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## **Courtesy meeting**

On Wednesday 30 June, OTIF's Secretary General, Wolfgang Küpper, met the new Director for Land Transport of the European Commission's Directorate General for Mobility and Transport, Kristian Schmidt.

It was a courtesy meeting held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr Kristian Schmidt had recently been appointed as head of Directorate C, "Land Transport", and it was important for him to meet the Secretary General of OTIF.

Mr Küpper and Mr Schmidt discussed the role of OTIF and the close relationship between the European Union (EU) and OTIF, which is fundamental to improving international rail transport.

The Secretary General of OTIF and the Director for Land Transport of DG Mobility and Transport then discussed some of the highlights of OTIF's 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, which will take place on 28 and 29 September 2021.

Mr Küpper welcomed such a meeting and thanked Mr Schmidt very much for his availability and the quality of the discussion.



