



# PROFILE

## Kevin HEMERY

*Reception and Delivery Manager at the Railway Test Agency test train (TE) centre. Kevin manages rail traffic and safety.*

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Kevin supervises, organizes and handles safety test requests for different trainsets on a daily basis: tests are performed on TGV, Regio 2N and NAT trains between Valenciennes and Compiègne. These trainsets must comply with the specifications so they can run on the railway network and ensure passenger safety.

### The job?

When a customer request is received, Kevin coordinates activities to find drivers and test managers for a particular destination, date and specific time schedule. He sets out the objectives with the customer and his teams and manages schedules and costs, etc.

An allocated train path request is then sent to the schedule office to await validation. This request requires Kevin's full attention. He must carefully choose the time schedule to avoid track work and peak hours and check the regulatory driving time of a driver on a test request.

### Once the path is approved, the train can run!

Kevin then issues a document called an AMCTE, providing everyone involved in the test with all running information for a given day. Kevin must repeat this procedure when the trainset is returned to the customer. Once the trainset is up and running there may be some contingencies: breakdown, bogie block, inconclusive tests, etc.

There is clearly never a dull moment in Kevin's daily work schedule. Patience, negotiation, organization and responsiveness are essential for this job.

### Contingency planning to the very end!

Kevin has to manage any running contingencies, refusals to authorize a train path due to works, for example, or even last-minute cancellations.

### Exactly what tests are performed?

"Tests include test managers checking the emergency button, keeping the trainset at speeds of 30km/h, 80km/h and 160 km/h up to a certain kilometer point. Measurements are taken to gauge the stopping distance from when the brakes are activated to a complete standstill".

Kevin can, of course, perform these tests when no test managers are present.



## HIS CAREER IN FOUR STAGES

2009

★ FREIGHT train driver  
in Villeneuve

2012

★ Resumed his studies,  
taking training leave  
to acquire a degree in  
logistics transport

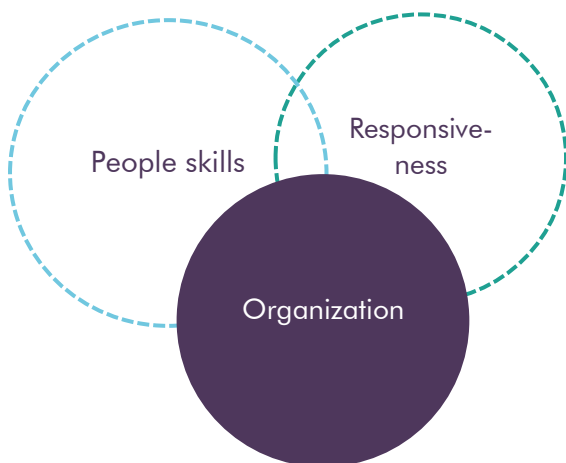
2014

★ Joined the Station  
Commercial  
Department

2018

★ Reception and  
Delivery Manager

## 3 WORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOUR JOB?



## A DIFFICULTY YOU HAVE OVERCOME IN YOUR CAREER?

"There's no one main difficulty. I'd say that the hardship each and every day is acquiring a train path in such a tight timeframe. No train can run without a train path, and other unforeseen events also require a quick response."



## WHAT MAKES YOU PROUD IN YOUR JOB?

"When the trainset produces good results within the time limit, observing all safety aspects. The customer is satisfied and this is rewarding."

## A QUOTE OR WORD TO ROUND OFF THIS INTERVIEW?



"I love it when a plan comes together."