

Strategic Session 4



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Synergy and scale in rail infrastructure development



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It is clear that the railway sector is evolving but.....

- **is the pace fast enough?**
- **some say it is too quick and that the sector is not able to cope**
- **others say that the pace of change is not quick enough and that rail transport is losing market opportunities to the road and aviation sectors**



But it must be realistic

- affordability factor for the stakeholders involved
 - equipment supply
 - install new infrastructure equipment
 - get rolling stock updated
 - and staff need to be trained
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- and there's the small matter to keeping the trains running, costs controlled and customers satisfied



An opportunity

- digitalisation
- harness transformative technologies
- focus on driving down cost
- make maintaining the system cost-effective



Looking forward



- **digitalisation – learning from other sectors**
- **embrace the passion of SMEs and Start Ups**
- **communicate the messages – RTSE... get people talking and doing (!!)**
- **only then will there be a real shift to railways**
- **only then will we see a significant reduction in congestion of our towns and cities**
- **this is how we get the train to really start to take the mobility strain**





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