
SYMPOSIUM

PROGRAMME

28 OCTOBER 2019

13:30: Field visit to Kena railway border crossing station

29 OCTOBER 2019

8:00 – 8:30: Registration

8:30 – 9:00: Opening session

9:00 – 10:15: **SESSION 1:** Evolution of international railway market: challenges and objectives for technical and dangerous goods regulations

The Vilnius Protocol was a legal response to a changed European railway market. It created a solid basis for technical regulations and modernised the regulations on the transport of dangerous goods.

In practice, OTIF rules apply not only to international transport, but also to domestic traffic on the basis of national and regional law. In particular, RID is applied to domestic traffic based on EU law.

How should national/regional and international law work together? Should extending the application of COTIF to domestic traffic be considered and, if so, in which areas? What further developments are required?

Speakers:

UIC Director of Rail System *Christian Chavanel*

UIP Secretary General *Gilles Peterhans*

CEFIC Director Transport & Logistics *Joost Naessens*

Moderator: ERA Executive Director *Josef Doppelbauer*

10:15 – 10:45: Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00: **SESSION 2:** How can the fragmentation of international railway law be avoided and the quality of international regulations and their effective implementation be ensured?

The Vilnius Protocol specifies that one of the aims of OTIF “shall be to promote, improve and facilitate international traffic by rail, in particular by keeping a watch on the application of all rules and recommendations established within the organisation”.

How can continuous quality and the relevance of international rules be ensured? Is monitoring and evaluation essential? How can the fragmentation of international law be minimised?

Speakers:

OTIF Secretary-General, Mr *Wolfgang Küpper*

EC-DG MOVE Head of Single European Rail Area unit, Mr *Maurizio Castelletti*

UNIDROIT Secretary-General, Prof. *Ignacio Tirado*

Moderator: Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania Dr. *Vytautas Naudužas*

12:00 – 13:30: Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 SESSION 3: Evolution of international railway market: challenges and objectives for contractual law and organisation of efficient international traffic

The Vilnius Protocol was a legal response to a changed railway market. It modernised the regulations on contracts of carriage of passengers and goods, contract of use of vehicles and contracts of use of infrastructure. In practice, OTIF rules apply not only to international transport, but also to domestic traffic on the basis of national and regional law. In particular, CIV is applied to domestic traffic based on EU law.

How should national/regional and international contractual law work together? Should extending the application of COTIF to domestic traffic be considered and, if so, in which areas? What further developments in contractual law are required? How can cross border traffic be further improved and facilitated?

Speakers:

CIT Secretary General *Cesare Brand*

RNE Vice-President *Péter Rónai*

FTE Deputy Secretary General *Peter Jäggi*

Moderator: UIRR President *Ralf-Charley Schultze*

14:45 – 15:15: Conclusion

OTIF Committee of Technical Experts - Chair, *Christophe Le Borgne (CH)*

OTIF RID Committee of Experts - Chair, *Caroline Bailleux (BE)*

OTIF Ad hoc Committee on Cooperation, Revision Committee Chair, *Clio Liégeois (BE)*

20:00: Official dinner