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He has held senior positions with the UK rail industry covering various sectors including passenger, freight, operating, planning, and engineering works before setting up his consultancy in 2010. Since the company was founded assignments have been carried out across the world, with the bulk of the work being in Europe, covering a variety of topics.

Michael moved to Brussels as Head of European Affairs for NetworkRail following which he was appointed to the position of Secretary General of the European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM) which he held for 4 years. A key part of this role was working with Infrastructure Managers to develop Asset Management Systems to better understand how the infrastructure was performing, working with funders to develop sound business cases for future investment in the network and working on new legislation and standards with various bodies including the European Railway Agency (ERA), Union International Chemin de Fer (UIC), European Standardisation Body (CEN) in addition to the legislators of the European Union..

Michael has also been a member of the European Railway Agency Administration Board, the EURNEX Advisory Board, the UIC European Management Committee, in addition to which he has served as an "expert" on the panel of UK rail industry Arbitration Disputes Committee. He has participated in a number of EU funded research projects where he carried out a various of roles including Chairman of the SMARTRAIL Advisory Board, a member of the DESTinationRAIL Executive Board in addition to being a work package leader.

Michael is a regular presenter and chairman of railway conferences across Europe being fluent in English and French, he is also a Chartered Member of the Institute of Logistics and Transport (CMILT).

These various positions have given Michael an excellent knowledge of how the European railway system operates especially in the infrastructure sector, covering such topics as Asset Management, rail research, strategic planning, operations and change management.