



Working Group TECH

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**TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF OTIF AND
TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

57th Session of the working group Technology (WG Tech)

Brussels (hybrid meeting), 18 November 2025

Invitation and provisional agenda



The OTIF Secretariat is convening the 57th session of the working group Technology (WG Tech) on

18 November 2025

9:30 – 17:00 (CET)

Participants will be able to attend the meeting in person or remotely using MS Teams.

Venue: European Commission Bâtiment Charlemagne (Charlemagne Building)

Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Meeting Room: Floor 3, Room 221

Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE) of 13 June 2023 also apply to the WG Tech. These Rules of Procedure are available on OTIF's website ([link](#)).

Timetable

The meeting will start at 9:30 and end no later than 17:00 local time (CET).

Delegates attending in person should be in front of the entrance to the building by no later than 8:45 (CET) in order to access the building.

Language

Sessions of the WG Tech are held in English only. There will be no interpretation. This is in accordance with Article 23 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE of 13 June 2023 and the decision taken by the CTE at its 3rd session (Bern, 11-12 February 2009).

Agenda

The provisional agenda is in Annex 1 to this invitation letter.

Working documents

The documents for the session will be published on OTIF's website (www.otif.org) four weeks before the meeting, i.e. **20 October 2025**, under:

[Home » Activities » Technical Interoperability » Working Group Tech » Working Documents](#) (select 2025)

Observers

In accordance with the decision taken by the CTE at its 15th session (Bern, 13-14 June 2023), the invited observers are those listed in Annex 2 to this invitation.

Election of the Chair

In accordance with Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure, the meeting will elect a Chair from among the OTIF members represented at the session.

Should any Member State wish to nominate a candidate Chair, they are kindly invited to submit their nomination to the Secretariat by no later than **6 October 2025**.

Registration

Delegates are asked to register using the digital registration form on OTIF's website under:

[Events > Registration form](#)

The completed form should be submitted by no later than **3 November 2025**.

For logistical reasons, it is important that delegates indicate whether they will attend the meeting in person or remotely.

Delegates who plan to attend in person are required to follow additional registration with the European Commission in order to receive a “V-pass”, which will allow them access to the building on the day of the meeting. Further instructions will be sent to registered participants.

Entering Belgium

Please consult the website of the Belgian Government with regard to the [conditions for entering Belgium](#).

Delegates who require help to obtain a visa are requested to contact the Secretariat before 6 October 2025.

Reaching the meeting venue and other logistics

The venue can be reached by public transport, (train, metro or bus services). Practical information is provided in Annex 3 of this invitation.

Remote participation

Registered delegates will be provided with details on how to participate in the meeting remotely approximately one week before the meeting.

Aleksandr Kuzmenko
Secretary General

Annexes:

- 1: Provisional agenda
- 2: List of invited observers
- 3: Reaching and accessing the meeting venue

Annex 1

Provisional agenda

Opening of the session

Election of chair

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous session
3. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
4. For review:
 - 4.1. Draft proposal for modification of the UTP WAG
 - 4.2. Draft proposal for modification of the UTP LOC&PAS
 - 4.3. Draft proposal for modification of the uniform format of certificates
 - 4.4. Draft proposal for modification of the guide for the application of the UTP LOC&PAS
 - 4.5. Draft proposal for modification of the guide for the application of the UTP PRM
 - 4.6. Draft proposal for modification of the Handbook for the implementation and application of the APTU and ATMF Uniform Rules
5. For discussion:
 - 5.1. ECM certification, proposal for an explanatory document
 - 5.2. Digitalisation and the role of OTIF
 - 5.3. Developments related to telematics and the UTP TAF
 - 5.4. Monitoring and assessing the implementation and application of the ATMF UR
 - 5.5. Covering additional technical systems in UTPs (GCC wagons)
 - 5.6. Applying OTIF technical rules domestically
6. Developments in European Union regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by the European Commission and the European Union Agency for Railways)
 - 6.1. Developments related to registers, including ERA ontology and vehicle registers.
7. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
8. EU – OTIF equivalence table
9. Any other business
10. Next sessions

Annex 2

List of invited observers

The following intergovernmental organisations are invited to participate in the working group session in an advisory capacity (observer):

- Organisation for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD)
- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- Transport Community Permanent Secretariat (TCPS)

The following stakeholders are invited to participate in the working group session in an advisory capacity (observers):

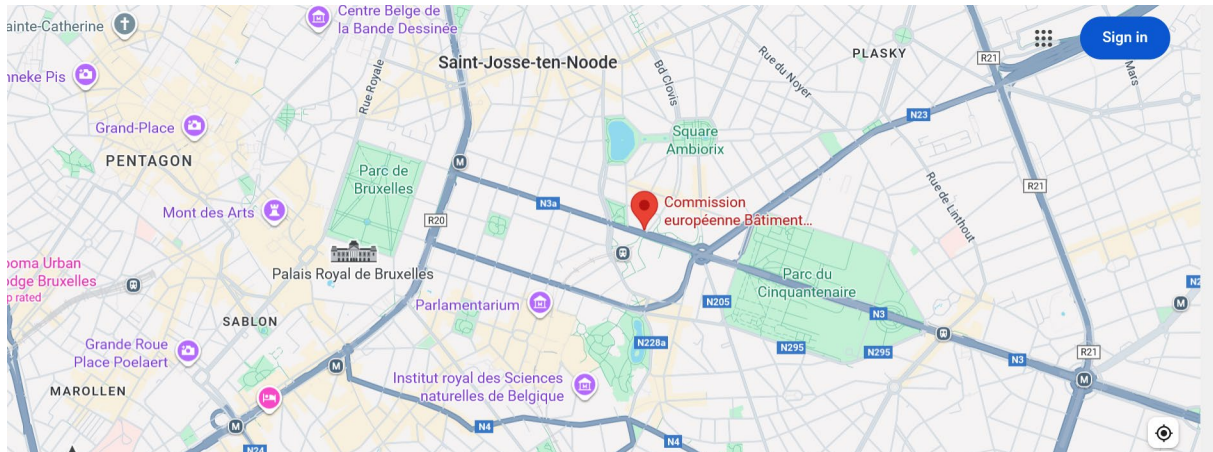
- Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)
- Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
- European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
- European Rail Freight Association (ERFA)
- International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
- International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
- International Union of combined Road-Rail transport companies (UIRR)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
- Union of European Railway Industries (UNIFE)

Annex 3

Reaching and accessing the meeting venue

The Charlemagne building is located at metro station Schuman (indicated in the map below).

- From Brussels Zaventem Airport (BRU) to Schuman station there are direct trains and bus line No. 12.
- From Brussels Gare de Midi or Gare Centrale to Schuman there is a metro service.
- For more information on public transport in Brussels, visit <https://www.stib-mivb.be/home>.



To access the meeting, please take note of the following:

- Entrance to the building is on Rue de la Loi 170 “Visitor access”. See the photos below.
- Access to the building requires a security check and a badge which is issued upon presentation of personal ID, and is subject to pre-registration online. A national ID card or a passport is required (driving licences are not accepted).
- You will also pass through a metal detector, similar to those at airports, and your belongings will be scanned by X-ray.
- All delegates are required to gather in the lobby of the building. EC staff will then accompany them to the meeting room.

