



## An intense period

*The UIRR Team has come through an unprecedentedly intense period during the first six months of 2018: parallel assisting the deliberations of the Combined Transport Directive amendment in the European Parliament and the European Council Working Group, two major conferences and an exhibition in the European Parliament, as well as putting on the once-in-three years General Assembly that reconfirms the association's strategy and elects its Board of Directors. This usual work of an industry association is going on with an unchanged team. Resources and priorities had to be reallocated and optimized. One such*

*decision was to combine the Q1.2018 and Q2.2018 Newsletters.*

*After the dynamic expansion of 2017, UIRR member Combined Transport Operators and CT Terminal Managers realised a positive growth albeit at a gradually reducing rate over the first half of 2018, as rail freight quality performance and the SNCF strikes in France hindered performance. The UIRR CT Sentiment Index remains at "slightly positive", which – despite the highly disruptive French railway strikes – indicates the continued confidence of the sector for the coming twelve months.*

*Both European legislators working on the amendment of the Combined Transport Directive have achieved milestones by the end of the period:*


- *The European Parliament TRAN Committee has adopted its compromise position with a decisive majority of 34:4 – a position that UIRR overwhelmingly endorsed.*
- *The Bulgarian Council Presidency – under the influence of the parallel discussions on the road legislation – has just missed reaching a partial general approach, and therefore closed the semester with a progress report.*

*UIRR will continue to assist the Member States and the Austrian Presidency with a view to catalyse the achievement of a general approach by the December Transport Ministerial Council meeting. This general approach should resemble as much as possible the consensus achieved in Parliament as the TRAN position adequately identifies and addresses the issues contained in the original Commission draft. The same topics are being addressed in the European Council Working Group deliberations.*

*The EU project that is to produce the Common Rail Service Facility Portal has commenced its activities. UIRR performs a prime mission within the consortium busy with the work. The first milestone will be reached by the end of Summer. Simultaneously, UIRR is busy on three other EU projects, which include ELETA, Aeroflex and Optiyard. A fourth project, HubHarmony was concluded in the same period.*

*UIRR's General Assembly in May has reconfirmed the association's mission and adjusted its delivery strategy. A new Board of Directors has been elected.*

**Ralf-Charley Schultze** – President



**CombiNet Tagung  
Conference**

**Vienna, 8 November 2018**



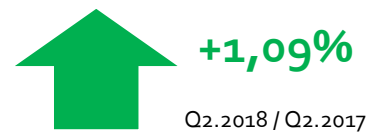
**Rail Freight Day  
Conference**

**Vienna, 6 December 2018**

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## UIRR Quarterly CT Performance Gauge



## Business outlook for the 12 months between 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019



## Quality of Rail Freight

### Impact of the Rastatt incident amounts to €2 billion

April 2018

ERFA, NEE and UIRR have jointly commissioned a study that was delivered by German Consultants HTC on the economic impact of the Rastatt incident.

The economic impact of the incident exceeded €2 billion.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/leaflet-and-studies/mediacentre/960-estimation-of-the-economic-damage-of-rastatt-htc-study-de.html>

### French railway strikes seriously disturb Combined Transport

April 2018

Prolonged and extensive railway strikes threaten rail freight and undermine the regular operations of at least eight UIRR member companies, which run Combined Transport trains through France.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/947-french-railway-strikes-threaten-combined-transport.html>

French intermodal association and UIRR MoU Peer, GNTC, has issued a statement demanding compensation for the 11500 cancelled intermodal trains.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/articles-from-the-press/2018/mediacentre/975-strike-in-france-gntc-asks-the-state-and-sncf-compensation.html>

### UIRR participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> GRFC in Genoa, Italy, organised by UIC

26-28 June 2018

Multimodality and „the modal integration at the service of Global Distribution“ were in the centre of interest. Views were exchanged on the challenges and opportunities of intermodal solutions. Digitalization as enabler (start-up companies demonstrated last developments) and the intercontinental belt and road initiative as a working sustainable alternative were presented by experts and

discussed by all the relevant actors of the intermodal logistics chain. Once more it was made very clear that cooperation between the modes of transport is vital to ensure growth and competitiveness of the European economy.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/agenda/2018/mediacentre/943-6th-global-rail-freight-conference-27-29-june-2018-Genoa-Italy.html>

### ELETA Project introduction

February 2018

Details on the EU-funded ELETA Project that aims to design and prove a viable ETA projection-prediction solution can be found here.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/projects/ongoing/item/21-electronic-exchange-of-eta-information/34-ongoing.html>

### Optiyard Project introduction

January 2018

Details on the EU-funded Optiyard Project, which aims to improve the functioning of marshalling yards, can be found here.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/projects/ongoing/item/24-optimised-real-time-yard-and-network-management/34-ongoing.html>

## Mode-neutral, Fair Regulatory Framework

### Digitalization of freight transport

May 2018

The European Commission unveiled its Third Mobility Package ([https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/road/news/2018-05-17-europe-on-the-move-3\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/road/news/2018-05-17-europe-on-the-move-3_en)). Its mainstay is a proposal for a new Regulation concerning Electronic Freight Transport Information.

The eFTI proposal is the output of the Digital Transport Logistics Forum (DTLF) launched at the initiative of Transport Commissioner Violeta Bulc. UIRR participated in the works of DTLF and will soon unveil its position on the proposed new Regulation.

Link: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52018PC0279&from=EN>

### EU transport associations call for more infrastructure funding in next 7-year EU budget

April 2018

Nearly 50 European transport and logistics associations called for more EU infrastructure funding under the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF 2021-2027) of the European Union.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/press-releases-and-position-papers/2018/mediacentre/973-cef-transport-campaign-ljubljana-declaration.html>

### Aeroflex Project first newsletter available

July 2018

Details on the EU-funded Aeroflex Project and the first project newsletter can be found here.

Link: <https://mailchi.mp/f5da8f989d5b/aeroflex-newsletter-1?e=e458b81302>

## *Enhancement of Intermodal Transport*

### **TRAN Committee votes decisively on CT Directive amendment**

June/July 2018

The European Parliament adopted its consensus position with a vote in the TRAN Committee 34:4 on 10 July. Accordingly, the mandate has been issued to Rapporteur Daniela Aiuto to engage in dialogue discussions with the European Council upon the adoption of its position.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/press-releases-and-position-papers/2018/mediacentre/976-uirr-press-release-.html>

The European Council has closed its activities related to the amendment of the CT Directive under the leadership of the Bulgarian Presidency with a progress report in June. The consideration of the proposal by the Member State governments continued from July under the Austrian Presidency.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/press-releases-and-position-papers/2018/mediacentre/972-uirr-press-release-eu-transport-ministers-adopt-ctd-progress-report.html>

### **UIRR member companies close a robust year in 2017 and elect new Board of Directors at General Assembly**

May 2018

UIRR member companies realised dynamic traffic growth of +5,5% in terms of consignments and +8,7% when measured in tonne-kilometres, despite the Rastatt incident, over the course of 2017.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/annual-reports/annual-reports/mediacentre/970-uirr-annual-report-2017-18.html>

The Annual General Assembly of UIRR reconfirmed the association's mission and adjusted the delivery strategy, while it elected a new Board of Directors for a three-year mandate until 2021.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/press-releases-and-position-papers/2018/mediacentre/971-uirr-press-release-2017-a-robust-year-for-combined-transport.html>

### **Workshop on the digital transformation of Combined Transport**

April 2018

The ELETA Project Consortium together with UIRR organized a workshop on the digital transformation of Combined Transport. Asset management, master data/documents and information sharing were discussed.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/962-workshop-on-the-digital-transformation-in-road-rail-combined-transport.html>

### **Chairman of Swiss UIRR member, Hupac, receives LEO lifetime achievement award**

April 2018

Hans-Jörg Bertschi, the Chariman of Hupac and of committed intermodal user, family-owned chemical logistics company, Bertschi, was awarded the prestigious LEO Award.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/948-hans-joerg-bertschi-receiving-the-leo-award.html>

## *Brussels News*

### **Numerous newspaper articles mention UIRR**

H1.2018

UIRR was mentioned in several articles over the course of the first half of 2018.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/articles-on-uirr/2018.html>

### **UIRR addresses several conferences and events**

H1.2018

The speeches and interventions made on behalf of UIRR during the first half of 2018 can be viewed.

Link: <http://www.uirr.com/en/media-centre/speeches-and-articles/2018.html>

### **UIRR's Professional Group on LinkedIn features valuable exchanges**

H1.2018

The professional group of UIRR on LinkedIn regularly features valuable exchanges concerning European intermodal transport.

Link: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4899523>

## Personnel News

### UIC

July



**François Davenne** was appointed UIC Director General by both the General Assembly and the Executive Board for a period of four years. Mr Davenne, who presently leads OTIF, will begin as Deputy Director General from January 2019 and continue as Director General from June 2019, when current UIC leader, Jean-Pierre Loubinoux is to retire.

### NOVATRANS GREEN- MODAL UIRR



**Thibault Fruitier**, CEO of UIRR's French Founding Member, Novatrans, has been named the CEO of Greenmodal. The company has been recently acquired by Novatrans's owner, Groupe Charles André.

Mr Fruitier has been nominated Deputy Chairman of UIRR's Board of Directors.

## Members' News

### COMBIBERIA

March 2018

New website

Click: <http://www.combiberia.com/>

### HHLA/POLZUG

January 2018

Former UIRR member Polzug having been merged into its mother company continues its membership in UIRR as HHLA.

Click: <https://hbla.de/de/kontakt/ansprechpartner-polzug-intermodal.html>

### HUPAC

June 2018

How to boost intermodal Alpine traffic

Click: <http://www.hupac.ch/EN/How-to-boost-intermodal-Alpine-transit-1e66ddoo>

### MERCITALIA INTERMODAL

February 2018

News website

Click: <http://www.mercitaliaintermodal.it/>

### NOVATRANS

April 2018

Novatrans to merge with Greenmodal

Click: <http://www.novatrans.eu/index.php/fr/l-entreprise/nos-actualites-novatrans>

## Key Dates & Events

7 September 2018, Antwerp	Combinant 10-year Anniversary event
16-18 September 2018, Long Beach	IANA Intermodal Expo
18-21 September 2018, Berlin	Innotrans 2018
24 September 2018, Paris	UIC-IEA Workshop on Transport
4-5 October 2018, Brussels	Ports & Hinterland Europe Conference
9 October 2018, Paris	GNTC General Assembly
11-12 October 2018, Edinburgh	IBS 2018 Conference
18 October 2018, Hamburg	Intermodal Freight Transport Summit
25-26 October 2018, Mainz	ECG Annual Conference
8 November 2018, Vienna	CombiNet Tagung conference
15 November 2018, Madrid	F&L Annual Event
29 November 2018, Düsseldorf	ECTA Annual Meeting
29 November 2018, Brussels	FEPOR Conference
6 December 2018, Vienna	EU Commission – RNE Rail Freight Day
15 December 2018, Brussels	EU Commission Stakeholder Conference on Externalities



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