

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.



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”

WWF & UIC

In 2020 UIC signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with WWF Central-Eastern Europe to promote environmentally conscious rail transport in Central and Eastern Europe by enhancing cooperation between stakeholders.

THE SOLUTION

Crossing In particular, this MoU aims strengthen partnership working in the region of Central and South-East Europe, known as the Green Heart of Europe, and act as a catalyst to promote this approach globally. The partnership between UIC members and WWF-CEE has established a dialogue and knowledge sharing in domains of common interest, including management of landscapes for ecological connectivity and

corridors. The REVERSE project meetings also provided a forum for members of the UIC-CEE partnership to share the latest outcomes of research and monitoring , including European projects, such as [TransGreen](#) and [BISON](#). As such, this partnership has helped to identify and promote some of the many practical solutions urgently needed to secure a living planet for people and nature. For more information, consult the website: [link](#)

“Travel by train is one of the more environmentally friendly modes of travel in terms of energy efficiency and emissions - anywhere between ten to 20 times less polluting than air travel.”

Andreas Beckmann, CEO of WWF-CEE

“A holistic approach is necessary if the railway is to be the champion of transport.”

François Davenne, General Director of UIC

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