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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

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) - <i>introductory speech</i> R. Rieder (BLS Cargo) N. Duquenne and J-M. Dechamps (ERA) N. Czernecki (UIC) G. Peterhans (UIP) <u>Moderator: E. Evtimov (CIT)</u>
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) (ERA) <u>Moderator: B. Minary (UIC)</u>
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) <u>Moderator: E. Evtimov (CIT)</u>
16:30 - 19:30	Apéro riche / Buffet	