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## **EIM Highly Welcomes Mr Juncker's Ambitions for an Innovative and High Performing Transport System**

**The European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM) highly welcome Mr Juncker's ambitions for an innovative and high performing transport system.**

On behalf of all rail infrastructure managers, EIM's President Gunnar Malm warmly welcomes Mr Juncker's ambitions. "I trust that Mr Juncker will work hard at putting the European single market back on track towards innovation, growth and competitiveness. We all especially welcome his ambition for an innovative and high performing transport system with a special focus also on infrastructure and its funding."

Mr Juncker strives to make Europe a world leader in transport to maintain Europe's competitive edge. This requires putting in place the right framework and regulatory conditions so that society and the economy can benefit from the full potential of its transport system. This will require an even greater degree of cooperation amongst all actors, in particular the infrastructure managers, to make the transport system highly competitive, performing and innovative.

EIM President Gunnar Malm concludes that *"innovation, growth and competitiveness are key and we should work in a collaborative way with Mr Juncker and his team to encourage the necessary innovative and forward-looking solutions for a high performing European Transport Market. In this regard, the European Rail Infrastructure Managers are keen to further develop their cooperation with other peers in order to make a valuable contribution to the new European Commission, the European citizen and the European industry."*

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EIM, the association of European Rail Infrastructure Managers, was established in 2002 to promote the interests and views of the independent infrastructure managers in Europe, following the liberalisation of the EU railway market. It also provides technical expertise to the appropriate European bodies such as the European Railway Agency. EIM's primary goal is promoting growth of rail traffic and the development of an open, sustainable, efficient and customer orientated rail network in Europe.