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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 44th session of the standing working group Technology (WG TECH)

Remote meeting, 8 and 9 September 2021

The OTIF Secretariat invites you to the 44th session of the standing working group TECH (WG TECH) on

8 September: 14:00 – 17:00 (CEST)

9 September: 09:30 - 13:00 (CEST)

The session will be held remotely.

The provisional agenda can be found in Annex 2 to this invitation.

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

Activities > Technical Interoperability > Working Group Tech > Working Documents > 2021

The agenda items for this working group concern the preparation of documents for decision by the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE). It is therefore important that as many of the Member States as possible participate.

On the basis of Article 16 § 5 of COTIF, the Secretary General invites the organisations and associations listed in Annex 1 in an advisory capacity, subject to the agreement of a majority of the Member States. Member States are asked to send the Secretariat any objections they may have concerning this invitation by no later than **10 August 2021.** The Secretary General will assume the tacit agreement of the Member States that do not object.

In accordance with Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE applicable from 22 June 2021 and the decision taken by the CTE at its 3rd session in February 2009, sessions of the WG TECH will be held in English only.

Member States, associate members, regional organisations that have acceded to COTIF and organisations and associations invited to the session are asked to register using the digital registration form on the OTIF website under:

Events > Registration form

The completed form should be submitted by **30 August 2021** at the latest. Registered delegates will receive instructions on how to connect to the remote meeting.

Yours faithfully

(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

Annexes:

–   1: List of invited organisations and associations
–   2: Provisional agenda

Annex 1: List of invited organisations and associations

The following organisations and associations are invited to participate in the working group session in an advisory capacity:

- Association of notified bodies (NB-Rail Association)
- Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
- European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
- European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)
- European Rail Freight Association (ERFA)
- European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)
- International Association of Private-Sidings Users (IVA)
- 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)
- Organisation for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD)
- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- Transport Community Permanent Secretariat (TCPS)
- Union of European Railway Industries (UNIFE)

Annex 2: Provisional agenda

1. Election of chair

2. Approval of the agenda

3. Information from the OTIF Secretariat

4. Approval of the minutes of the 43rd session of WG TECH

5. For discussion:

    5.1. Development of the Annexes to the EST UR (Appendix H to COTIF)

       a. Annex A - Common Safety Method on Safety Management System requirements
       b. Annex B - Common Safety Method on monitoring

    5.2. Revision of UTP TAF (Telematics applications for freight services)

    5.3. Analysis and review of Annex B to the ATMF UR (Derogations)

    5.4. Vehicle registers

6. Developments in EU regulations that are of relevance to COTIF (presented by ERA and the European Commission)

7. Cross reference table of EU and OTIF terminology

8. EU – OTIF equivalence table

9. Any other business

10. Next sessions