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**TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF OTIF AND  
TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

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Invitation to the  
38<sup>th</sup> session of the standing working group WG TECH  
Bern, 11-12 September 2019

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

**11 and 12 September 2019 in Bern**

**11 September: 13:30 - 17:30**

**12 September: 09:00 – 16:00**

**Venue: the OTIF building, Gryphenhübeliweg 30, Bern**

The provisional Agenda can be found in the annex to this document.

The documents for the session will be placed on the OTIF website approximately four weeks before the meeting under:

Activities > Technical Interoperability > Working Group Tech > [Working Documents](#)

The agenda items for this working group concern the preparation of documents for decision at the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE). Therefore, it is important that as many of the Member States as possible participate.

In accordance with Article 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE of 11 February 2009 and the decision taken by the CTE at its 3<sup>rd</sup> session in February 2009, sessions of the WGTECH will be held in English only.

For logistics purposes, please register as soon as possible and by 30 August 2019 at the latest. The registration form for the meeting can be found on the OTIF website under:

Events > [Registration Form](#).

Yours faithfully



(Wolfgang Küpper)  
Secretary General

**Annex:**

- Provisional agenda

**cc:**

- Representatives present at the sessions of the Committee of Technical Experts
- Representatives who participated in previous WG TECH sessions
- The following institutions, organisations and associations that were invited to the Committee of Technical Experts are also invited to participate in the working group session:
  - The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
  - European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)
  - International Union of Railways (UIC)
  - International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
  - International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
  - Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD)
  - Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
  - European Rail Freight Association (ERFA)
  - European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)
  - Union of European Railway Industries (UNIFE)
  - International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
  - International Union of combined Road-Rail transport companies (UIRR)
  - European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
  - International Association of Private-Sidings Users (IVA)
  - European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
  - Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)

**Annex: Provisional agenda**

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
3. Election of chair
4. Approval of the minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> session of WG TECH
5. Discussion and draft proposals for modifications:
  - a. Draft revised UTP NOI
  - b. Draft revised UTP WAG
  - c. Draft revised UTP Marking
  - d. Draft revised NVR Specification
  - e. Draft revised ECM
  - f. Draft revised Rules of Procedure for the Committee of Technical Experts
6. Developments in EU regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by ERA and DG MOVE)
7. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
8. EU-OTIF equivalence table
9. Any other business
10. Next sessions