



TRAKO 2023 | Press Release
15th International Railway Fair
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State-of-the-art technologies, content-rich events and business meetings: all this available to you as part of our rail transport industry celebration, the TRAKO International Railway Fair, 19–22 September, at AMBEREXPO Gdańsk.

TRAKO is Poland's largest and most prestigious rail industry meeting and Europe's second most important event of its kind. At the AMBEREXPO Exhibition & Convention Centre and across its outdoor areas, it will showcase the latest trends, solutions in technology, state-of-the-art in transport systems, railway infrastructure and new developments in Poland, Europe and worldwide. It is also an excellent opportunity to exchange experience and to meet within the industry.

More than 600 exhibitors from at least several dozen countries are expected to take part in the 15th anniversary edition of the Fair, including the already confirmed National Pavilions from Austria, Czechia, Finland, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Also forecasted is the participation of over 25,000 trade visitors from more than 40 countries. The outdoor exhibition is set to set new record, with an incredible 51 exhibitors, premieres and impressive rolling stock exhibits..

TRAKO participants represent the major railway industry multinationals, alongside the largest, market-leading Polish rail sector companies. The event is attended by experts, investors, manufacturers and companies that provide transport services and manage infrastructure, and those that offer services and technological solutions. The event is held in four main segments: rolling stock, infrastructure, freighting and public transport in metropolitan and urban areas.

PROGRAMME OF CONTENT-BASED EVENTS

The TRAKO Programme Council has been working for many months on preparing events that answer and respond to the industry's most inspiring questions and topics. As always, TRAKO will feature close to 100 debates, seminars and conferences, including:

- The Opening Debate on The Strategic Importance of Railways in Building Europe's Resilience
- Debate on Railway Consolidation. Opportunities and Challenges (PKP Group)
- Seminar on High Speed Rail (HSR) (SITK RP Polish Association of Engineers and Technicians of Transportation)
- Debate on Women in the Railway Industry—Levelling the Playing Field—Possibilities and Obstacles (PKP SA)
- Debate/Conference on Sustainable Mobility Plans. A New Approach to Transport (UTK Polish Office of Rail Transport)

For the full programme of content-based events, please visit:

<https://trakoexpo.com/en/fair-programme/>.

Education & Career Day

As part of the 4th Education & Career Day, which will be held on 22 September from 10am to 4pm, the exhibitors will present the most compelling job, internship and traineeship opportunities. The main objective of the meetings will be to provide an opportunity for the direct exchange of information and employer–employee expectations, also in view of choosing university courses, specialisations and PhD programmes.

Over the entire day, you can take part in lectures and workshops dedicated to individuals looking for a job in the industry. Owing to the international nature of TRAKO, it will also be an opportunity to learn about rail transport projects carried out beyond Poland.

Furthermore, the participants can also expect contests, a scholarship programme, a presentation on the railway's technology, various panel discussions, a recruitment area, and even an opportunity to have their photo taken for their CV. The companies organising these activities are PKP SA, PKP Intercity, PKP Cargo, Polregio, GUP, and PKP Group.

You can also look forward to... a presentation of uniformed fashion, which will take place at 12.30 p.m. in the Foyer of the Conference Centre (first floor). PKP SA, PKP Intercity, Polregio, Koleje Mazowieckie, Koleje Wielkopolskie, Koleje Małopolskie, Koleje Śląskie, Arriva, SKM Warszawa and SKM Trójmiasto will present their formal uniforms, with employees as their models.

Additional attractions during Career Day include a Tour Track, an opportunity to meet companies from specific sectors of the rail industry, and Gamification, an opportunity to learn about those businesses through entertainment.

More at: <https://trakoexpo.com/en/education-and-career-day/>

TRAKO for Kids

Next to its business aspect, since 2003 TRAKO has featured its own dedicated charitable activity. Under the 11th TRAKO for Kids campaign, an art competition will be held with the topic of Going on Holiday by Train. The organisers encourage children and young people to participate as the competition entries will be donated to an auction, with its proceeds to support the activities of an organisation working for the mental well-being of children and young people.

Competitions and Awards

Prestigious competitions are an inseparable part of TRAKO. This year, winners will be announced in eight content-based competitions. The Jan Raczynski Media Prize will be presented for the second time, named after an outstanding journalist and long-term member of the Programme Council. Nominations for the Media Prize can be submitted on the event website: www.trakoexpo.com/konkursy/nagroda-medialna-im-inz-jana-raczynskiego/

For more about the competitions, please visit: <https://trakoexpo.com/en/contests/>.

Availability to Visitors

TRAKO will be held between 19 and 22 September. Trade visitors are welcome to attend from Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 to 17:00, and on Friday, 10:00 to 16:00. Railway hobbyists and fans are welcome to see the outdoor exhibits only on Friday, 22 September 2023.

For more information about TRAKO, please visit: <https://trakoexpo.com/en/>

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Minister of Infrastructure, Republic of Poland
President, UTK Polish Office of Rail Transport
President, SEP Association of Polish Electrical Engineers

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PISIL/PIFFA Polish International Freight Forwarders Association

RBF Railway Business Forum

SEP Association of Polish Electrical Engineers

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