



Promoting international cooperation: broadening the category of “experts” among the stakeholders in the work of OTIF

On 5 April 2022, the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation adopted the [Recommendation on involving stakeholders in OTIF’s work](#).

The purpose of this recommendation is to encourage the active participation of stakeholders in the drafting, application, monitoring and assessment of legal instruments developed within OTIF. This document sets out an inclusive, non-discriminatory and transparent policy framework for stakeholder involvement in OTIF’s work.

According to the recommendation, there are three categories of stakeholders: 1) international associations representing the interests of the railway sector; 2) academic institutions, academics and researchers; 3) experts in railway transport having a legitimate interest in OTIF activities.

On 8 November 2023, at its 5th session, the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation clarified what was meant by “expert” in order to extend category 3) further.

It “decided that, for the purpose of involving stakeholders in its activities, the term ‘expert’ includes experts in their independent professional capacity and experts as representatives of legal persons active in the international rail sector, such as carriers and infrastructure managers”.

[Application for registered stakeholder status in the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation](#) - to be returned duly completed by e-mail to law@otif.org

