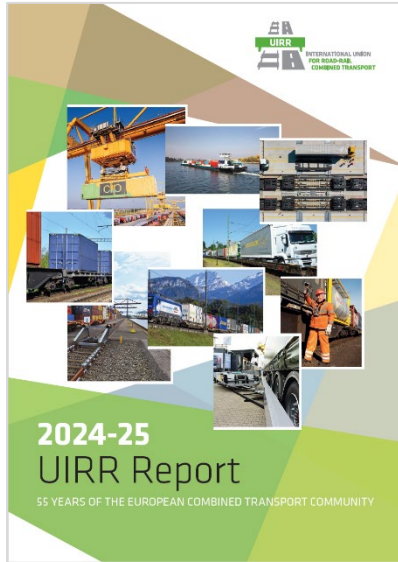


## UIRR Report 2024-25: growth with an unclear outlook

The European Combined Transport Community, represented by UIRR, has completed its first year under its new Board of Directors and Chairman. The **adjustment of the association's focus** can be seen in the UIRR Report 2024-25<sup>1</sup>, published today.



The mission of UIRR is to convey the **main daily issues and operational challenges that impact Combined Transport** to EU and national decision- and policymakers, who can intervene.

The scope of UIRR covers **door-to-door Combined Transport** of every form, vertical and horizontal transshipment of every type of loading unit, including terminals and road legs of both port hinterland and continental transport chains.

The topics of UIRR are legislative dossiers, policy initiatives and development projects focused on **standardisation, interoperability, digitalisation, a fair and efficient regulatory framework, as well as modal shift.**

Studies conducted for the Combined Transport for Europe (CT4EU) campaign<sup>2</sup> provide the empirical evidence that contemporary **door-to-door Combined Transport should become the backbone of longer distance land transport in Europe.**



The European Combined Transport Community is led by

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- Roberto Barraza of Ambrogio,
- Ben Beirnaert of Combinant,
- Bénédicte Colin of Naviland Cargo/VIIA,
- Andrea De Bernardi of Mercitalia Intermodal,
- Peter Kiss of METRANS and
- Michail Stahlhut of Hupac Group and UIRR Chairman.

2025 marks the **55-year anniversary** of the founding of UIRR, the voice of Europe's Combined Transport Community. Today, thanks to the achievements of the past decades, door-to-door Combined Transport represents **10% of Europe's land freight transport.**

**MUST – JUST – TRUST** is the call to action issued by UIRR Chairman, Michail Stahlhut for the challenging period ahead of Europe's Combined Transport.



*"The UIRR Community grew to 113 through the joining of 4 new members, 4 new technology partners and 6 MoU peers during the past 12 months. This level of interest is a clear indication from the sector that UIRR is on the right path."* – stated UIRR Director General, 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).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.uirr.com/en/component/downloads/downloads/1946.html>

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