



## | Berne Days (Berner Tage) 2024

On 6 and 7 June 2024, the Secretary General of OTIF, Mr Wolfgang Küpper, spoke at the 2024 Berne Days organised by the International Rail Transport Committee (CIT) in Berne.

On 6 June, Mr Küpper gave a presentation. He reported on the latest developments concerning OTIF and gave an in-depth overview of current developments in the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF). In particular, he presented the work carried out by the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation for the period 2022-2024, which includes developing a long-term strategy for OTIF, strengthening stakeholder participation within OTIF and applying the CUI Uniform Rules.

The Secretary General of OTIF then outlined the main amendments to the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), which will come into force in 2025, and also mentioned the amendments to the technical appendices, i.e. the APTU and ATMF Uniform Rules.

The second day of the Berne Days was devoted to the new rail corridors and the activities of the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA), as well as developments in data management and protection. In addition, a panel discussion was organised to exchange views on the development of standards in the rail sector. Mr Küpper spoke on this panel alongside Mr Josef Doppelbauer, Executive Director of European Union Agency for Railways, and Mr Hinne Groot, Coordinator of international rail affairs at the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management.

The General Secretariat welcomes OTIF's presence at the Berne Days and thanks CIT for the invitation.

