

# UIC, THE WORLDWIDE RAILWAY ORGANIZATION

## At the core of an international network of railway partners

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Developing and maintaining close collaborative links with nearly 100 leading international organizations is crucial in order to bring stakeholders together to work towards the same goal:



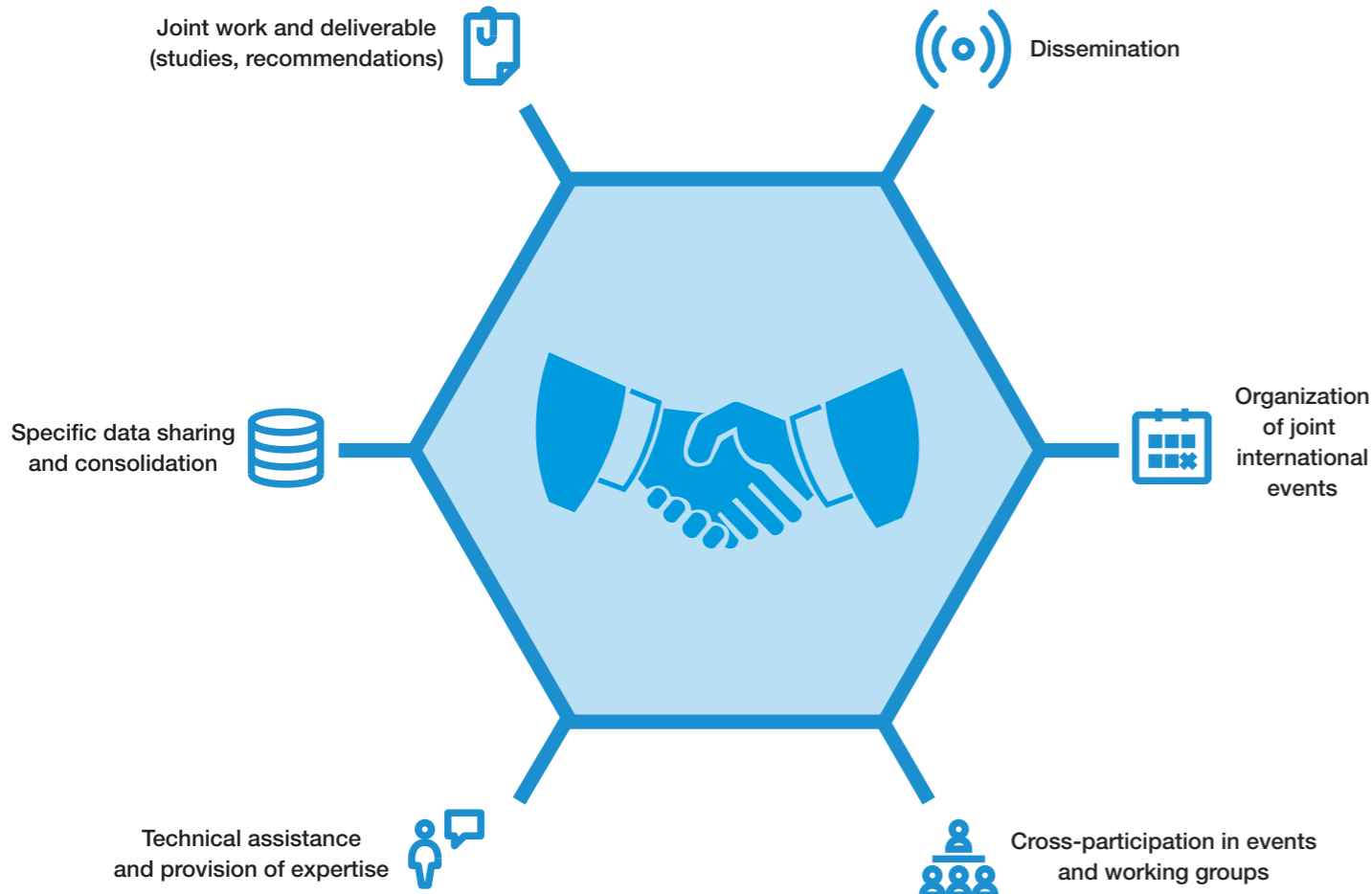
### The development of a global sustainable rail transport system.

UIC was designated by the United Nations as a **non-governmental organization** as early as 9th September of 1950 and was upgraded as having a **special consultative status** on 20th July 2015.

The Director General is part of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport, at the Board of Slocat and one of the directors of IHHA.

All the partnerships position UIC as **the major railway actor on the international scene**.

### Items of collaboration



### Key Figures on Agreements



Cross-participation in working groups or events with **10 major partners**

**7/12/2017** The latest agreements are with WATTRAIN & FEDECRAIL on Tourist trains, OTIF & GCC on facilitation of movement of goods & services and on rail investments in the Gulf countries.

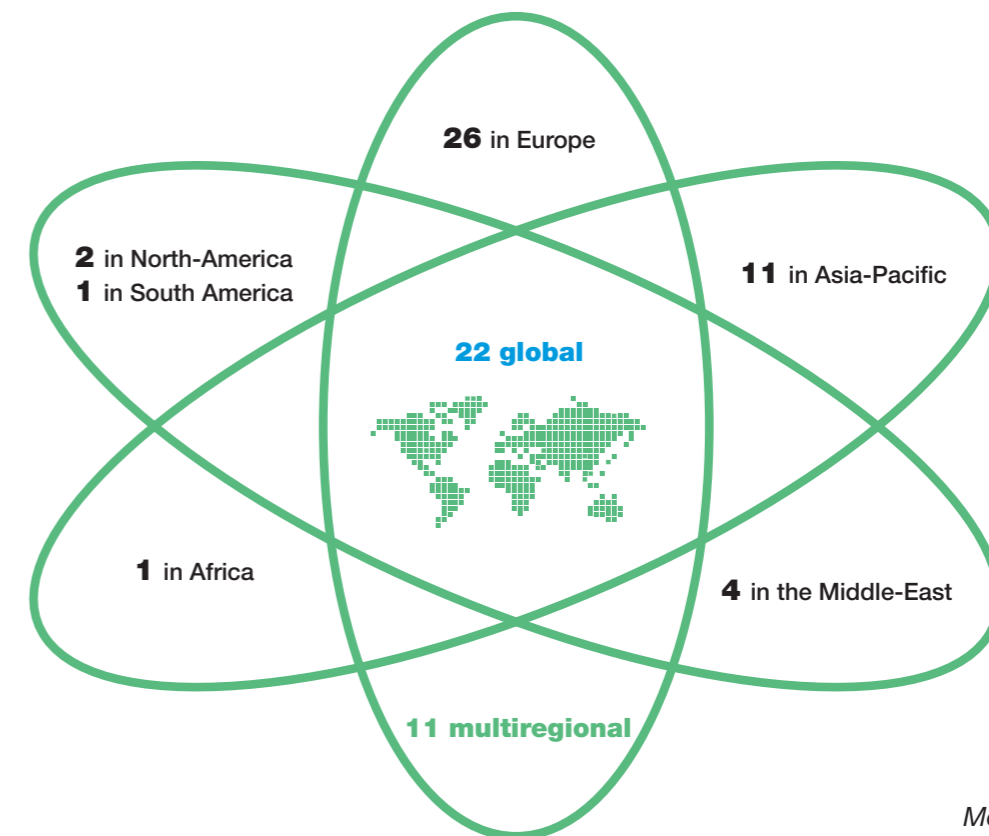


**More than 30** Major Memoranda of Understanding cover all the scopes of work of UIC while dedicated partnerships cover specific projects or activities

**1995** The longest recorded on going MoU is with OSJD. ITF / OECD is the oldest partner of UIC

**80** Agreements through bilateral or multilateral agreements since 2000

### Geographical scope



More editions to follow

## Different kinds of partners

### International and regional standardization bodies:

Quality of products and process is crucial for delivering a safe, reliable and cost-effective rail service. As a Standards Setting Organization, UIC works with technical bodies in charge of standardization by establishing the quality specifications for the rail system from the point of view of the rail operating companies for technical harmonization.



### Other transport sector associations:

Bringing knowledge and expertise to UIC on specific topics of the railway system, facilitating the integration of rail in connection with other modes of transport, are the main goals of collaboration with these dedicated organizations.



### Railway industries and contractors:

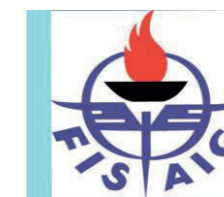
As well as the members, they can be the main users of UIC railway solutions. Involving them into UIC work for the development of new technologies and International Railway Solutions created by and with UIC will make their implementation easier and quicker.



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### Civil society organizations:

As rail brings benefits to the transport of people, it can improve the standards of living of its customers and staff. The impact of rail on society is obvious and the aim of such cooperation is to commit to concrete achievements.

### Local authorities, governmental and intergovernmental organizations:

They are key decision-makers for transport network planning where rail has to play a more important role in global transport. The scope of decisions covers urban, suburban, regional and national transport as well as international corridors. UIC's main goal is to advise and lobby for sustainable railway solutions for these type of traffics. Data sharing is also a key topic of collaboration.

### Financing institutions and international banks:

There is no investment without funding. As the 21st century has started to favour to rail transport, such institutions may need railway expertise and data. The role of UIC is to provide such support, to share experts and knowledge for the benefit of investments in rail projects.