



## Safety and joint working

The RID/ATMF working group met for the last time in Brussels on 8 and 9 February 2017. The working group was made up of experts in the field of dangerous goods and technical interoperability in international rail transport and following this meeting, its conclusions will be published in mid April 2017.

These conclusions will first be submitted to OTIF's and the European Union's two specialist committees on dangerous goods and to OTIF's and the EU's specialist committees on technical interoperability.

The approval of these four committees should result in the creation of a new group: the "Joint Coordinating Group of Experts" (JCGE).

Like the RID/ATMF working group, the composition of this new group will ensure that there is an institutional and functional balance between OTIF and EU dangerous goods experts and experts on technical rules.

The aim of the JCGE will be to coordinate developments in railway law between technical interoperability and the regulations on the transport of dangerous goods in international transport.

Firstly, it will have the task of ensuring that the interfaces between RID and general technical railway law correspond and secondly, that there is consistent legislative development under the responsibility of the four committees by identifying joint solutions to be promoted.

In the JCGE, OTIF and the EU are joining forces to achieve their common objective: to promote and ensure the safety of international rail transport.

The RID/ATMF working group was set up at the end of 2015 by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) and the Secretariat of OTIF. Its task was to study possible inconsistencies between Appendix C and Appendix G to COTIF, i.e. between the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) and the Uniform Rules concerning Technical Admission of Railway Material used in International Traffic (ATMF UR). Between the end of 2015 and the beginning of 2017, the RID/ATMF working group met four times.