Symposium, celebrations and the Vilnius Protocol

Under the patronage of the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, and with substantial support from Lithuanian Railways, the Secretary General has great pleasure in announcing the Symposium on the “20th Anniversary of the Vilnius Protocol: OTIF’s achievements and prospects”, which will be held in Vilnius on 28 and 29 October 2019.

The Vilnius Protocol was adopted by OTIF’s 5th General Assembly in 1999 and was a major turning point for OTIF and the development of international railway law. It represented a legal response to a European market that had been transformed: it modernised the regulations concerning contracts of carriage for passengers and goods and for contracts for the use of wagons and use of infrastructure; it modernised the regulations on the carriage of dangerous goods and provided a solid basis for the technical rules. Lastly, the Vilnius Protocol clarified the aims of OTIF by adding that the Organisation has to keep a watch on the application of all the rules and recommendations established within it.

20 years after the Protocol was adopted, OTIF proposes to celebrate this anniversary and to start discussions on the new challenges to be faced in terms of railway regulations.

There will be a visit to a border railway station, round tables, discussions and an official dinner, helping to create the right setting for discussions and the emergence of new ideas.

“Join us to celebrate, reflect and share!”

For more information:
http://vilniussymposium2019.wordpress.com/
Programme and speakers