

Group Exchange in Germany: 12-15 July, 2022

We would like to invite EU SMEs, clusters and scaling-up support organisations¹ to participate in the 3 full days group exchange in Chemnitz, Annaberg-Buchholz and Dresden, Saxony during the period of 12th-15th of July **organized by Rail.S** partner within the EU-funded **EXXTRA Project** (“EXcellence EXchange and Teaming-up between RAilway clusters”). Rail.S, the owner of ECEI Bronze Label (awarded by ESCA for Cluster Management Excellence), is one of the largest Railway cluster from Germany representing Saxony Region with more than 100 members.

The exchange foresees organized Networking Event “Summer Party” with local companies from Saxony Railway industry, organized visits to Smart Rail Connectivity Campus, Fraunhofer Institute, Technische Universität Dresden and other network partners, presentations and B2B meetings with Rail.S and its members.

The number of participants is limited and they can receive a **reimbursement equal to 415 euro**. The participation requires an **obligatory registration** and specific steps to proceed according to the project. The draft agenda is attached. Please subscribe to the event **until the 25th of June 2022** here: <https://forms.gle/UcpD6pf8dd3n7iqj8>. For more details contact: irina.vescu@ditecfer.eu.

Description:

- **Scope and contents:** The idea is to organise a Group Networking Exchange with meetings and visits in 3 cities:
 1. In Chemnitz: the Annual “Summer Party” and networking with members of Rail.S cluster;
 2. In Annaberg-Buchholz: Organised visit to Smart Rail Connectivity Campus and B2B-Meetings with members of SRCC
 3. In Dresden: Presentations and meeting with Rail.S cluster, visit to Fraunhofer IKTS and Technische Universität Dresden with guided tour of the venue and laboratories.
- **Venues:** Chemnitz, Annaberg-Buchholz and Dresden in Germany
- **Period:** 12-15 of July, 2022 (3 full days)
- **Host Organisation (HO):** Rail.S cluster
- **Reference person (coordinator) from Rail.S for all days:**
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¹ Research institutes, fab labs, (digital) innovation hubs, creative hubs, technology centres, innovation centres, science parks, technology parks, fab labs, co-working centres resource-efficiency service providers, incubators and accelerators that are members of a cluster registered at ECCP website.

- **Target participants:** European SMEs, clusters and other scaling-up support organisations with an interest in German Railway Ecosystem

- **Locations:**
 - **Day 1 evening:** Pumpwerk eins, Zschopauer Straße 209, 09126, Chemnitz
 - **Day 2:** Wolkensteiner Straße 27, 09456 Annaberg-Buchholz
 - **Day 3 morning:** Rail.S Office, Kramergasse 4, 01067 Dresden
afternoon: Fraunhofer IKTS, Maria-Reiche-Straße 2, 01109 Dresden-Klotzsche
 - **Day 4 morning:** Technische Universität Dresden, "Friedrich List" Faculty of Transport and Traffic Science, Hettnerstraße 1/3, 01069 Dresden

Draft Agenda:

Date: 12th – 15th July 2022

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Tuesday, 12th July

Day 1 Arrival and Summer Party

18:00 – 22:00

- Arrival in Chemnitz
- Participation on Rail.S Summer Party in Chemnitz
 - participation fee: 59,50 € per person

Location: Pumpwerk eins, Zschopauer Straße 209, 09126 Chemnitz

18:00 – 18:30

Welcome Speech

Prof. Dr. Arnd Stephan, Chairman of Rail.S e. V.

18:30 – 19:30

Dinner

19:30 – 22:00

Networking with Rail.S members

- Organised and moderated by Rail.S
- 5 planned meetings with members of the Rail.S network
- informal conversations with other event guests



Wednesday, 13th July Day 2 Meeting with SRCC members in Annaberg-Buchholz

9:00 – 17:00

Location: SRCC, Wolkensteiner Straße 27, 09456 Annaberg-Buchholz

- 09:00 – 10:00** **Transfer from Chemnitz to Annaberg-Buchholz**
Organised by Rail.S
- 10:00 – 12:00** **Presentation and visit of the Smart Rail Connectivity Campus**
Sören Claus, CEO of SRCC e. V., u. a. tbc
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Lunch Break**
Organised by Rail.S/SRCC
- 13:00 – 15:00** **B2B-Meetings with members of SRCC e. V.**
Meeting with 4 members from SRCC-Network **tbd**
- 15:00 – 17:00** **Transfer from Annaberg-Buchholz to Dresden**
Organised by Rail.S
- Free evening programme**

Thursday, 14th July Day 3 Meeting with Rail.S members in Dresden

9:00 – 18:00

Location: Rail.S Office, Kramergasse 4, 01067 Dresden

- 09:00 – 09:15** **Welcome Coffee**
- 09:15 – 10:15** **Presentation of Rail.S and the Saxon rail market**
Dirk-Ulrich Krüger, Clustermanager Rail.S
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 – 11:30** **Presentation of Visiting Companies/Clusters**
(10 – 15 minutes each)
- 11:30 – 13:00** **Lunch Break in Dresden city centre**
On own expense
Location: City centre of Dresden
- 13:00 – 14:30** **Workshop - Best practise in Clusters**



Presentation of best-practise and worst-practise cases of the participants in small groups on the topics:

- Events
- Recruiting skilled workers for members
- Member recruitment
- R&D project acquisition
- Public relations work

14:30 – 15:00 **Transfer to Fraunhofer IKTS**

Organised by Rail.S

Location: Fraunhofer IKTS, Maria-Reiche-Straße 2, 01109 Dresden-Klotzsche

15:00 – 17:30 **Presentation of Fraunhofer IKTS and and guided tour of the venue**

Speaker, tbd

- Fraunhofer Institute for Ceramic Technologies and Systems
- advanced high-performance ceramic materials, industrial manufacturing processes, prototype components and systems
- materials diagnostics and testing in acoustics, electromagnetics, optics and microscopy

17:30 – 18:00 **Transfer to Rail.S Office**

Free evening programme

Friday, 15th July **Day 4 Meeting with Technische Universität Dresden
and Departure**

9:00 – 14:00

Location: Technische Universität Dresden, "Friedrich List" Faculty of Transport and Traffic Science, Hettnerstraße 1/3, 01069 Dresden

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome Coffee**

09:15 – 09:45 **Presentation of the TU Dresden**

Speaker, tbd

09:45 – 11:15 **Visit and presentation of the faculty's laboratories part I**

Speaker, tbd, Chair of Electric Railways

- Laboratory of railway power supply
- Laboratory of railway vehicle technology



11:15 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:15

Visit and presentation of the faculty's laboratories part II

Speaker, tbd, Chair of railway Signalling and transport Safty technology

- Integrated Railway Laboratory

12:15 – 13:00

Lunch Break

On own expense

13:00 – 14:00

Project Pitches and Networking

- Projects from 5 chairs of TU Dresden, tbd
- Projects from the visiting organisations
- Networking

Departure from Dresden

