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CIT – UIC WORKSHOP

COTIF / CUV and GCU: market needs and the future of wagon law

Wednesday, **7 October 2026**
from 9am to 5pm

in **Bern (CIT Headquarters, Saal A)**

To:

Freight Members of the **CIT** – International Rail Transport Committee
Freight Members of the **UIC** - International Union of Railways

ERA - European Union Agency for Railways
BAV/FOT/OFT - Federal Office of Transport (Switzerland)

OTIF – Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail
CER – Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies

UIP – International Union of Wagon Keepers
ERFA – European Rail Freight Association

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PROGRAM		
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome and introductory remarks	E. Evtimov (CIT) B. Minary (UIC)
09:15 – 09:45	The COTIF CUV UR: the revision procedure and legal overview COTIF & EU rules: legal considerations	S. Davey (OTIF) G. Murawa (CIT)
09:45 - 10:15	Introduction of the vision GCU 2030: the future of multilateral use of wagons	N. Czernecki (UIC/Rail Logistic Europe)
10:15 - 10:45	**Pause – networking coffee**	
10:45 – 11:45	**Roundtable 1**: Coordination and efficiency of the GCU regarding the developments on supranational and international level From the perspective of FOT, BLS Cargo, ERA, UIC and UIP	M. Hepp (FOT) - *introductory speech* R. Rieder (BLS Cargo) N. Duquenne and J-M. Dechamps (ERA) N. Czernecki (UIC) G. Peterhans (UIP) Moderator: E. Evtimov (CIT)
11:45 - 12:15	Q&A	All
12:15 – 13:45	**Lunch break**	
13:45 – 14:15	Digitalisation for improvement of wagon use and data exchange in the context of TEL TSI on supranational layer: - EU Commission overview - Rail Sector position	Y. Seimandi (EU COM – DG MOVE) M. Price (ERFA)
14:15 – 14:45	**Roundtable 2**: Current views on digitalisation in wagon use and interaction with EU regulation	C. Kühnast (DB Cargo) D. Doric (UIC) H. Münninghoff (UIC / Raildata) S. Jugelt (ERA) Moderator: B. Minary (UIC)
14:45 – 15:00	Q&A	All
15:00 – 15:30	**Pause – networking coffee**	
15:30 - 16:30	**Final Roundtable**: Brainstorming OTIF - UIC – UIP – ERFA: governance, structure, concrete optimization of the business process How to create a fit-for-purpose wagon environment to increase rail market share?	N. Czernecki (UIC/Rail Logistic Europe) C. Kühnast (DB Cargo) G. Peterhans (UIP) M. Price (ERFA) Moderator: E. Evtimov (CIT)
16:30 – 19:30	**Apéro riche / Buffet**	