

The International Union of Railways (UIC) is the worldwide professional association representing the railway sector and promoting rail transport. UIC leads an innovative and dynamic sector, helping our members find opportunities and build success. The purpose of UIC's Ecological Effects of Railways on Wildlife (rEVeRsE) project is to understand railway's role in the loss and gain of biodiversity and its habitats in Europe. It will seek to set out how railways can manage land in an ecologically sensitive way, providing solutions and best practice examples.

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 ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF RAILWAYS ON WILDLIFE
REVERSE

UIC is seeking solutions and best practice to manage rail lineside in a way that can help **halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity**.

This poster provides information about Theme 2:
Proactive management of habitat for rare or protected species

IRELAND CASE STUDY

Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann) are partners in the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. As part of this, they are creating habitats for vulnerable pollinators throughout the entire railway network, across all 145 stations, and in some cases in collaboration with local community groups

THE SOLUTION

- Developing a planting code to ensure pollinator-friendly flowers are planted within stations;
- Where possible, leaving amenity grassland areas uncut to allow wildflowers to flower.
- Reducing the use of herbicides and adopting various chemical-free weed control methods to promote the floral diversity of platforms and stations.



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