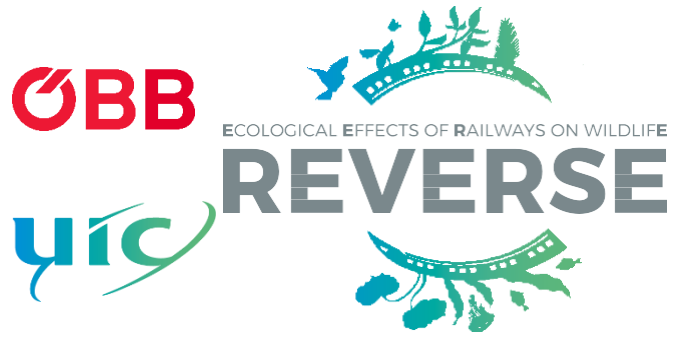


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UIC is seeking solutions and best practice to manage rail lineside in a way that can help **halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity**.

This poster provides information about Theme 7:
Stakeholder engagement and how this has resulted in biodiversity gain

AUSTRIA CASE STUDY

The federal state government of Upper Austria approached ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG with the suggestion that the nature protection authority takes over the landscape management of specific railway sites that are home to rare species of plants and animals

THE SOLUTION

The authority agreed to fund landscape management measures in order to protect and enhance valuable habitats. The nature protection authority subcontracted the practical work to landscape management companies, whose staff had to undergo the necessary safety training.



Outcomes

To date, 33 sites with a total area of 4.5 ha in Upper Austria have been selected to be managed in this way.



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