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

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**58<sup>th</sup> Session of the working group Technology (WG Tech)**

*Berne (hybrid session), 10 and 11 June 2026*

Invitation, provisional agenda and annotated provisional agenda

In accordance with Articles 7 § 1 and 22 § 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Technical Experts, the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the working group Technology (WG Tech) will be held on

**10 and 11 June 2026**

### **Venue**

The session will take place at

**OTIF's headquarters  
Gryphenhübeliweg 30  
3006 Berne  
Switzerland**

### **Rules of Procedure**

The Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Technical Experts apply *mutatis mutandis* to the WG Tech. The applicable Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Technical Experts (OTIF-23001-fde-CTE RI GO RoP) are available on [OTIF's website](#).

### **Provisional agenda and annotated provisional agenda**

The provisional agenda and the annotated provisional agenda are attached to this circular as Annex A and Annex B.

### **Provisional timetable**

The session will begin on Wednesday, 10 June 2026 at 13:00 local time in Berne and will end on Thursday, 11 June 2026 at 13:00 at the latest. The provisional timetable is attached to this circular as Annex C.

### **Languages**

The session will be held in English only, in accordance with Article 23 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Technical Experts and the decision it took at its 3<sup>rd</sup> session (Berne, 11-12 February 2009). No interpretation will be provided.

### **Working documents**

In accordance with Article 9 §§ 1 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure, working documents relating to the session will be made available by **12 May 2026** at the latest on OTIF's website under:

[Home » Activities » Technical Interoperability » Working Group Tech » Working Documents](#) (select 2026).

### **Observers**

In accordance with the decision taken by the Committee of Technical Experts at its 15<sup>th</sup> session, the invited observers are those listed in Annex E to this circular.

### **Election of the Chair**

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

Should any Member State wish to nominate a candidate to act as Chair, they are kindly invited to submit their nomination to the Secretariat by no later than **28 April 2026**.

### **Practical information**

Practical information regarding the session, including assistance for visa requests, a venue map, directions and remote participation can be found in Annex F.

### **Registration**

Delegates are kindly requested to register their attendance **by no later than 27 May 2026** using the [online registration form](#).

Aleksandr Kuzmenko  
Secretary General

### **Annexes:**

- A – Provisional agenda
- B – Annotated provisional agenda
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**Annex A****Provisional agenda**

Opening of the session

Election of the Chair

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
3. For review:
  - 3.1. Draft proposal for a new UTP Telematics
4. For discussion:
  - 4.1. Two-tier approach to technical interoperability
  - 4.2. Covering additional technical systems in UTPs (GCC wagons)
  - 4.3. Applying OTIF technical rules domestically
  - 4.4. Use of electronic signatures on certificates issued under the APTU or ATMF UR
  - 4.5. Monitoring and assessing the implementation and application of the ATMF UR
5. Developments in European Union regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by the European Commission and the European Union Agency for Railways)
6. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
7. EU – OTIF equivalence table
8. Any other business
9. Next sessions

## **Annex B**

### **Annotated provisional agenda**

#### **Opening of the session**

The Secretariat will open the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the working group Technology (WG Tech).

#### **Election of the Chair**

In accordance with Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure, the session shall elect a Chair from among the members of the WG Tech represented at the session.

#### **1. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda prepared by the Secretariat, and amended if necessary in light of requests received from the participants at the meeting, will be approved.

#### **2. Information from the OTIF Secretariat**

The Secretariat will present the latest developments related to OTIF that may be of relevance to participants.

#### **3. For review:**

##### **3.1. Draft proposal for a new UTP Telematics**

The Secretariat will present document TECH-26025 containing a draft proposal for a UTP Telematics intended to replace the UTP TAF. The draft is based on the EU's TSI Telematics, which covers the following processes: capacity management, train preparation, traffic management, management of freight wagons and their load, rail passenger travel information and rail ticketing.

#### **4. For discussion:**

##### **4.1. Two-tier approach to technical interoperability**

The Secretariat will present discussion paper TECH-26026. The paper concerns the possible development of a two-tier approach to OTIF's technical interoperability framework. Tier 1 is intended to facilitate international traffic by offering a minimum approach to ensure freight wagon interoperability. Tier 2 would comprise a comprehensive system approach to interoperability for the operation of complete trains across borders.

##### **4.2. Covering additional technical systems in UTPs (GCC wagons)**

The Secretariat will present discussion paper TECH-26027. The paper outlines possible follow-up steps to continue gathering relevant input and views from experts and parties to whom connecting the GCC area and Europe by rail is relevant.

##### **4.3. Applying OTIF technical rules domestically**

The Secretariat will present discussion paper TECH-26028. The paper outlines possible steps and measures concerning the domestic application of, or alignment with OTIF's technical interoperability rules for the purpose of domestic vehicle approval.

##### **4.4. Use of electronic signatures on certificates issued under the APTU or ATMF UR**

The Secretariat will present discussion paper TECH-26029. This paper addresses the acceptance of electronic signatures on certificates issued under the APTU and ATMF UR.

##### **4.5. Monitoring and assessing the implementation and application of the ATMF UR**

The Secretariat will present an update on work done in this area.

**5. Developments in European Union regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by the European Commission and the European Union Agency for Railways)**

The EC and/or ERA will inform the WG Tech of the latest EU developments relevant to COTIF.

**6. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology**

Document TECH-26031 will be published for information. The EU and OTIF terminology table provides an informative comparison between OTIF and EU terminology and explains how the terms are understood in each system. In accordance with the decision taken by the WG Tech 56, the EU and OTIF terminology table should be reviewed only once a year, at the WG Tech meeting in September.

**7. EU – OTIF equivalence table**

The WG Tech will review document TECH-26032, which includes the equivalence table comparing TSIs and UTPs, highlighting where the requirements are equivalent, partially equivalent or different.

**8. Any other business**

An opportunity for participants and the Secretariat to raise any additional issues.

**9. Next sessions**

The WG Tech will discuss and where relevant decide on its planning for 2026 and 2027.

**Annex C****Provisional timetable**

**10 June 2026** (Items 1 – 4.2)

13:00 – 15:00 Discussions

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Discussions

**11 June 2026** (Items 4.3 – 9)

9:00 – 11:00 Discussions

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Discussions

All times are Berne local time (CEST)

## Annex D

Application of Appendices F and G to COTIF (APTU UR and ATMF UR)<sup>1</sup>

“x” means that the member concerned applies the Appendix at the date of this circular

Member States listed in alphabetical order of their 2-letter ISO code:

Code	Member	APTU	ATMF	Code	Member	APTU	ATMF
AF	Afghanistan <sup>2</sup>	x	x	LI	Liechtenstein	x	x
AL	Albania	x	x	LT	Lithuania	x	x
AM	Armenia	x	x	LU	Luxembourg	x	x
AT	Austria	x	x	LV	Latvia	x	x
AZ	Azerbaijan			MA	Morocco	x	x
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	x	x	MC	Monaco	x	x
BE	Belgium	x	x	MD	Moldova		
BG	Bulgaria	x	x	ME	Montenegro	x	x
CH	Switzerland	x	x	MK	North Macedonia	x	x
CZ	Czech Republic	x	x	NL	Netherlands	x	x
DE	Germany	x	x	NO	Norway	x	x
DK	Denmark	x	x	PL	Poland	x	x
DZ	Algeria	x	x	PT	Portugal	x	x
EE	Estonia	x	x	PK	Pakistan		
ES	Spain	x	x	RO	Romania	x	x
FI	Finland	x	x	RS	Serbia	x	x
FR	France	x	x	RU	Russia		
GE	Georgia			SE	Sweden	x	x
GR	Greece	x	x	SI	Slovenia	x	x
HR	Croatia	x	x	SK	Slovakia	x	x
HU	Hungary	x	x	SY	Syria (membership suspended)		
IE	Ireland	x	x	TN	Tunisia	x	x
IR	Iran	x	x	TR	Türkiye	x	x
IT	Italy	x	x	UA	Ukraine	x	x
IQ	Iraq (membership suspended)			UK	United Kingdom	x	x
LB	Lebanon (membership suspended)						

Regional economic integration organisation:

Code	Member	APTU	ATMF
EU	European Union	x	x

Associate member<sup>3</sup>:

Code	Associate member		
JO	Jordan		

<sup>1</sup> For a full and up-to-date overview of membership and membership status see [http://otif.org/en/?page\\_id=172](http://otif.org/en/?page_id=172) and table [https://otif.org/fileadmin/images/pictures/Table1P\\_EN.pdf](https://otif.org/fileadmin/images/pictures/Table1P_EN.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Voting rights suspended pending the payment of contributions.

<sup>3</sup> An Associate Member is not a contracting party to COTIF.

## **Annex E**

### **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 F

### Practical information

#### Entering Switzerland

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

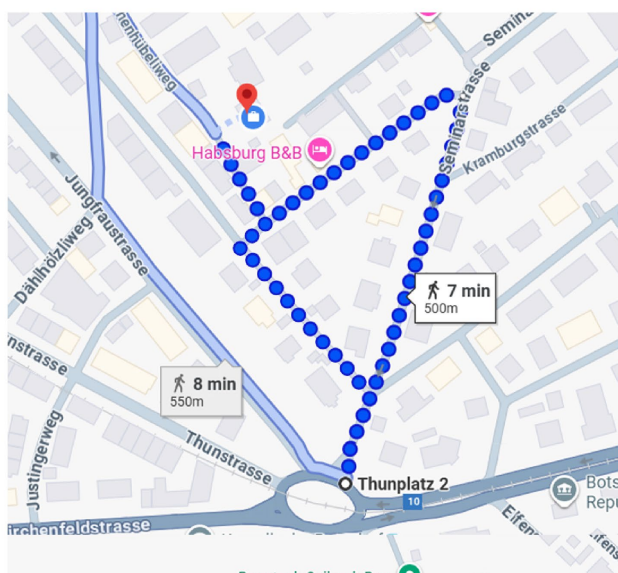
Delegates who require help to obtain a visa are requested to contact the Secretariat at least **six weeks** before the session, i.e. by **28 April 2026** at the latest.

#### A venue map and directions

##### Option 1: Tram + Walk

Take Tram 7 or 8 to Thunplatz.

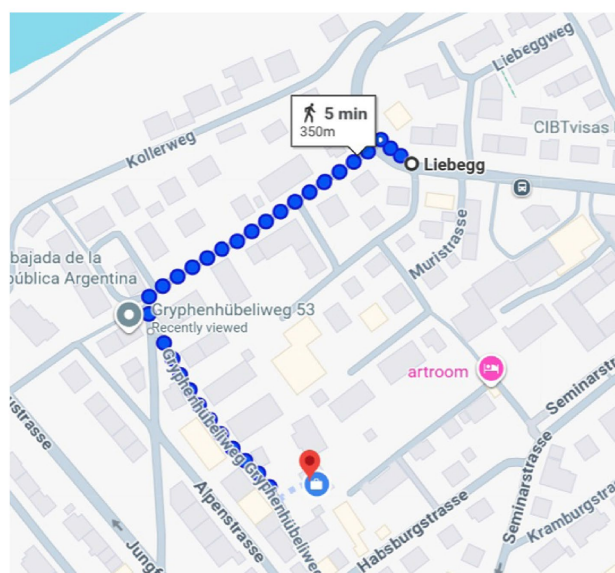
From there, it is a short walk to the OTIF building.



##### Option 2: Bus + Walk

Take Bus 12 to Liebegg.

From there, it is a short walk to the OTIF building.



Visitors are kindly advised to use public transport, as parking is limited in the vicinity of the building.

#### Remote participation

Participants will be able to attend the session in person or remotely. Remote participants will be provided with details on how to participate in the session approximately one week before the session.