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

60th Session of the working group Technology (WG Tech)

Brussels (hybrid session), 10 November 2026

Invitation, provisional agenda and annotated provisional agenda



In accordance with Articles 7 § 1 and 22 §§ 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Technical Experts, the 60th session of the working group Technology (WG Tech) will be held on

10 November 2026

Venue

The session will take place at the

**European Commission
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 apply mutatis mutandis to the WG Tech. The applicable [Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Technical Experts](#) (OTIF-26021-CTE18) are available on OTIF's website.

Provisional agenda

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

Provisional timetable

The session will begin at 09:00 local time in Brussels and will end at 17:00 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 3rd 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 October 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 15th session, the observers invited are those listed in Annex E to this circular.

Chair

In accordance with Article 22 § 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the Chair will be the Chair of the most recent session of the Committee of Technical Experts. Consequently, the United Kingdom will chair the 60th session of WG Tech.

Practical information

Practical information regarding the session, including assistance with 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 28 October 2026** using the [online registration form](#).

Aleksandr Kuzmenko
Secretary General

Annexes:

- A – Provisional agenda
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Annex A**Provisional agenda**

Opening of the session

1. Adoption 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 a new UTP Telematics
 - 4.2. Draft proposal for modification of the Uniform format of certificates
5. For discussion:
 - 5.1. Update of the handbook concerning a modular approach to technical interoperability
 - 5.2. Interoperability on developing corridors
 - 5.3. Applying OTIF technical rules domestically
 - 5.4. Use of electronic signatures and seals under the APTU and ATMF UR
 - 5.5. Draft guidelines for modifications to the UTPs and Annexes to the ATMF UR
6. Draft provisional agenda for the 19th session of the CTE
7. Developments in the regulations of OTIF Members that are of relevance to COTIF
8. Cross-reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
9. EU – OTIF equivalence table
10. Any other business
11. Next sessions

Annex B

Annotated provisional agenda

Opening of the session

The Secretariat will open the 60th session of the working group Technology (WG Tech).

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous session

WG Tech will review the comments on the draft minutes that were submitted to the Secretariat before the session.

3. Information from the OTIF Secretariat

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

4. For review:

4.1. Draft proposal for a new UTP Telematics

The Secretariat will present a revised draft proposal for a new UTP Telematics, taking into account the conclusions from the previous session and any comments provided after the session.

4.2. Draft proposal for modification of the uniform format of certificates

The Secretariat will present a revised draft proposal to modify the uniform format of certificates, taking into account the conclusions from the previous session and any comments provided after the session.

5. For discussion:

5.1. Update of the handbook concerning a modular approach to technical interoperability

The Secretariat will present draft proposals to modify the Handbook for the implementation and application of the APTU and ATMF UR. In particular, the proposed modifications concern explanations of how OTIF's technical interoperability framework can be applied with a minimum of institutional and organisational alignment by Member States, if the primary aim is to enable freight wagons to circulate internationally.

5.2. Interoperability on developing corridors

The Secretariat will present a revised discussion paper on how technical interoperability can be used for the development of corridors.

Türkiye will present a paper on its involvement in the development of corridors and the potential role of OTIF.

5.3. Applying OTIF technical rules domestically

The Secretariat will present a revised discussion paper on applying OTIF technical rules domestically, taking into account the conclusions from the previous session and comments provided after the session.

5.4. Use of electronic signatures and seals under the APTU or ATMF UR

The Secretariat will present a discussion paper taking into account the conclusions from the previous session and comments provided after the session.

5.5. Draft guidelines for modifications to the UTPs and Annexes to the ATMF UR

The Secretariat will present a discussion paper that describes and assesses the Secretariat's and the Committee of Technical Experts' (CTE) current practices with regard to modifications to the UTPs and Annexes to the ATMF UR and the related depositary functions. The aim is to develop guidelines that set out best practices for the Secretariat and the CTE.

6. Draft provisional agenda for the 19th session of the CTE

The Secretariat will present a draft provisional agenda for the 19th session of the CTE for review.

7. Developments in the regulations of OTIF Members that are of relevance to COTIF

Under this agenda item, and in line with established practice, the EC and/or ERA will inform the WG Tech of the latest EU developments relevant to COTIF. In addition, other OTIF Member States are invited to inform the WG Tech of relevant national developments concerning COTIF and international technical interoperability and safety.

8. Cross-reference table of EU and OTIF terminology

The WG Tech will be invited to take note of the EU and OTIF terminology table which provides an informative comparison between OTIF and EU terminology and explains how the terms are understood in each system.

9. EU – OTIF equivalence table

The WG Tech will review the updated version of the EU – OTIF equivalence table, highlighting where the requirements are equivalent, partially equivalent or different.

10. Any other business

11. Next sessions

The WG Tech will review and, where relevant, decide on its planning for 2027.

Annex C**Provisional timetable****10 November 2026**

09:00 – 10:30	Discussions
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Discussions
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	Discussions
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Discussions

All times are Brussels local time (CET)

Annex D

Application of Appendices F and G to COTIF (APTU UR and ATMF UR)¹

“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 ²	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 member³:

Code	Associate Member		
JO	Jordan		

¹ For a full and up-to-date overview of membership and membership status see http://otif.org/en/?page_id=172 and table https://otif.org/fileadmin/images/pictures/Table1P_EN.pdf

² Voting rights suspended pending the payment of contributions.

³ An Associate Member is not a contracting party to COTIF.

Annex E

List of observers

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

- 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)

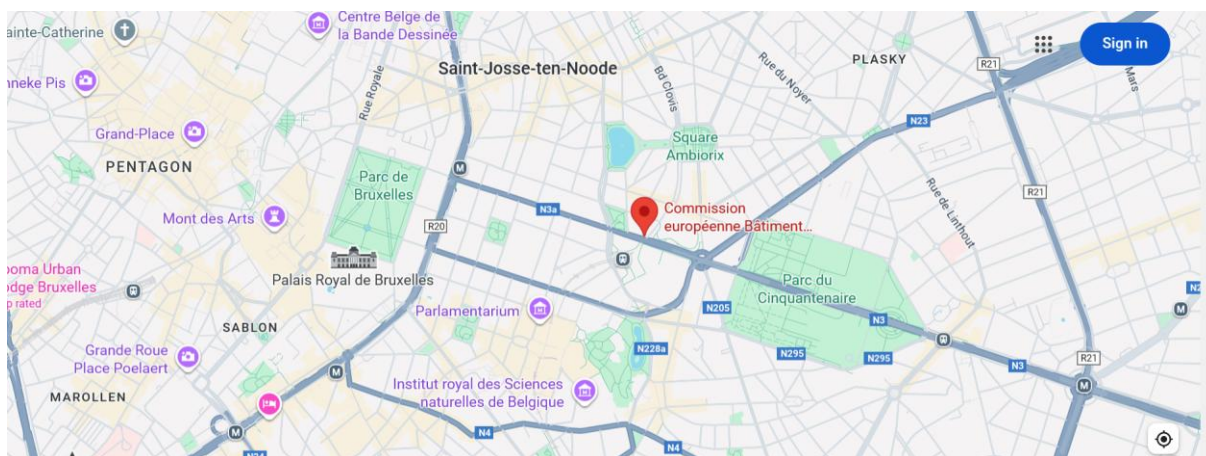
Annex F

Practical information

Reaching and accessing the meeting venue

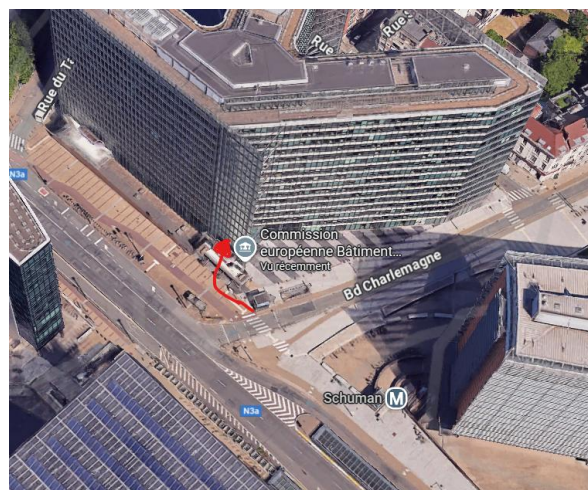
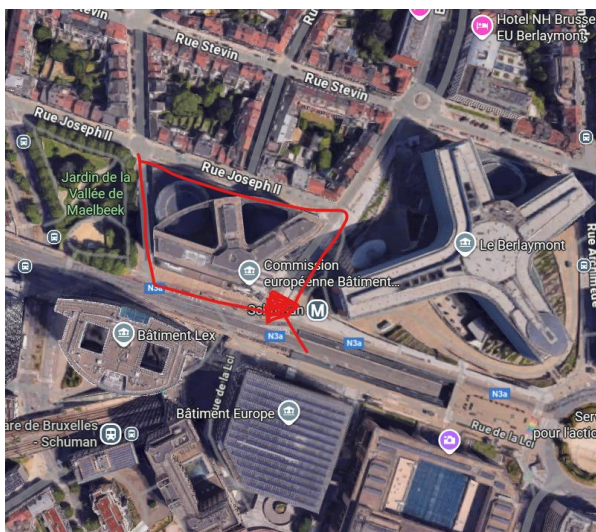
The Charlemagne building is located at Schuman metro station (indicated on the map below).

- From Brussels Zaventem Airport (BRU) to Schuman station there are direct trains and bus service 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:

- The entrance to the building is on Rue de la Loi 170 and is marked “Visitor access”. See the photos below.
- Access to the building is subject to 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.



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.