

More SPEED, Less Waste





Last month, February 2021, the government launched **Rail Project SPEED**, (the arduous acronym **Swift, Pragmatic and Efficient Enhancement Delivery**), with the intention of encouraging the rail industry to enter a new post-Covid zeitgeist.



Sitting alongside SPEED, the Welsh government have announced **the development of the Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE) project.** It will become **the first facility in the world to provide testing for both rail infrastructure and rolling stock,** including new technologies such as high-speed and hydrogen-powered trains.



Andrew Haines, Network Rail's chief executive, said:

“There has never been a more important time to make the case for rail. The pandemic has spurred us to make real progress in removing barriers that have long hindered industry transformation.”

With what appears to be a newly invigorated commitment from the government, **the UK now has the potential to enter a new Golden Era of rail infrastructure development.**

Initiate are perfectly placed to provide partnership and assistance to ensure the vision becomes reality.





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