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

Invitation to the 51st session of the working group Technology (WG TECH)

London (hybrid meeting), 14-15 November 2023

The OTIF Secretariat is convening the 51st session of the working group Technology (WG TECH) on

14 November: 13:00 – 17:00

15 November: 9:00 – 13:00

(all times in GMT – local London time)

The session will be held as a hybrid meeting.

The meeting will be hosted by the United Kingdom's Department for Transport and take place at the premises of the Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB):

RSSB

The Helicon

1 South Place

London EC2M 2RB

United Kingdom

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

On the afternoon of 15 November, after the session, delegates will have the opportunity to join a site visit to Eurostar's Engineering Centre at Temple Mills Depot in East London. Registration for this visit is required (see under Registration).

Agenda

The provisional agenda is in Annex 1 to this invitation. The agenda items for this working group concern the preparation of documents for decision by the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE).

Working documents

The documents for the session will be placed on OTIF's website (www.otif.org) four weeks before the meeting under:

[Activities](#) > [Technical Interoperability](#) > [Working Group Tech](#) > [Working Documents](#) > [2023](#)

Observers

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

Furthermore, on the basis of Article 16 § 5 of COTIF, the Secretary General invites the states listed in Annex 2 that are not members of the Organisation to attend in an advisory capacity (observers). This invitation is subject to the agreement of a majority of the Member States. Member States should send the Secretariat any objections they may have concerning the invited states by no later than 17 October 2023. The Secretary General will assume tacit agreement of the Member States that do not object.

Language

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), sessions of the WG TECH are held in English only.

Registration

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

[Events](#) > [Registration form](#)

The completed form should be submitted by **3 November 2023** at the latest. For logistical reasons, it is important that delegates indicate whether they will attend the meeting in person or remotely.

Delegates interested in coming on the site visit to Eurostar's Engineering Centre, please contact Michelle Cole at michelle.cole@dft.gov.uk to register.

Entering the United Kingdom

Please consult the website of the UK Government with regard to the conditions for [entering the UK](#). Delegates who require help to obtain a visa are requested to contact the Secretariat before **2 October 2023**.

Further information

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

Yours faithfully

P.P.


(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

Annexes:

- 1: Provisional agenda
- 2: List of invited stakeholders and observers

Annex 1**Provisional agenda**

Opening of the session

Election of chair

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the 50th session of WG TECH
3. Information from the OTIF Secretariat
4. For discussion:
 - 4.1. Draft proposal for revision of UTP WAG
 - 4.2. Draft proposal for revision of UTP Noise
 - 4.3. Draft proposal for revision of UTP TCRC
 - 4.4. Draft explanatory document to UTP TCRC
 - 4.5. Draft Annex D to the EST UR concerning supervision (including a presentation by GB of experience with coordination in the scope of supervision)
 - 4.6. Draft update to the application guide for UTP LOC&PAS
5. Developments in European Union regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by the European Commission and the European Union Agency for Railways)
 - 5.1. Status update concerning the development of the EVR
 - 5.2. Review of the ERA technical document entitled Requirements for conformity assessment bodies seeking notification
6. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology
7. EU – OTIF equivalence table
8. Any other business
9. 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 Co-operation 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)

Subject to the conditions of Article 16 § 5 of COTIF, the following states that are not members of the Organisation are invited to participate in the working group session in an advisory capacity (observer):

- People's Republic of China
- Republic of Moldova