

Agenda: ERCI European Rail Business Mission to Canada

8–12 September 2025

(Changes might occur)

Aim of the mission:

- Establish B2B contacts between EU companies and Québec and Ontario based companies
- Gather first-hand market information on Canadian railway market
- Strengthen relations between EU rail clusters and Canadian clusters

Link to map

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1_30OhPkPZg8wWCiy4_R7snyXHpKqRLg&usp=sharing

Hotel recommendations

Montreal | Average rates of EUR 170 per night for 3* or 4* hotels

Best Western Plus Hotel Montreal

Rooms per night **EUR 147**

Hôtel Bonaventure Montréal – preferred – hotel for B2B meetings and Cooperation Workshop on Monday

Rooms per night between **EUR 166 – 363** --> please use the comment “Participant of ERCI Delegation” for your booking

Hotel 10

Rooms per night between **EUR 175 – 378**

Toronto | Average rates of EUR 300 per night for 3* or 4* hotels

One King West Hotel and Residence 4*

Rooms per night between **EUR 506 – 560**

Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Downtown 3* – preferred

Rooms per night between **EUR 318 – 366**

The Broadview Hotel 4*

Rooms per night between **EUR 267 – 376**

Participating companies

	Company	Country	Segment
1	MSA DAMPER S.R.L.	Italy	Suppliers of suspension components
2	MV automation systems GmbH	Germany	Suppliers of magnetic valves
3	Anturas Consulting Ltd	United Kingdom	Infrastructure management consultancy
4	Fränkische Industrial pipes	USA	Supplier of cable protection
5	PowerTrunk Groupe	Canada	Communication solutions
6	CAF SIGNALLING	Spain	Control, command, and signalling solutions
7	Windhoff Bahn- und Anlagentechnik	Germany	Manufacturer for rail vehicles and workshop equipment
8	WITT Solutions GmbH	Germany	testing and measuring equipment
9	Kummler+Matter AG	Switzerland	Electrification for rail
10	TÜV SÜD	Germany	Safety, security and sustainability solutions
11	FirstClass Safety & Control Ltd	United Kingdom	rail Depot Protection and Control systems, industrial automation systems
12	ERCI - European Railway Clusters Initiative	Belgium	

Programme

Saturday/Sunday, 6/7 September 2025

Flights from Europe to Montréal, Arrival

Sunday, 7 September 2025

Welcome and Delegation Briefing

18:00	Welcome and delegation briefing Meeting point: Lobby Hotel Bonaventure
19:00	Social program

Monday, 8 September 2025

Programme in Montréal

08:30	Transfer 5 min walk from Hotel Bonaventure ->route 15 min walk from Hotel Best Western Downtown ->route 25 min public transport ride from HOTEL10 ->route
09:00-10:30	Briefing on Québec, railways and mobility industry in Québec Investissement Québec Venue: 1001, boul. Robert-Bourassa, bureau 1000, Montréal (Québec) H3B 4L4 • Welcoming kickoff meeting in their office • Respective sectors (finding 1-2 experts on rail from academia) • Organise more specific in-depth meetings • Give an idea to the mission people on the attractivity of the Québec region CargoM, Louis-Philippe Allard General Director - which brings together all Greater Montreal freight transport and logistics stakeholders whose activities promote Montreal as an industry hub
10:30-11:00	Transfer 10 min walk ->route
11:00-12:30	Meeting with CDPQ Infra Venue: 1000 Pl. Jean-Paul-Riopelle, Montréal, QC H2Z 2B3 • Leading Global Institutional Asset Manager • Manager of infrastructure projects: metro, subway, light rail, urban tram, projects
12:30-13:30	Lunch / Transfer 15 min walk to Hotel Bonaventure ->route Lunch: tbd
14:00-18:00	B2B meetings and Cooperation Workshop with railway companies from Québec Venue: HÔTEL BONAVENTURE MONTRÉAL 900, de La Gauchetière Ouest Montréal, Québec H5A 1E4 Canada AGENDA: • Presentation ERCI and EU delegation • Presentation Supporting Organisations and Canadian companies • B2B-Meetings / speed dating Supporting organisations: • Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers (CARS) • European Canadian collaboration opportunities within the Horizon Programme by Sébastien Garbarino, PhD, the Coordinator for Horizon Europe and International Affairs for the Province of Québec's Sectoral Research and Innovation Organizations (RSRIs) Prima Quebec (partner of the Enterprise Europe Network) • European-Canadian Centre for Innovation and Research Network Coordinator for the Enterprise Europe Network Canada

	Transfer 15 min walk to Hotel Best Western Downtown ->route 30 min public transport ride to HOTEL10 ->route
19:00	Dinner Venue: tbd

Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Programme in Montréal

08:00	Transfer 15 min walk from Hotel Bonaventure ->route 5 min walk from Hotel Best Western Downtown ->route 15 min public transport ride from HOTEL10 ->route
09:00-11:00	Company visit: Alstom Office Downtown Montréal Venue: 1140 Boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest, 8th Floor, Montréal, QC H3A 1M8 Agenda: • 09:00-09:30 Welcome and presentation on Alstom in Canada • 09:30-10:00 Coffee break • 10:00-11:00 ERCI delegation presentation and discussion with Alstom representatives
11:00-12:30	Lunch / Transfer 15 min walk ->route Lunch: tbd
12:30-14:30	One-stop shop meeting on urban rail and public transport with • Autorité Régionale de Transport Métropolitain (ARTM) • Société de Transport de Montréal (STM) • exo Venue: Autorité régionale de transport métropolitain (ARTM), 1001 boulevard Robert-Bourassa, bureau 400, Montréal (Québec) H3B 4L4
14:30	Transfer 5 min walk ->route
15:00-17:00	Company visit: Altorail Highspeed Project Venue: 385, avenue Viger O. (2 ^E étage) – Montréal, Québec, Canada – H2Z 0C2
17:00-19:00	Transfer 15 min walk to Hotel Bonaventure ->route 25 min walk to Hotel Best Western Downtown ->route 20 min walk to HOTEL10 ->route
19:00	Social program

Wednesday, 10 September 2025

Programme in Montréal and Transfer to Toronto

08:30	Check out/Transfer 1 min walk from Hotel Bonaventure ->route 15 min walk from Hotel Best Western Downtown ->route 20 min public transport ride from HOTEL10 ->route
09:00-11:00	Company visit: Canadian National Railways (CN) Montréal (Headquarters) Venue: 935 de La Gauchetière Street West, Montréal, Québec, Canada - H3B 2M9
11:00-12:30	Lunch: tbd
TRANSFER TO TORONTO by Train - Tickets will be provided by the organiser -	
13:22-18:45 5 h 23 min	Departure from Montréal Central Station , Train #67 Arrival in Toronto Union Station
	Carry-on baggage allowance (pay attention on the rules for luggage) 1 personal item (that must fit under the seat in front of you) Max. weight: 11.5 kg 1 carry-on item Max. size: 64 x 41 x 30 cm, Max. weight: 23 kg
19:00	Transfer 10 min walk to Hotel One King Street West ->route 10 min public transport ride and walk to Hotel Courtyard by Marriott ->route 30 min public transport ride to Broadview Hotel ->route

Thursday, 11 September 2025

Programme in Toronto

08:30	Transfer 15 min walk from Hotel One King Street West ->route 15 min public transport ride and walk from Hotel Courtyard by Marriott ->route 30 min public transport ride from Broadview Hotel ->route
From 09:00	Business briefing Ontario & Toronto Toronto Global Global Public Affairs -John Allen Venue: Toronto Global, Board Room, 225 King Street #9000, Toronto, ON M5V 3M2
	Transfer
	Site Visit The East Harbour Transit Hub in Toronto is located along Eastern Avenue, just east of the Don Valley Parkway and south of Eastern Avenue, in the Riverdale, Riverside, and Leslieville area. Venue: tbc
	Lunch / Transfer

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From 14:00 to 17:00	B2B Event • Invest Ontario - Marine Lochon, Team Lead - Investor Services (Invest Ontario & why international companies choose Ontario) • Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade - Aaditya Thakar, Senior Sector Advisor, Strategic Industries (Public Transport in Ontario) • Infrastructure United - tbc • TRACCS + members - tbc • EUCCAN tbc • TTC - tbc Venue: Ontario Investment and Trade Centre, 250 Yonge Street, 35th Floor, PO Box 1 Toronto, Ontario, M5B 2L7 (room for about 50 people)
	Transfer 10 min walk to Hotel One King Street West ->route 15 min walk to Hotel Courtyard by Marriott ->route 25 min public transport ride to Broadview Hotel ->route
From 19:00	Social Program

Friday, 12 September 2025

Morning of Innovation in Toronto & Flights back to Europe

08:30	Transfer 10 min public transport ride from Hotel One King Street West ->route 10 min walk from Hotel Courtyard by Marriott ->route 30 min public transport ride from Broadview Hotel ->route
09:00-12:00	Morning of Innovation Venue: MaRS Centre, Heritage Building, 101 College St, Suite 100, Toronto, ON (tbd with Ian Spence) • Innovation and Startup Hub tbc • OVIN – Driving the future of automotive and mobility confirmed • MaRS Discovery District tbc • OC tbc Agenda: (tbc) • Introduction of the MaRS Discovery District • Introduction of the OVIN – Driving the future of automotive and mobility • Innovation Tour through the MaRS building visiting selected companies dealing with technologies and innovative solutions for the rail/mobility sector • Get in contact to the Toronto research ecosystem
	Flights back to Europe Transfer to Airport from Union station, 40 min train ride ->route