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**

In particular, this MoU aims to 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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