



## EUMedRail Final Conference

Today, 15 November, the Secretary General of OTIF, Mr Wolfgang Küpper, took part in the EUMedRail Final Conference organised by the European Union Agency for Railways.

The main objective of this final conference was to assess implementation of the EUMedRail project, particularly the results achieved in 2022. The event was also an opportunity to highlight future progress and challenges in rail safety and interoperability.

The Secretary General spoke at the opening session. He emphasised the role of OTIF: a bridge between EU Member States and non-EU Member States, particularly Mediterranean countries. OTIF and the Convention (COTIF) ensure consistency of the regulations between OTIF's Member States, whether they are EU Member States or not, particularly with regard to technical interoperability. The Secretary General added that the work carried out by the European Union Agency for Railways and OTIF was complementary. He concluded that this complementarity was of great interest to the Mediterranean countries:

“In order to benefit fully from this complementary work, it is very important that those countries that are not planning to become members of the EU become members of OTIF”.

