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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 46<sup>th</sup> session of the working group Technology (WG TECH)

Berne (hybrid meeting), 16 June 2022

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the working group Technology on

**16 June: 10:00 – 17:00 (CEST)**

**The session will be held as a hybrid meeting.**

Delegates will be able to attend the meeting in person in Berne, unless this is not possible due to restrictions in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. In any case, delegates will be able to attend remotely using MS Teams.

The provisional agenda can be found in Annex 2 to this invitation. The agenda items for this working group concern the preparation of documents for decision by the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE). It is therefore important that as many of the Member States as possible participate.

The documents for the session will be placed on the OTIF website ([www.otif.org](http://www.otif.org)) four weeks before the meeting under:

[Activities](#) > [Technical Interoperability](#) > [Working Group Tech](#) > [Working Documents](#) > [2022](#)

On the basis of Article 16 § 5 of COTIF, the Secretary General invites the states, organisations and associations listed in Annex 1 in an advisory capacity, subject to the agreement of a majority of the Member States. Member States are asked to send the Secretariat any objections they may have concerning this invitation by no later than **16 May 2022**. The Secretary General will assume the tacit agreement of the Member States that do not object.

In accordance with Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE applicable from 22 June 2021 and the decision taken by the CTE at its 3<sup>rd</sup> session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH are held in English only.

Member States, associate members, regional organisations that have acceded to COTIF and organisations and associations invited to the session are asked to register using the digital registration form on the OTIF website under:

[Events > Registration form](#)

The completed form should be submitted by **8 June 2022** at the latest. Delegates wishing to attend the meeting in person are invited to contact the Secretariat, in addition to their registration.

Further information on how to participate in the remote meeting will be provided to registered delegates before the meeting.

Yours faithfully



(Wolfgang Küpper)  
Secretary General

**Annexes:**

- 1: List of invited states, organisations and associations
- 2: Provisional agenda

### **List of invited states, organisations and associations**

The following state that is not member of the Organisation is invited to participate in the working group session in an advisory capacity (observer):

- Israel

The following organisations and associations are invited to participate in the working group session in an advisory capacity (observers):

- Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)
- Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
- European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
- European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)
- European Rail Freight Association (ERFA)
- European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
- International Association of Private-Sidings Users (IVA)
- International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
- International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
- International Union of combined Road-Rail transport companies (UIRR)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
- Organisation for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD)
- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- Transport Community Permanent Secretariat (TCPS)
- Union of European Railway Industries (UNIFE)

**Provisional agenda**

1. Election of chair
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
4. For discussion
  - 4.1. Next step in monitoring and assessing the implementation of APTU and ATMF by Contracting States
  - 4.2. Mutual recognition of ECM certificates; feedback from the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation (JUR)
  - 4.3. Development of the Annexes to the EST UR (Appendix H to COTIF):
    - a) Annex C: A harmonised procedure for issuing safety certificates
    - b) Analysis of the necessary links between EST UR and the CSM on risk evaluation and assessment.
  - 4.4. Updates of the UTP application guides:
    - a) Application guide for UTP WAG
    - b) Application guide for UTP NOI
5. Developments in EU regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by ERA and the European Commission)
6. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
7. EU – OTIF equivalence table
8. Any other business
9. Next sessions