



Wolfgang Jahn,

Managing Director of the railway software provider Zedas:

"Advancing the use of AI"

What is the most important topic for your company in 2024?

Our most important topics are the continuing high level of investment in the Zedas software suite. The aim is to continuously expand an end-to-end solution in which users can seamlessly integrate powerful functional modules, map their entire operating process and receive maintenance and service, including complete operational management if necessary, from a single source at low cost and around the clock. Following initial successes in the use of AI by Zedas users in 2023, we want to actively promote the use of AI in the railway sector together with customers and partners.

What general expectations do you have for the development of the railway sector in 2024?

- Fair competitive conditions for all those involved in freight transport.
- Increased digitalisation, automation and networking in the rail sector.

What is your biggest wish for 2024?

The creation of framework conditions that promote a high level of willingness to invest on the part of public and private providers with the aim of realising a competitive, efficient, networked and digitalised rail sector.



Karsten Gruber,

Chairman of the Management Board Obermeyer Infrastructure:

"Making the civil engineering profession more attractive"

What is the most important topic for your company in 2024?

One of the key issues is overcoming the shortage of skilled labour. This challenge is directly linked to the continuous expansion of the company's digital transformation.

We want to use new technologies and digital methods to make the civil engineering profession more attractive and sustainable in order to attract new talent and inspire employees. In addition to long-term staff recruitment, the automation of planning and construction processes and the improvement of collaboration between all project participants is a future topic that will occupy us in the coming year.

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Deutsche Bahn's success in passenger and freight transport depends largely on the attractiveness and reliability of the rail transport sector. A breath of fresh air is blowing in the railway sector right now - new, partnership-based contract models between the client, planning and construction industries as well as modern digital methods and processes are coming to life and filling all those involved with confidence. However, following the budget-related ruling by the Federal Constitutional Court and the resulting decisions at federal level, it is now to be feared that investments that have already been promised and planned will be withheld or cancelled and that the railways' financial resources will return to the low level of previous decades.