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The 5th “UIC Energy Efficiency Days” (EED 2014) 2014, organised with SNCB and Infrabel, to be held from 16 – 19 June in Antwerp!

(Paris, 12 June 2014) The 5th edition of the **UIC Energy Efficiency Days** Conference (<http://www.energy-efficiency-days.org/>), will be held next week at the conference centre in the zoo of the historical city of Antwerp in Belgium. It is jointly organised by the International Union of Railways (UIC), SNCB and Infrabel.

Major stakeholders of the railway and transport sectors will come together to discuss the essential issues of Energy Efficiency during this three-day event. This follows the previous edition which was held in Tours, France, in 2009.

The “EED 2014” Conference will open on Tuesday 17 June with welcome addresses given by UIC, SNCB and Infrabel.

The main themes of **Day 1** will address strategic and political topics such as:

- *The Energy Vision and Trends for 2030 and Beyond*
- *The role of European railways for more energy efficient railways*
- *Energy Efficiency as a strategic driver for railway business*
- *Best practice in Energy Efficiency from all over the world*

Day 2 will be dedicated to technical workshops addressing a wide range of technical topics: from *Tracking the electricity and carbon disclosure, Load Factor, Traffic Management System, Energy Efficient Rolling Stock to Non Traction Energy Consumption and Energy Efficiency in Electric Consumption, Ecodriving and DAS*.

Two additional important parallel events will complete the comprehensive overview on energy efficiency provided by the conference:

The MERLIN Mid-Term Conference

(<http://www.energy-efficiency-days.org/spip.php?article3>), the EU co-funded project dealing with the investigation on the viability of an integrated management system to achieve an optimised energy usage in European mainline railway systems

The 9th edition of the annual ERESS Forum (<http://www.erness.eu/>), the European partnership between Infrastructure Managers that deals with metering, billing and energy data exchange.

On 19 June, participants will have the opportunity to go on cultural and technical visits of Antwerp, with the visit of Antwerpen-Centraal Station, the maintenance workshop for SNCB rolling stock or a 30 km bike tour of the railway history of Antwerp.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the 5th edition of the UIC Energy Efficiency Days in Antwerp.

Accreditation for international media can be obtained on request to **UIC (Communications Department, com@uic.org)** or Florence Albert, Communications Advisor, albert@uic.org.