

## Europe needs more Combined Transport

On Tuesday 28 November, the fourth edition of the **European Intermodal Summit**, UIRR's annual online conference, brought together CEOs from the sector, representatives of the European Commission and members of the European Parliament.

Filip-Alexandru Negreanu, Head of Cabinet of Transport Commissioner Adina Vălean, opened the conference with a strong message that **Europe needs more Combined Transport**. The legislative proposals contained in the Greening Freight Transport Package, including the amendment of the Combined Transport Directive, should deliver this result.



Two panels were organised to discuss the proposals from a Combined Transport perspective.



**Panel I**  
Discussing the Railway Infrastructure Capacity Management Regulation from an Intermodal Perspective












**Panel II**  
Discussion of the Combined Transport and the Weights and Dimensions directives, as well as the new CountEmissionsEU Regulation from an intermodal freight perspective










The sector cannot wait 5 years for the changes to take effect. **Short-term measures, feasible under the current regulatory framework, should be taken** to improve the quality performance of rail freight and to provide better access for freight trains to the railway infrastructure.

Dr Lisa Löbbling of *d-fine GmbH* - the consultants responsible for drawing up the studies for the **CT4EU Campaign** (<https://www.ct4eu.eu/studies>) - presented the validation of the Zero-Carbon door-to-door Combined Transport Roadmap study based on the extensive database compiled by the FERRMED Study. **The CT4EU roadmap study findings, published a year ago, were confirmed by the FERRMED results.** Accordingly, an annual investment of €16,5 billion into the rail between 2020 and 2050, as well as an annual €1,5 billion investment into intermodal assets, would be enough to create the physical framework needed to triple Combined Transport's performance. The legislative reforms promised by the Greening Freight Transport Package would be needed to complement the preconditions identified in the study.



Ralf-Charley Schultze

*"The European Combined Transport sector places high hopes on the realignment of the regulatory framework of inland freight transport to be completed by the proposals contained in the Greening Freight Transport Package. However, immediate stopgap measures will also need to be implemented as the legislative solutions are only expected to bear fruit by 2028."* – stated UIRR President Ralf-Charley Schultze.

### 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 Transshipment 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).