

SAVE THE DATE –

Railway Heritage Preservation Conference

Findings, positions and methods



Conference	25/26 November 2021
Supporting programme	27 November
Conference location	Zurich
Covid	The conference may be postponed due to the pandemic
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As one of the most revolutionary inventions of the 19th century, the railway shaped the world perhaps more than any other technological achievement. Across borders, it revolutionised movement in space and was an important engine of industrialisation. Closely interconnected with technical advances and constantly changing economic, social and cultural processes, it continues to drive change even today and is likewise subject to it. In the context of national and international railway heritage preservation, this change dynamic throws up various questions that have become more topical in 2021 the ‘European Year of Rail’.

Into which processes for society as a whole is railway heritage preservation embedded? What is the current status of railway heritage preservation by international comparison? Which planning and legislative instruments can railway heritage preservation use? What effects do nature conservation and heritage protection legislation have on the maintenance and development of historical railway structures and systems? How can the current stock of historical railway structures and systems, ensembles and lines be comprehensively recorded and assessed? What archiving principles are available for this? What direct and indirect effects arise from railway heritage preservation for settlement patterns and the landscape? What contribution does it make to the sustainability of the European railway network and railway heritage, particularly in the context of the trans-European “high-quality Baukultur” initiative? What are the specific requirements and challenges for railways classed as World Heritage Sites?

To illuminate and discuss the manifold challenges and opportunities of this young branch of heritage preservation, **SBB Specialist Service for the Preservation of Historical Monuments** is hosting a specialist conference to mark its 20th anniversary. It is held in collaboration with the **Professorship for Construction Heritage and Preservation at the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology**, the **Federal Office of Culture** and **ICOMOS Suisse**. Likewise founded 20 years ago, the **SBB Historic Foundation** is also contributing to the conference.

- Call for papers to be announced in spring 2021.
- Conference programme to be presented on the website in the summer.

