

Dear participant,

**As you might already have seen, this November the second European conference on tunnel renovation takes place. *Beyond a tunnel vision* will be an entirely free, digital event, so participating was never easier. We invite you to join us on November 27th at 13.00 hours!**

The conference is an **important stepping stone** in European collaboration. Tunnels play a vital role in infrastructure. Many of them are aging and in need of major renovations. They cannot be shut down due to required high availability. Because of the volume and urgency of the tasks, this challenge needs to be addressed together, at an international scale.

In the **plenary session** (13:00-14:40) you will be updated on (research) initiatives and the joined ambition to form a network of experts and tunnels. There will be a strategic round table discussion and thematic talks with various tunnel experts. Amongst the guest are:

- Jürg Röthlisberger, president CEDR, ASTRA/FEDRO, Switzerland
- Jan Slager, programme director Rijkswaterstaat, The Netherlands
- Michael Ebbesen, director of operations and maintenance, and Gert Didriksen von der Ahé, director of technology, Denmark
- Stefan Maurhofer, president of the EUTF, Switzerland
- Robert Missen, head of unit, research and innovation, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission, UK
- Max Wietek, president of ITA Cosuf, Austria
- Andrea Pigorini, president of the Italian Tunnelling Society and Italfer
- Claude Van Rooten, president PIARC

More elaborate presentations follow in the **parallel sessions** (15.00-16.30). Here you can get acquainted with new developments and engage in valuable conversations. There will be twenty eight sessions in total: seven countries each host four rounds of interesting speakers from all over Europe. Themes include **asset management, inspection, digitalisation, sustainability, toolbox for the tunnel owner, refurbishment techniques, tunnel safety and security.**

Furthermore, in-between and alongside the sessions you can visit the **meeting hub** and the **virtual sponsor booths** to make **useful connections**, or join the **pub quiz** and win the grand prize.

>> Register now at [www.beyondatunnelvision.eu/register](http://www.beyondatunnelvision.eu/register)

You can find a brief overview of the programme in the attached pdf. To stay up-to-date, follow the international LinkedIn-page at <http://linkedin.com/company/cob-international>

Hope to see you on November 27th!