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Libor Lochman takes office as new CER Executive Director

On 1 January, Libor Lochman took office as new Executive Director of the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER).

Libor Lochman, born in 1963 in Czechoslovakia, graduated at the Transport University in Zilina and has a doctorate in electronics from the West-Bohemian University Plzen. He has a strong background in Control-Command and Signalling Systems. Prior to his role as CER Deputy Executive Director and leader of technical affairs (2007-2011), he acted as director of the Railway Test Centre, a facility for testing European rolling stock, infrastructure and signalling components, in Prague (2000-2005).

The CER General Assembly unanimously elected Libor Lochman to head CER on 12 September in Bonn (Germany). He succeeds Johannes Ludewig who retired at the end of last year.

CER Executive Director Libor Lochman commented: "It's my privilege and a great honour to lead CER and to consistently represent the interests of its members towards the European institutions and other important stakeholders. CER's change in leadership comes at a time when the political landscape is moving fast. The coming period will necessarily have to embrace a spirit of change whilst ensuring continuity of what we do best."

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The Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) brings together more than 70 European railway undertakings and infrastructure companies. CER represents the interests of its members towards the European institutions as well as other policy makers and transport actors. CER's main focus is promoting the strengthening of rail as essential to the creation of a sustainable transport system which is efficient, effective and environmentally sound. For more information, see www.cer.be

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