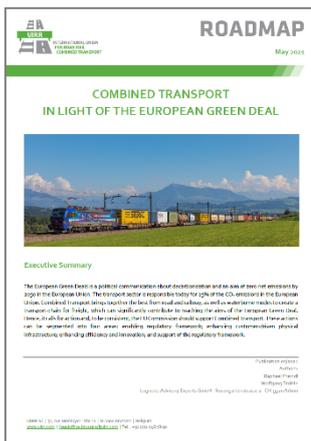


## Combined Transport in light of the European Green Deal

The **European Green Deal (EGD)**<sup>1</sup> published on 11 December 2019 identifies **zero-carbon Combined Transport** as a powerful solution to deliver the decarbonisation required of longer distance freight transport. Combined Transport requires coordinated action from every stakeholder to live up to the challenge.



Since December 2019, a range of actions have been added to the EGD timeline on the Commission's website<sup>2</sup> that prescribe a roadmap of necessary actions.

UIRR has released the Roadmap titled **Combined Transport in light of the European Green Deal**<sup>3</sup>, which depicts the actions needed for Combined Transport to deliver the results expected of it under the EGD.

The Roadmap, authored by Logistics Advisory Experts GmbH under the guidance of Professor Wolfgang Stölzle, details the actions needed broken down into four groups of actors:



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*"UIRR calls on the European Commission to add the Roadmap Combined Transport in light of the European Green Deal to its EGD Timeline as an officially recognized course of action. The actions identified must be pursued in order to achieve the Green Deal's decarbonisation objectives, and more specifically the aims laid out in the European Climate Law." - underlined UIRR President Ralf-Charley Schultze.*

| Actor                   | Possible actions  |
|-------------------------|---|
| Policy makers           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investments in infrastructure</li> <li>Reduction of cost of track access charges and/or the introduction of distance-based road tolls with total cost covering toll levels</li> <li>Introduction of subsidies</li> <li>Support of innovation</li> </ul>  |
| Infrastructure managers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of high quality infrastructure</li> <li>A fair allocation of trains paths between freight and passenger on the basis of greater social utility</li> <li>Support of high specification train operations: long and heavy trains that use the entire available loading gauge</li> </ul> |
| Railway undertakings    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restructuration and modernisation</li> <li>Automation, telematics and digitisation</li> <li>Asset standardisation</li> </ul>   |
| Intermodal operators    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancement of digitalisation</li> <li>Investment in wagon technology</li> <li>Investment into rolling stock / intermodal wagons</li> <li>Investment in market development</li> </ul>  |

The European Green Deal objectives will be achievable from the perspective of longer distance surface freight transport through the implementation of the measures outlined in the Roadmap, which UIRR wholeheartedly recommends to the attention of every European transport policymaker.

### Who is UIRR?

Founded in 1970, the **International Union for Road-Rail Combined Transport (UIRR)** represents the interests of European road-rail Combined Transport Operators and Transhipment Terminal Managers. Road-Rail Combined Transport (CT) is a system of freight forwarding which is based on efficiently and economically inserting electric rail into long-distance (road) transport-chains through the use of intermodal loading units (ILU).

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_19\\_6691](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_19_6691)

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/press-releases-and-position-papers/2021/mediacentre/1876-roadmap-combined-transport-in-light-of-eu-green-deal.html>