

What is UIC, the International Union of Railways?

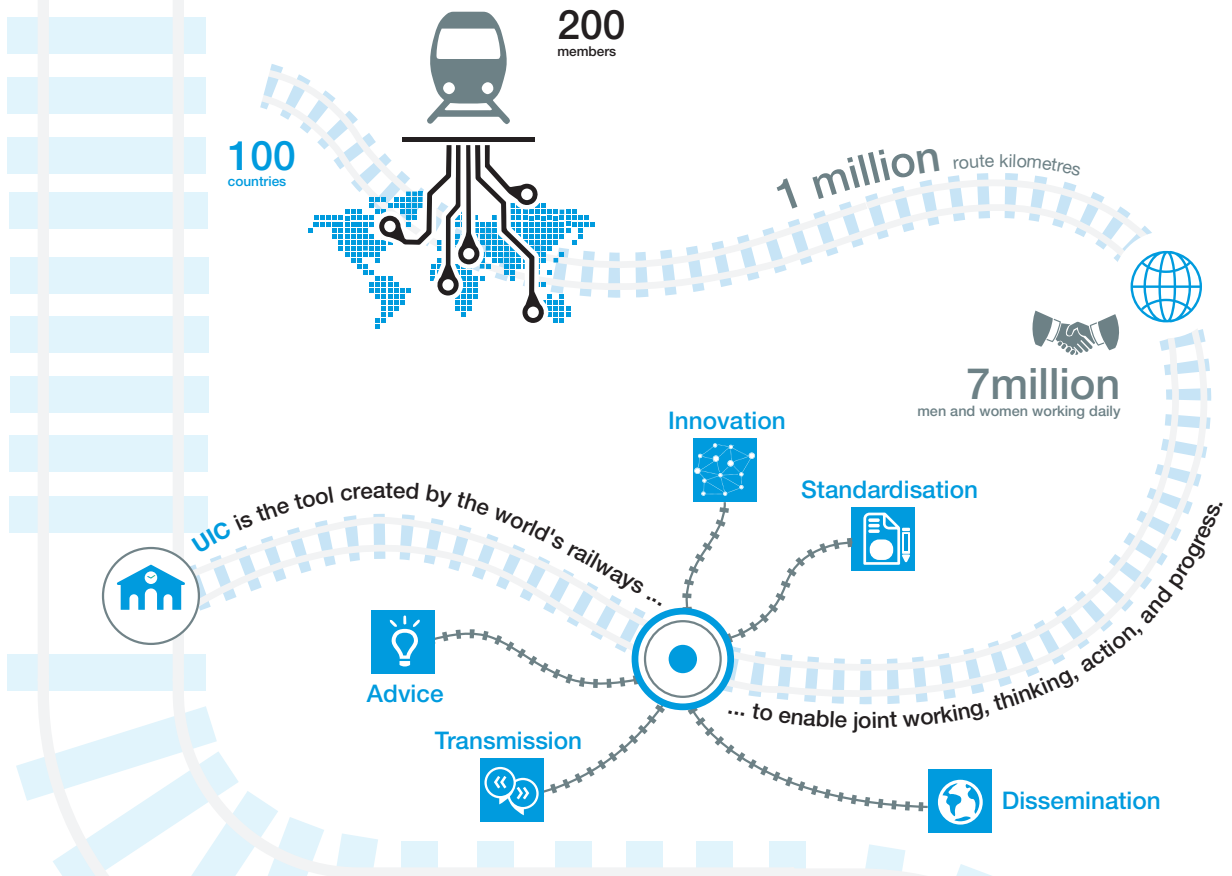
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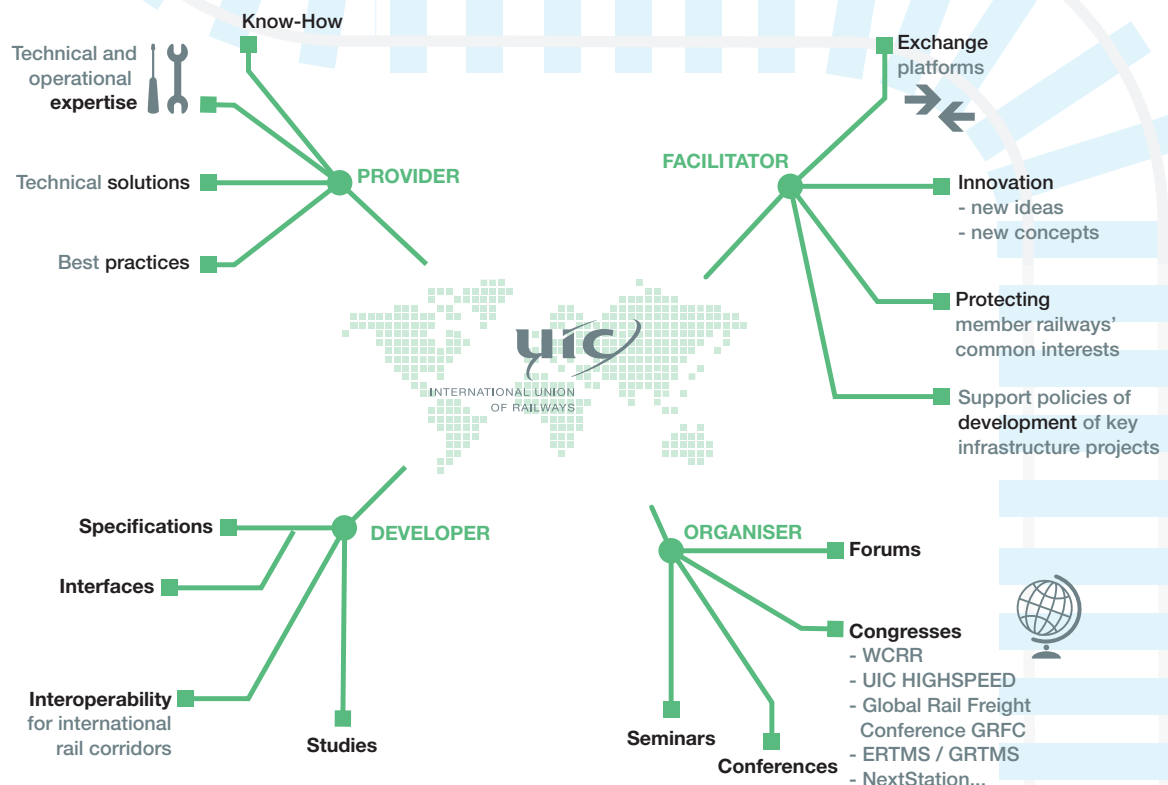
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OF RAILWAYS

UIC is the **Worldwide Railway Organisation** bringing together Railways and major rail-sector stakeholders from across the world.

Specifically, UIC is **200 members** from **100 countries**, representing 1 million route kilometres and 7 million men and women working daily to serve customers in optimum comfort and safety.



Providing railway expertise at worldwide level



Facilitating technical cooperation

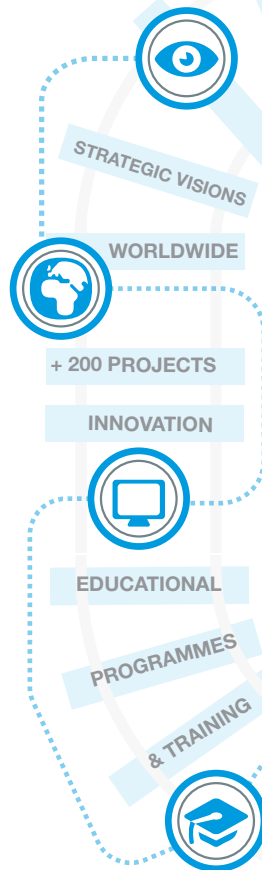
UIC is first and foremost a repository of railway expertise and a forum for sharing experience and seeking solutions whose aim is to bring about greater consistency between railways worldwide.

In particular, it is at UIC that current and future operating standards are first developed.

Taking the form of UIC-coordinated projects, this cooperation boosts railways' efficiency and attractiveness the world over.

It also facilitates the development of international rail links, which benefit all rail users.

Future-proofing the railways



UIC's second major remit is to help the railways prepare for the **future**.

For each region of the world, UIC has drawn up a **strategic vision** offering a consistent framework for railway **development**.

One part of preparing for the future is investing in **innovation**, new **technologies**, and digitalisation. UIC is coordinating some **200 technical projects** and is involved in studies featuring involvement from all sector stakeholders.

Lastly, UIC's **educational and training programmes** are preparing future generations of rail managers to meet the challenges of the market and society.

Speaking for the Railways

The Railways have appointed UIC as their global spokesperson. This role is specifically recognised by the United Nations, where UIC represents the rail sector.

UIC is today the go-to contact partner for international and organisations of all types, whether, political, economic or financial, when they want to talk to the Railways. UIC also has long-standing cooperation with a number of other bodies, and has concluded agreements to this effect.

So what is UIC?

UIC is 200 Railways and rail-sector stakeholders across 100 countries, coordinating their actions and efforts at international level in order to: ensure a joined-up approach to Railways, prepare the future, and speak as one in order to better serve the economy and society as a whole.

