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# NEWS FROM THE RAIL

The RAILtoLAND project's newsletter

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## SHORT REPORT ON THE 1ST SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

The 2020 activities started following the detailed planning established during the Kick Off Meeting in Madrid.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic raised questions on the feasibility of some activities. In these conditions study visits across Europe are not recommended, so the **Virtual Lab** (IO2) in Ancona (Italy) will be postponed, probably to September 2021.

Not without difficulties, the preparation of the **formative itinerary** (IO1) is going on. Concluded texts and slides, in the next months all the lessons will be recorded.

(above)

The Athabasca River railroad track at the mouth of Brûlé Lake in Alberta, Canada, by Eddie Carle, distributed under CC BY-SA 3.0.

## PAST EVENTS

### KICK OFF MEETING | 22 NOV 2019

The Kick Off meeting took place in Madrid at UPM, hosted by the lead partner of the RAILtoLAND project.

It was the occasion for the partners to make a review of the project.

A detailed discussion about planning, budget and management of the project was made.

About next steps, the formative itinerary (IO1) and the virtual lab (IO2) were analysed in depth, focusing on the methods for the learning activities.

For each of the partners were established the responsible for management and quality committees: Fernando Allende and Pedro Molina from UAM, Miguel Guevara from CCG, Ramona Quattrini, Roberto Pierdicca and Maddalena Ferretti from UNIVPM, Amin Saadaoui and Vanessa Pérez from UIC, Clara Zamorano and Ana Berrocal from UPM.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## SECOND TRANSNATIONAL MEETING | 16 OCT 2020

Due to the postponing of the Virtual Lab, the second transnational meeting will be host in Guimarães by CCG.

It will be an opportunity to discuss about the developments of the RAILtoLAND project and to plan the next activities, considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## ROUND TABLE-COLLOQUIUM | 19 NOV 2020

*European railway landscape as a sustainable driver of the tourism sector*

The railway is the most sustainable and efficient mode of collective transport, the Round Table-Colloquium in November will be the opportunity for reflection on the mobility policies and the opportunities for a different tourism model, able to enhance the tangible and intangible heritage crossed by its tracks.

We are pleased to present our guests Prof. Rafael Mata Olmo of the UAM, the Researcher Nacima Baron of the University Gustave Eiffel and Prof. Orlando Figes of the University of London.

**online** 

**ROUND-TABLE COLLOQUIUM**  
19th November 11:30-13:00

**LE PAYSAGE FERROVIAIRE EUROPÉEN COMME MOTEUR DURABLE DU SECTEUR DU TOURISME**

**EUROPEAN RAILWAY LANDSCAPE AS A SUSTAINABLE DRIVER OF THE TOURISM SECTOR**

**Presenter and Moderator**  
**Rosa Arce**, Director of Transport Research Centre (TRANSyT) at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid  
**Clara Zamorano**, Professor of Railways Engineering at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

**Speakers**

**Rafael Mata**  
Professor of Regional Geographic Analysis at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)

**Orlando Figes**  
British historian, Professor of History at Birkbeck College, University of London.

**Nacima Baron**  
Researcher and professor at the Université Gustave Eiffel (Paris).

**Row zero**  
**P. Molina** (UAM); **A. Berrocal** (UPM); **V. Pérez** (UIC); **R. Pierdicca** (UNIVPM)

