



Session 2 :  
How to avoid the fragmentation of international railway law?  
How to ensure the quality and the relevance of international law?  
OTIF's role

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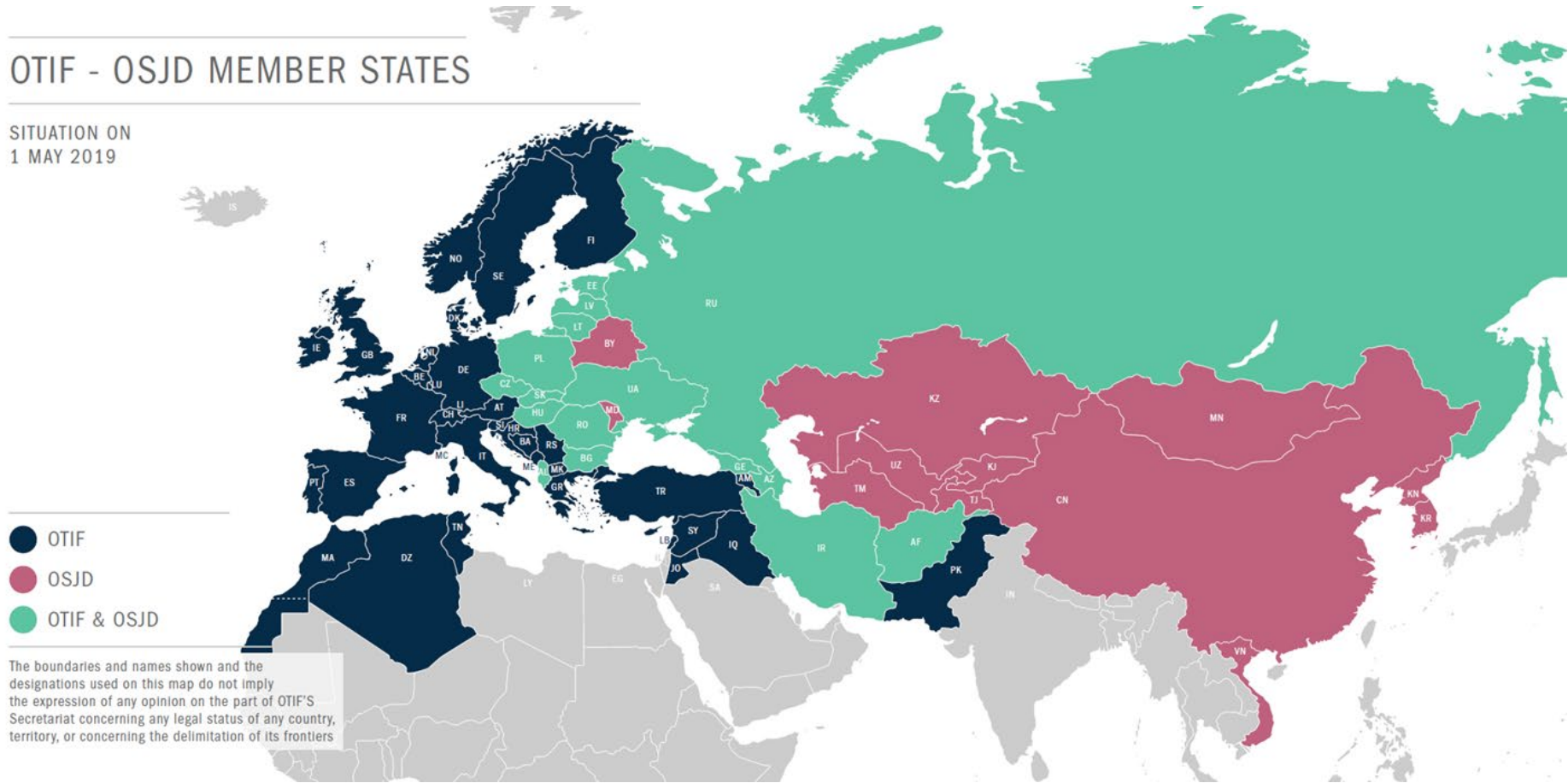
# OTIF Role and Tasks – Developing uniform law for interoperable networks

- International (binding + soft) law
- A bridging concept
- An approach based on partnership
- Railways as networks: connected, uniform and interoperable



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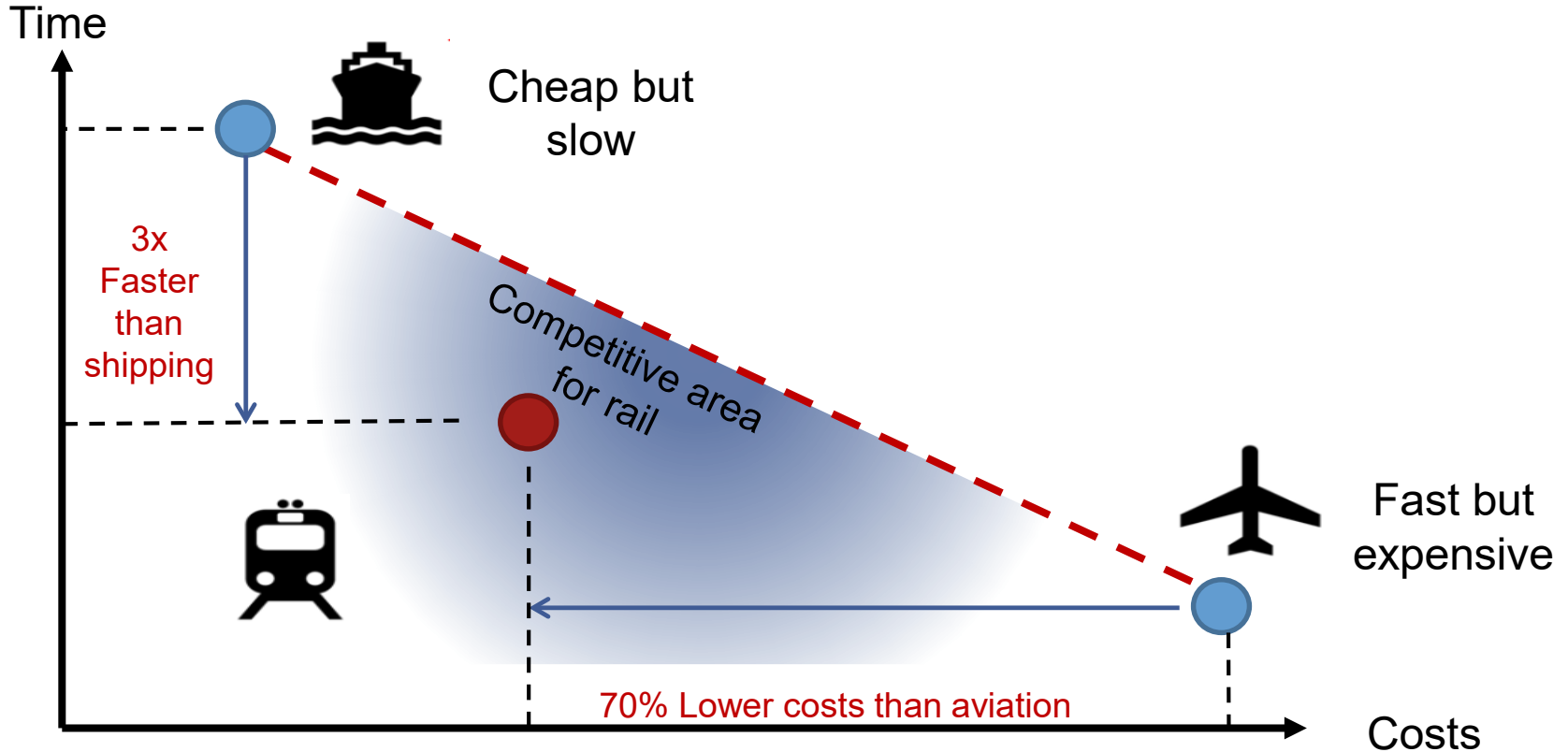


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# Chances and Challenges: The case for intercontinental rail freight

Asia  $\leftrightarrow$  Europe



## How to Ensure the Quality and the Relevance of International Law

Efficient Implementation: Wherever possible avoid the differentiation between international/regional/national

Best practice: RID and Passenger transport rules

Compatibility with other transport modes: multimodality

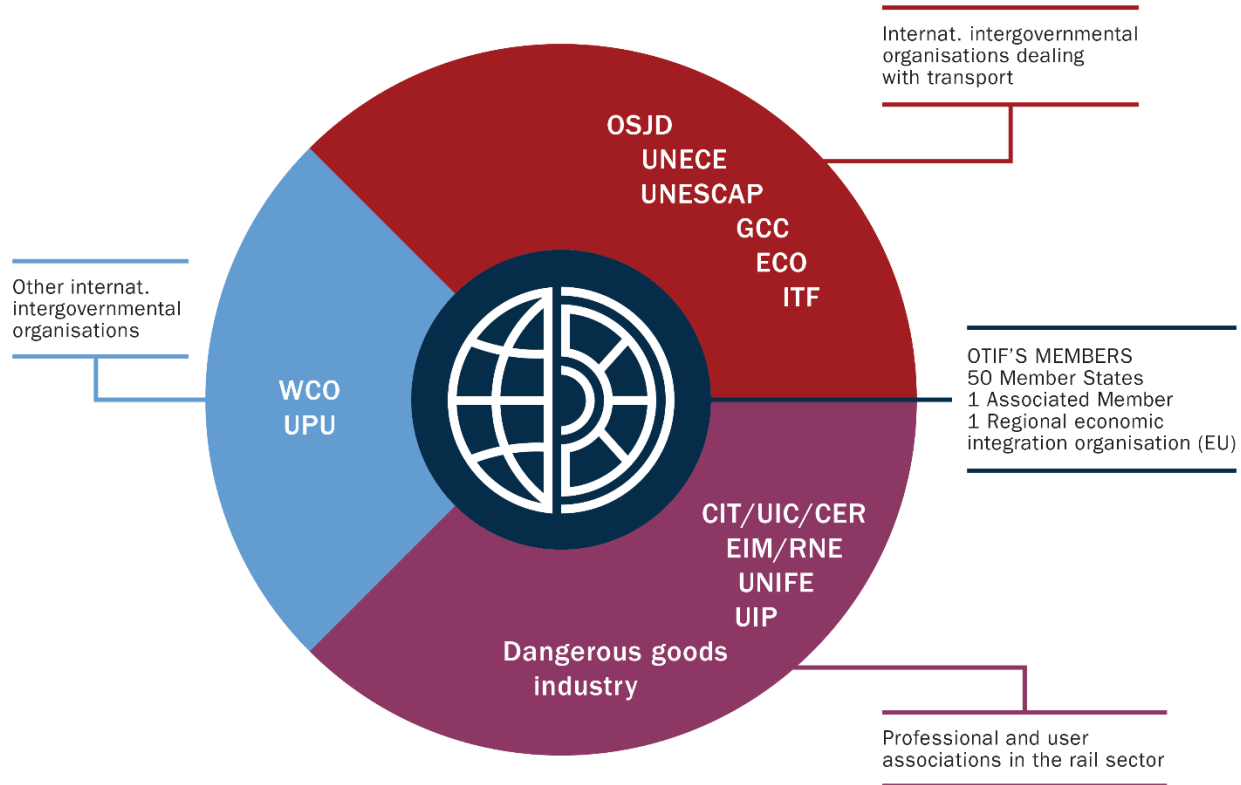
Strong orientation to the needs of the market/ e.g. Digitalisation

Flexibility which allows to adopt the law in due time and easily

Control of implementation into national law (task of the WG's of Legal Experts, TECH, RID)

Enhanced cooperation with other organizations and associations (task of the Ad hoc Committee on Cooperation)

# OTIF and its relations: The importance of cooperation



# Thank you for your attention



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