



| Berne Days (Berner Tage) 2022

On 9 June 2022, the Secretary General of OTIF, Mr Wolfgang Küpper, spoke at the 2022 Berne Days organised by the International Rail Transport Committee (CIT) in Berne.

This year, CIT is celebrating its 120th year. Quite naturally therefore, the Berne Days began by highlighting the rich history of CIT and then turned to the legal challenges facing rail transport in general and CIT in particular. The Secretary General of OTIF presented the latest legal developments in COTIF and its appendices and then took part in the round table discussion that closed the morning.

In particular, Mr Küpper gave an overview of the main amendments to the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) that will enter into force in 2023 and the amendments to the technical appendices, the APTU and ATMF Uniform Rules. He also presented the latest work of the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation on, inter alia, the interfaces between customs and transport regulations, the bill of lading and the digitalisation of freight transport documents in international transport.

Lastly, the Secretary General of OTIF emphasised that CIT is a historical and important stakeholder. OTIF is now strongly developing international cooperation by structuring and strongly encouraging the involvement of actors and stakeholders such as CIT in the Organisation's activities.

The General Secretariat welcomes OTIF's presence at the Berne Days and wishes CIT a bright future.

