

# OBB, GVB, SNCF, LA Metro Case Studies On Upskilling The Workforce – Managing A Greater Reliance On Technology At June Congress

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The [Rolling Stock Maintenance & Depot Optimisation Europe Congress](#) (June 28-30) will see presentations from rail operators across the UK and Europe on key technical advancements that can improve the efficiency of maintenance including robotics, image recognition, acoustic analysis and A.I.

It's important not to overlook the implementation of these technologies into the workforce, as there is a distinct limit to what technology can deliver if your workforce is not aligned.

**Workforce alignment:** Qualified Manpower Skill Development & Competency Management

After presentations on the tangible benefits of these technologies from operators including MTR's Nordic Group, Chiltern Railways and OUIGO Espana Day 1 will close out with a strategic panel on installing the skills required in workers to manage a greater reliance on technology and to effectively utilise these

technologies.

The panel on Upskilling The Workforce starts with Gerald Schniagl, Manager of Digital Innovation, will see OBB discussing how staff have started to undertake digitally enabled maintenance activities for the first time and the learning curve their team experienced.

Menno De Glopper, Head of Operations, GVB will then reflect on how their team adjusted to the digitalisation of maintenance planning and in utilising Artificial Intelligence for more efficient decision making on maintenance assignment.

From there Philippe Laharpe, Manager for Telediagnositcs, SNCF breaks down how the team adapted to and continues to manage an optimal mix of data-driven condition based monitoring and routine maintenance intervals simultaneously and the benefits this approach provided.

Delegates will then get a US perspective on how to manage upskilling employees from Bob Spadfora, Senior Executive Officer – Rail Fleet Services, LA Metro who also discusses how they manage recruitment processes and improve employee retention for qualified talent.

Panellists join Thierry Fort, Rolling Stock Engineering Director, SNCF, as well as speakers from Beijing MTR, CAF Digital Solutions, Central Japan Railway, Eurostar, Fertagus, Govia Thameslink Railway, GVB, Hitachi Rail, Institute of Railway Research, Instrumental, Konkan Railways, London North Eastern Railways, Lucchini RS, Metropolitan Area Transport Ltd Helsinki, Perpetuum, Saudi Railway, SBB, Southeastern, TransPennine Express, Transport For London, and Trenitalia for this 3 day conference, taking place live in London next month.

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