

ALL ABOARD FOR A EUROPEAN YEAR OF RAILWAY WORKERS



To promote climate friendly transport modes, the EU has made 2021 the **European Year of Rail**. ETF and the trade union movement propose that it should also be the **European Year of Railway Workers**.

No train moves without railway workers:

- ▶ **They make our journey safe and accessible for all.**
- ▶ **They keep tracks and signals fit to function, and trains fit for travel.**
- ▶ **When the rail operator promises quality service on board and in stations, it's the railway workers who deliver.**

Safety, accessibility and good quality services require investment in jobs and rail infrastructure.

Sadly, there is a push in Europe to privatise rail transport and focus more on profits, instead of properly funding public services for the people.

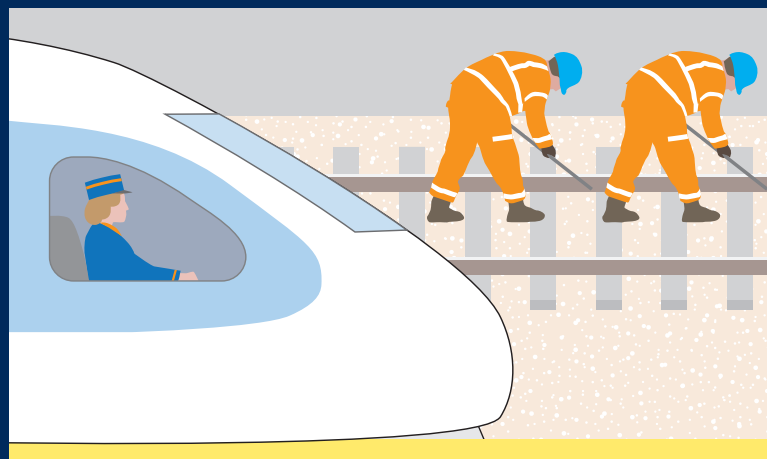
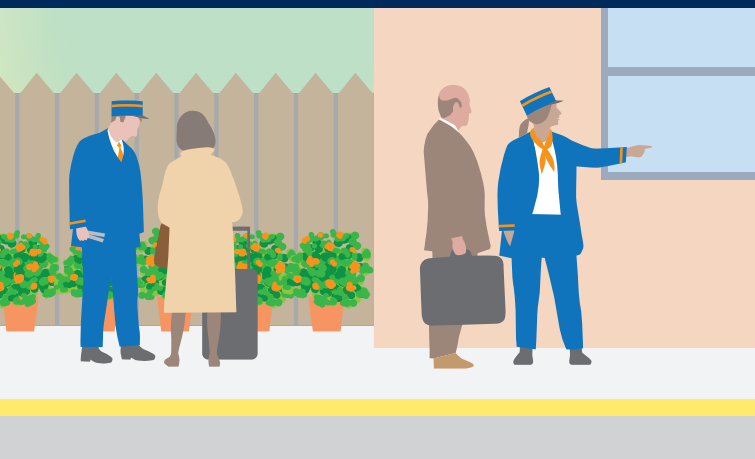
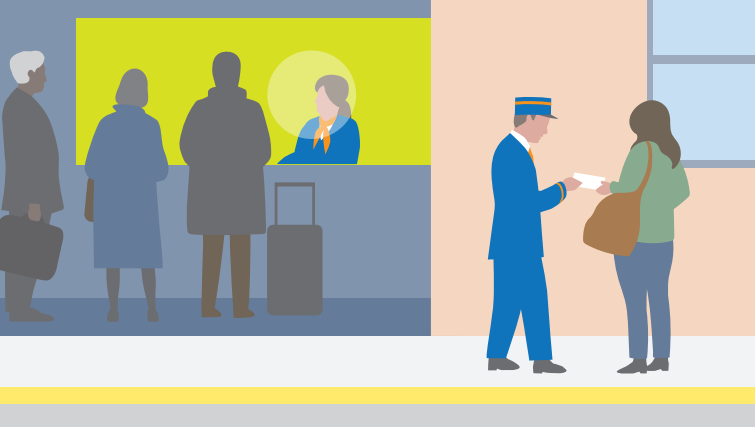
Private companies profit from public services by cutting corners and underinvesting:

- ▶ **Rail networks shrink and so does your access to rail services.**
- ▶ **Jobs are slashed.**
- ▶ **The risk of accidents goes up.**

That's why during the European Year of Rail, the ETF calls for Europe and national governments to:

- ▶ **keep rail public**
- ▶ **keep on-board staff on trains**
- ▶ **invest in quality jobs and rail infrastructure**
- ▶ **keep passengers and railway workers safe.**





JOIN US ON THE CONNECTING EUROPE EXPRESS!

Between 2 September and 7 October 2021, the **Connecting Europe Express (CEE)** will be travelling through Europe, starting from Lisbon and ending in Paris. Along the way, ETF and trade unions will be taking part in events to welcome the train and show the indispensable contribution railway workers make to Europe's railway system.

Don't miss out!

Find out more about our work and planned activities during this important year, and beyond.



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