegrad Group may be described as a motor of EU development, they find themselves in a competitive disadvantage with regard to the development level of infrastructure networks. After the West Balkans, that region has the greatest number of speed restrictions and other shortcomings of the technical condition, uniformity and level of digitalisation of railways.

InnoRail assumes a pioneering role by creating a forum for such professional exchange in Budapest, to which we invite V4 railway managers along with representatives of regional countries joining the EU together with Hungary or later. Another goal is to include in our joint deliberations and joint efforts those West Balkan states that intend to join the EU.

Infrastructure and vehicle operators and their industry partners, researchers, designers, theoretical and practical experts are most welcome to the InnoRail conference, most of all

from Hungary, Czechia, Poland, Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Slovenia, Romania, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria.

Naturally we are glad to accommodate interested participants from other countries.

Conference registration: <http://innorail2019.hu/en/registration/>

The Visegrad Fund is an international donor organization, established in 2000 by the governments of the Visegrad Group countries: Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia to promote regional cooperation in the Visegrad region (V4) as well as between the V4 region and other countries, especially in the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership regions. The Fund does so by awarding €8 million through grants, scholarships and artist residencies provided annually by equal contributions of all the V4 countries. Other donor countries (Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States) have provided another €10 million through various grant schemes run by the Fund since 2012. The Fund's vision is that grants, scholarships and residencies will become the catalyst for the advancement of innovative ideas in Central and Eastern Europe.