

# Joint OSJD FIATA workshop on Combined Transport

# A SECTOR PERSPECTIVE



# UIRR: the industry association of intermodal transport

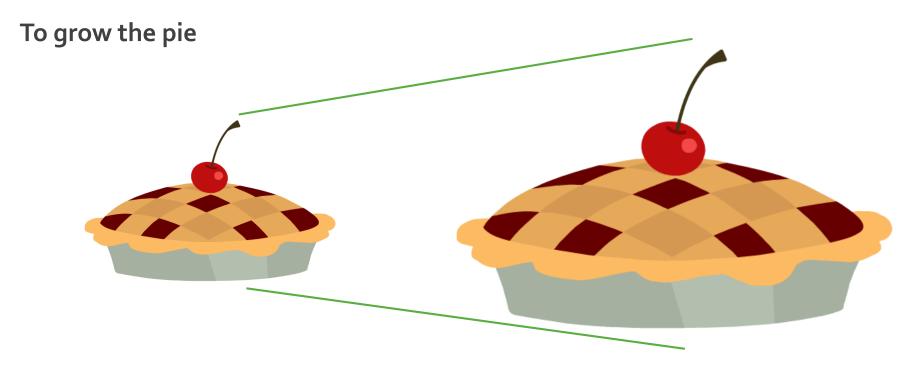




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# The mission of UIRR as Industry Association





through enabling competition and cooperation on the basis of

- 1) technical merit of the particular transport solution offered
- 2) competence (professionalism) of those who organize CT
- 3) with UIRR as the collective voice of the intermodal sector



#### Multimodal transport

Goods transportation that employs more than one mode of transport.

#### Intermodal transport

Multimodal goods transportation where the cargo is carried in an intermodal loading unit throughout the entire journey.

#### **Combined transport**

Intermodal goods transportation where the road legs of the journey are kept to a minimum, while the longest possible section of the distance is covered by non-road modes of surface transport.

- MULTIMODAL = more than one mode of transport for a single assignment
- INTERMODAL = cargo held in a single intermodal loading unit from origin to destination
- COMBINED TRANSPORT = intermodal transport where the road legs are the shortest possible

#### **EU POLICY AIM:**

**MORE COMBINED TRANSPORT** 

# Amendment of the Combined Transport Directive



#### **Definition**

what is a **combined transport operation**?

#### **Enforcement**

no more disturbance to transport flows

Directive 92/106

### State aid

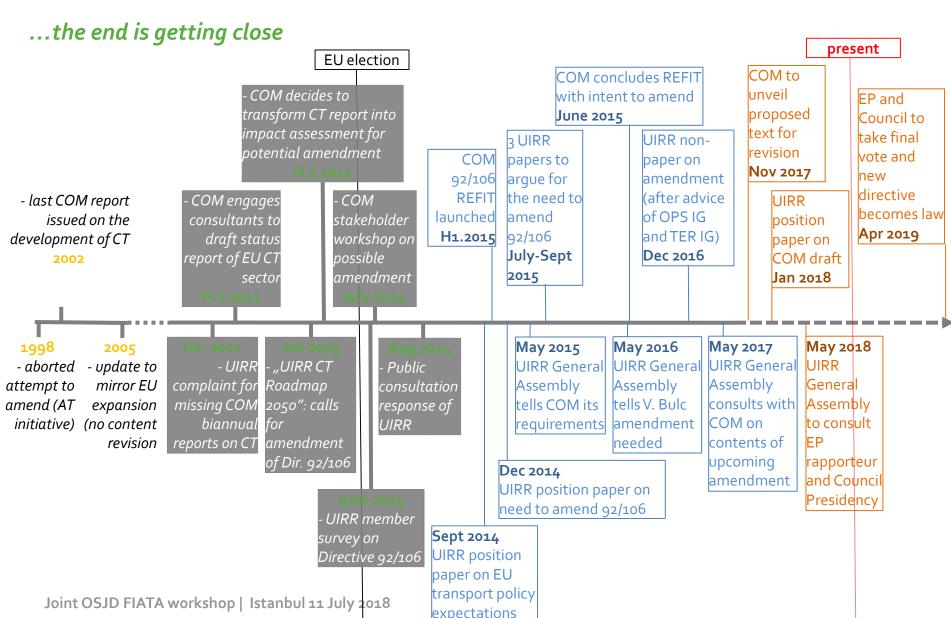
to assist terminal development and to compensate regulatory disparities

# Reporting and monitoring

to inform policy-makers and the general public of reaching strategic aims

## The amendment process: 2012-2018





## Major issues of the Directive

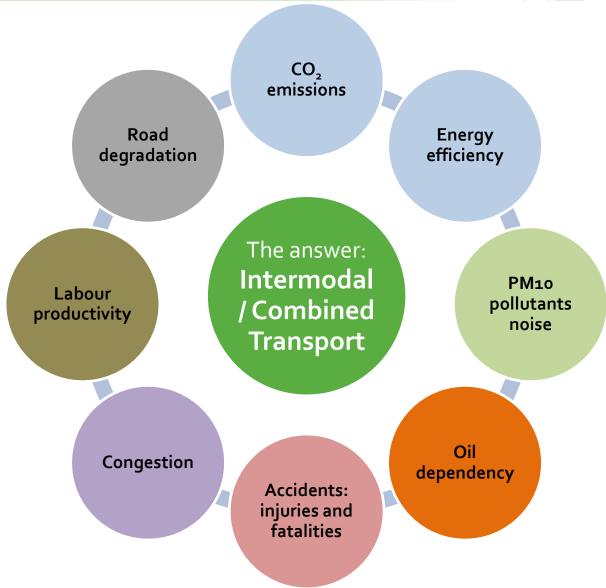


- 1. SCOPE: domestic cross-border (intra-EU) coming from/going to points outside the EU
  - Legal equivalence of international road haulage and international CT operation
  - What if a road leg is in one Member State, while the transhipment is in another?
- 2. **DEFINITION**: how long can the road legs be (for intermodal to qualify as CT)?
- 3. **ENFORCEMENT**: modernizing and streamlining the roadside check
- **4. STATE AID**: Why does Combined Transport need this in the first place?
  - Support investment in transhipment terminals
  - Other temporary compensatory measures
  - 44-tonne weight allowance for semi-trailers used in Combined Transport
- 5. MONITORING AND REPORTING: What variables and how often?
- PRINCIPLES TO UPHOLD: during the amendment
  - (i) extend CT Operation support to 70% of intermodal from the current 43%
  - (ii) reduce bureaucratic burden and operational disturbance enforcement
  - (iii) introduce new and more efficient forms of state aid
  - (iv) increase transparency and link to overriding transport policy aims to CT development

# The challenges of longer distance freight transport

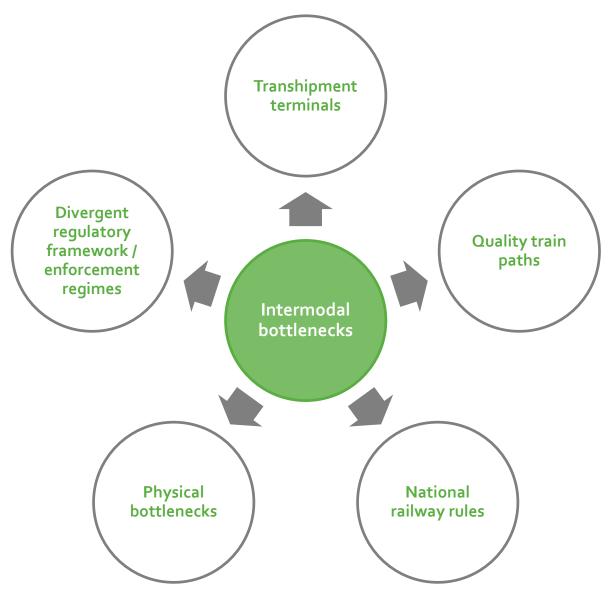
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- Climate: CO2 and energy efficiency
- Environment: air and noise pollution, vibration
- Public security: oil dependency
- Safety: accident injuries/fatalities and material losses
- <u>The economy</u>: GDP loss due to congestion
- Employment: labour productivity
- Infrastructure: road degradation and spatial constraints



# The Intermodal bottlenecks in Europe





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# **Terminal capacity**

- Uneven terminal density:
   good subsidy scheme > no CAPEX support
- Lack of urban terminals: close to downtown to directly support city logistics
- Quality/homogeneity: upgrade to CNC parameters
- Operational standards: Implementing Act on Access to Service Facilities
- 'Not in my back yard' effect: fear of noise and traffic is hurdle to new projects
- Lack of coherent intermodal plans and/or commitment to modal-shift: insufficient input to encourage developers and/or to reduce risks

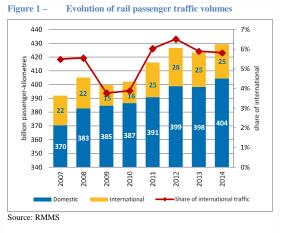




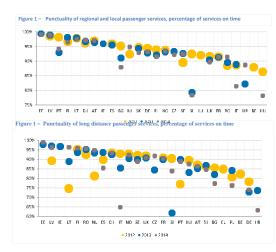
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# **Quality train paths**

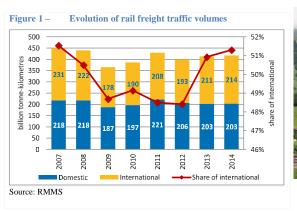
Passenger traffic: 10% growth (no data of trainkm growth) | punctuality: 80-85% (to 5 minute)







Freight traffic: 10% shrinking (no data of trainkm growth) | punctuality: n/a



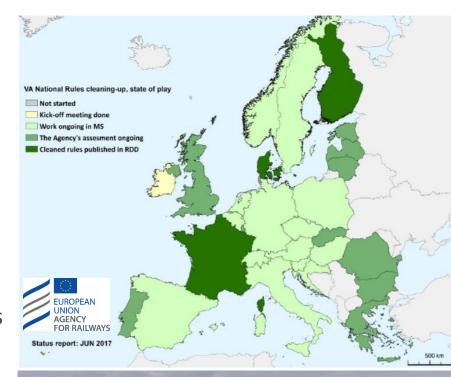


#### Rail freight quality:

- The EU RMMS Report does not contain data
- Sector data collection (UIRR, RFCs) shows great variations with average est. below 50% (to 30 minute standard)

# National rules (railway)

- <u>Clean-up of national rules</u>: work in progress at ERA – core countries lagging behind
- **UIC Leaflets vs ERATSIs**: persistent lack of clarity; some progress in changing UIC Leaflets
- <u>Traffic rules</u>: no European priority rules, passenger traffic is prioritised over freight (even when latter is on time)
- Path allocation rules: freight comes after passenger when deciding access to the tracks - without proper social benefit analysis
- **Infrastructure development**: lack of fair competition for investment resources between freight and passenger needs



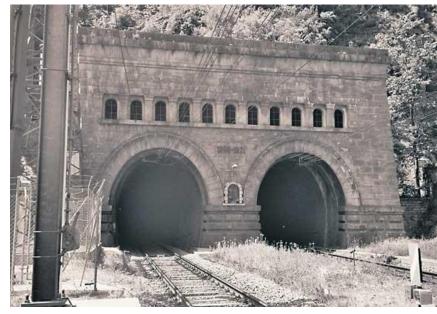


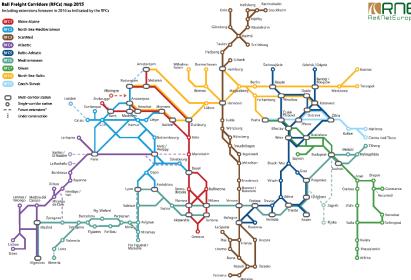
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# Physical bottlenecks (railway)

- Symbolic infrastructure: uneven progress some big projects advance faster than others
- Connecting lines: uncoordinated upgrades of connecting lines to/from symbolic infrastructure like Gotthard Base Tunnel
- <u>TEN-T parameters</u>: inconsistent progress in train length, axle load and profile gauge upgrades and ERTMS implementation
- Small-scale bottlenecks: replacement of switches, extension of bypass lines, completion of missing electrification progresses slowly and often lacks funding
- Coordination of works: deficiencies both in the coordination of planning and the implementation of works is a shortfall of cooperation foreseen under the Rail Freight Corridors







# Divergent regulatory framework and enforcement

- **Intermodal uncertainties**: ageing and imprecisely worded Directive 92/106 impedes uniform application of rules, which results in enforcement-related disruptions in some Member States
- **Voluntary standards**: codification- and identification-related heterogeneity causes extra costs and losses of efficiency
- National compensation schemes: unpredictable national schemes reduce the value and effectiveness of compensation and promotional measures extended to intermodal actors and/or users
- <u>Unclear goals</u>: lack of coordination between Member States and mode-specific regulators in the goals to be achieved by intermodal transport result in wasteful use of resources





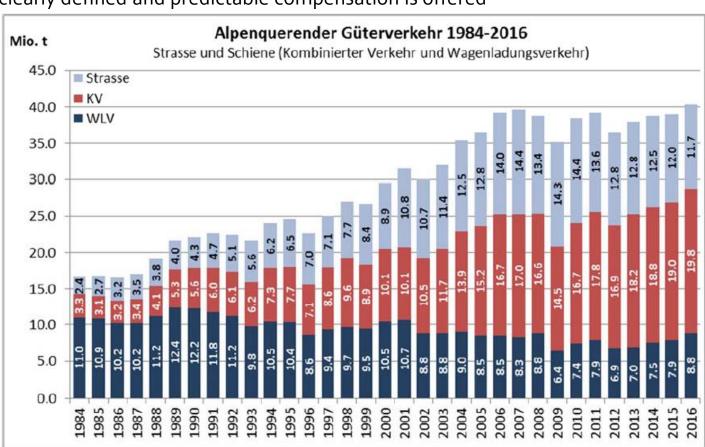
# Intermodal can do the job



### ...if and where the framework conditions are right

- Rail infrastructure is developed coherently with strategic goals
- ✓ Recognition of freight: train path capacity allocation and traffic rules
- ✓ Development of capacities: lines and terminals (infrastructure)
- ✓ Intermodal rules are clearly defined and predictable compensation is offered

Transalpine traffic through Switzerland 1984 – 2016





# THANK YOU For your attention

