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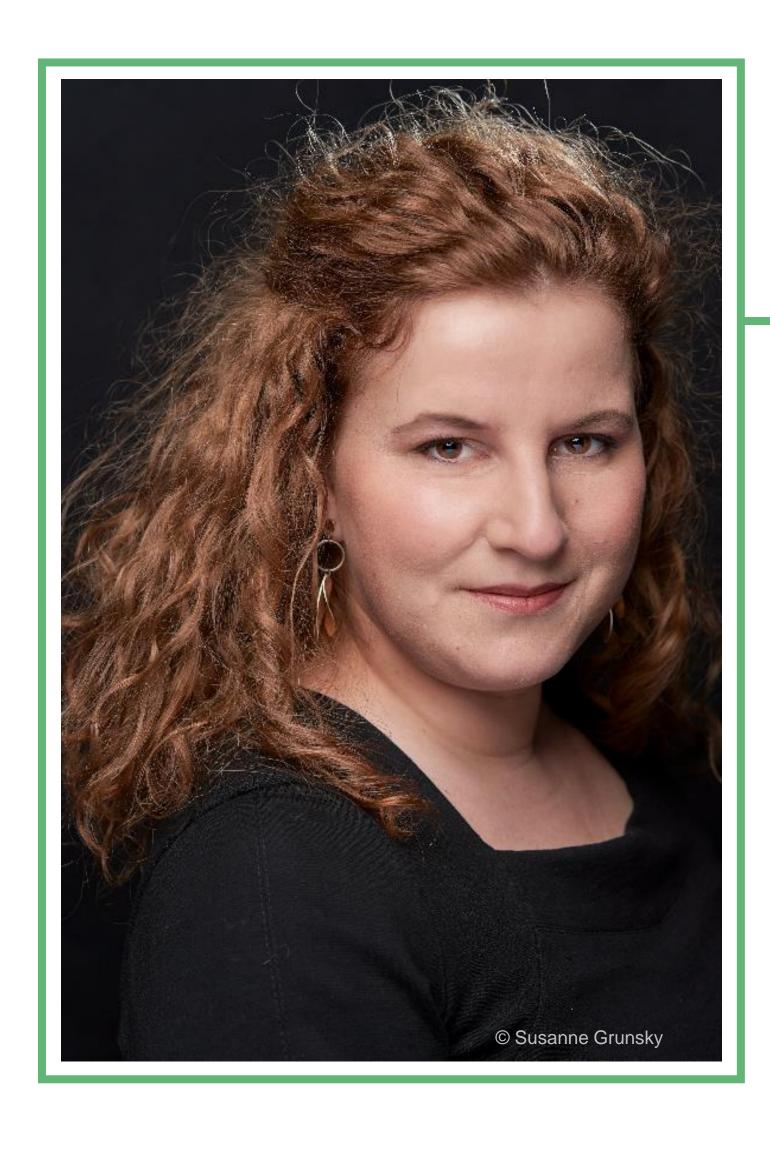
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Programme



Damage Management on Freight Wagons in daily business

Updating the General Contract for Use of wagons - GCU

Shaping the wagon utilisation rules in UIC Wagon Working Groups



DAMAGE MANAGEMENT

ON FREIGHT WAGONS IN DAILY BUSINESS

Wagon Damage Management in daily business Case study from Switzerland

- 1. RU discovers a defect on a wagon; tare and load springs are mounted in the same winding direction.
- 2. RU checks GCU Appendix 9 **no damage code available!**
- 3. RU checks the Swiss damage catalogue, issued by Swiss FOT here, 2.5.2.2 is available.
- 4. RU informs the WK about 2.5.2.2 damage and detaches the wagon.
- 5. RU transfers the wagon to the terminal for unloading.
- 6. RU organises "ability to run" via a mobile repair service.
- 7. The WK accuses RU of having detached the wagon for bad reason → that's how quickly a dispute arises over the use of the wagon!

How can we overcome these application problems?

- 1. Understand the legal situation.
- 2. Understand how the GCU contract can be amended.



Wagon Damage Management in daily business Case study from Switzerland

| 2.5 | *Coils wound in opposite directions 1. Tare spring* 4. Damper ring | | |
|---------|--|--------------|---|
| | Load spring* Lifting T Spring cap | | |
| 2.5.1 | Main/tare spring cracked or broken | Detach wagon | 5 |
| 2.5.2 | Auxiliary/load spring displaced or broken | | |
| 2.5.2.1 | – on empty wagon | Κ | 4 |
| 2.5.2.2 | on loaded wagon axle box no longer horizontal | Detach wagon | 5 |





GENERAL CONTRACT FOR USE OF WAGONS

WHY? WHAT? HOW?

Damage to the Wagon is regulated by (1) CUV – international law (2) GCU – private contract

► CUV – international law only rules liability between RUs and WKs –no rules for operational and technical issues.

How can we implement harmonised rules for wagon utilisation and avoid the chaotic situation of thousands of bilateral agreements between WKs and RUs ?!

The GCU is the answer



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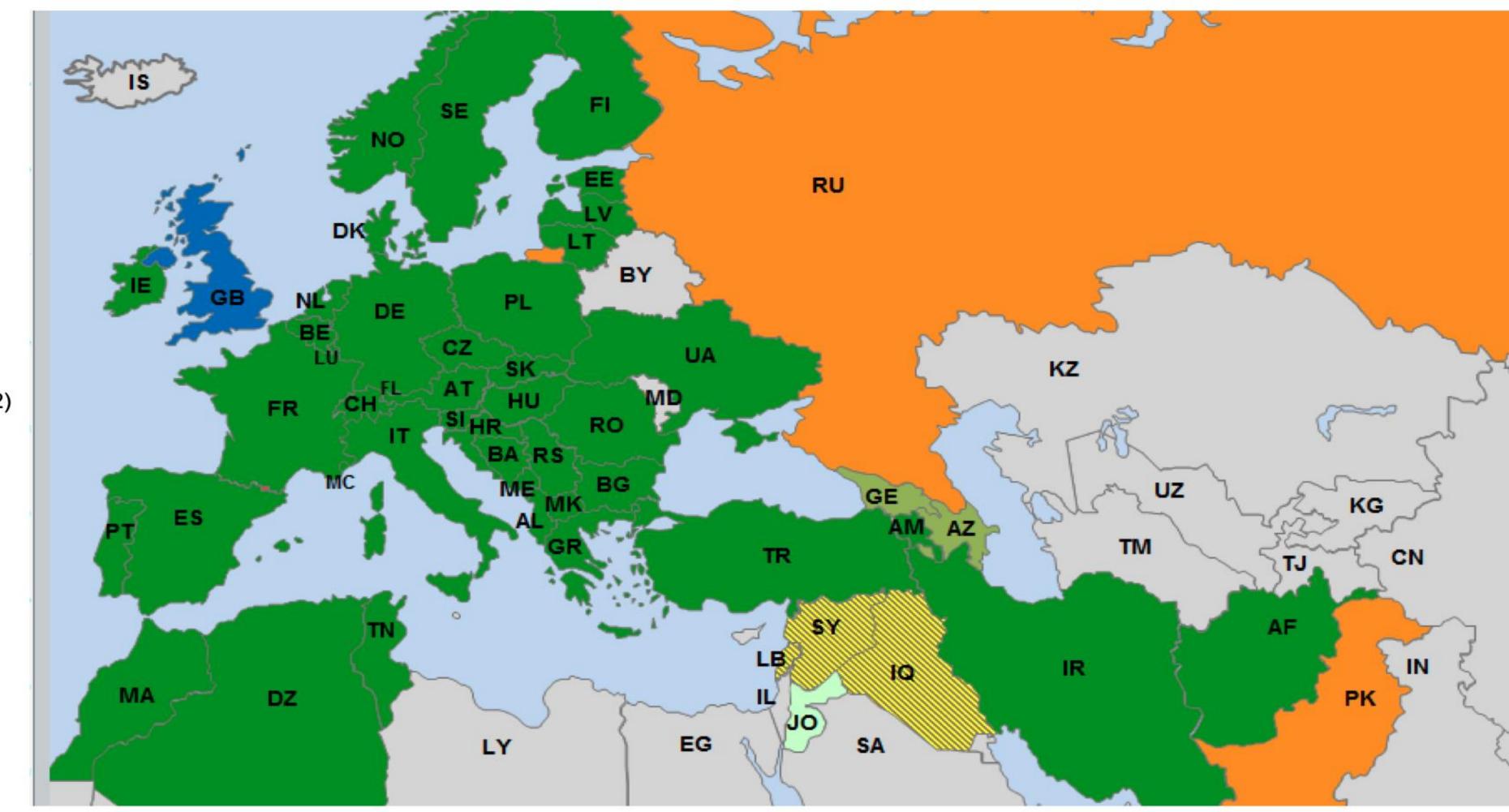
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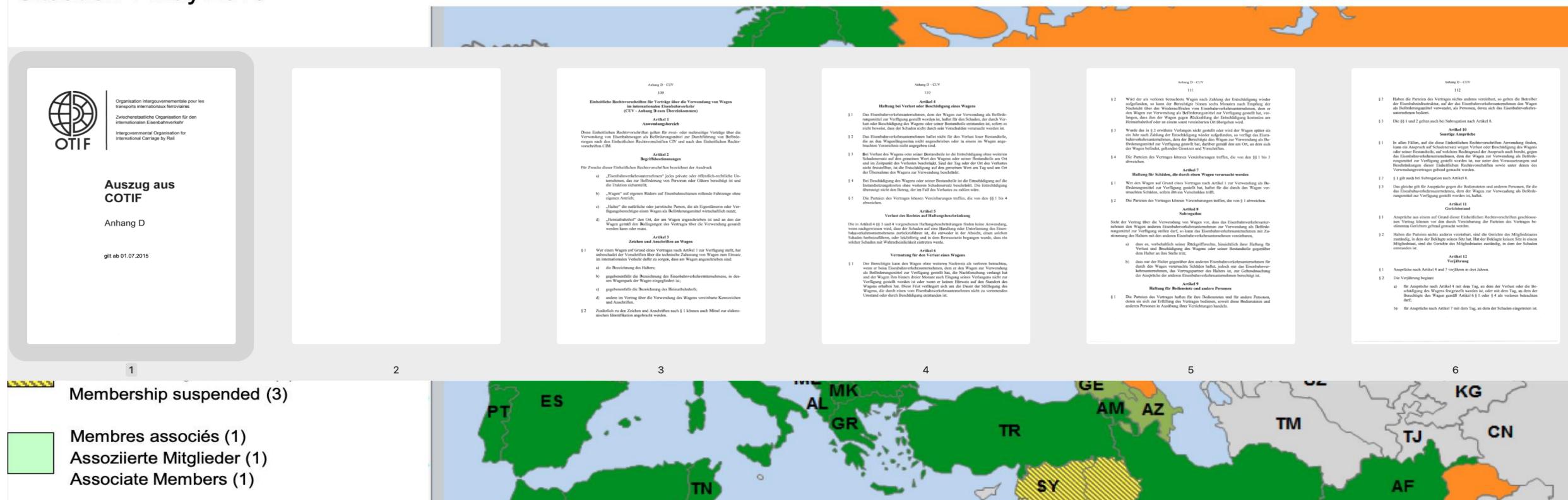
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Why is the GCU important and what is it about?

- ► The GCU ensures **legal interoperability** in freight transport in Europe by uniformly regulating the interaction between 280+ WKs and 500+ RUs.
- ► The GCU minimises the complexity of bilateral agreements and promotes consistency and efficiency in the utilisation of wagons across the European railway network.

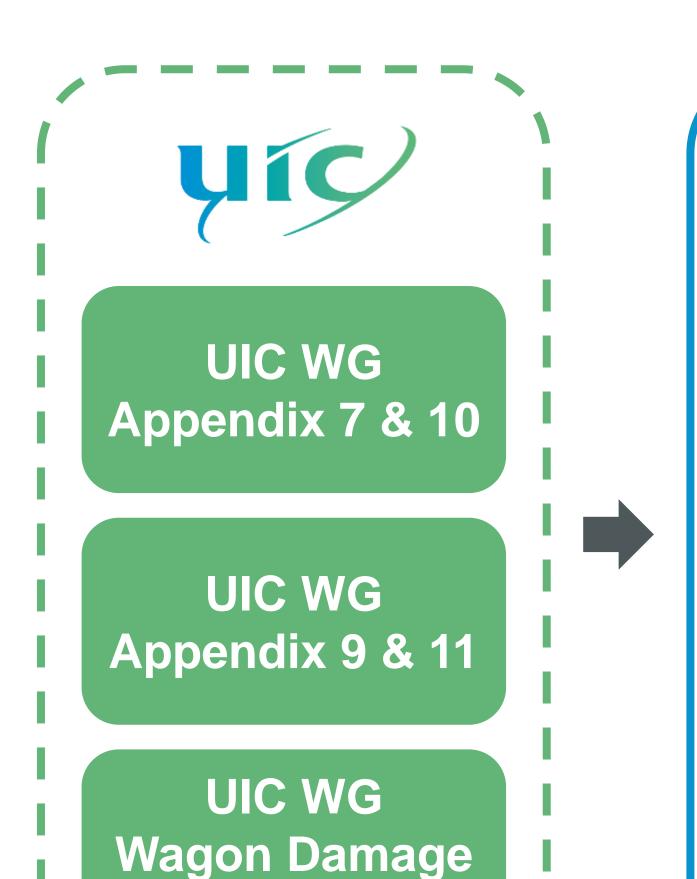


What are my RU duties?

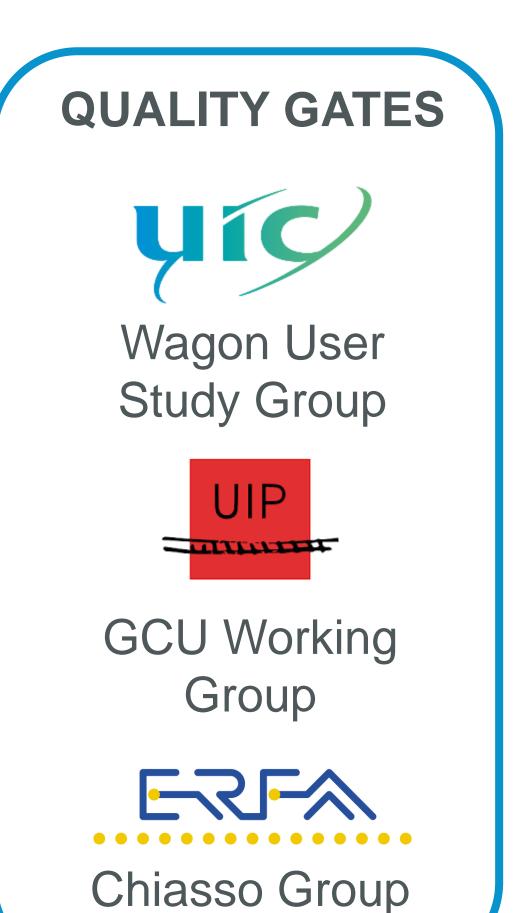


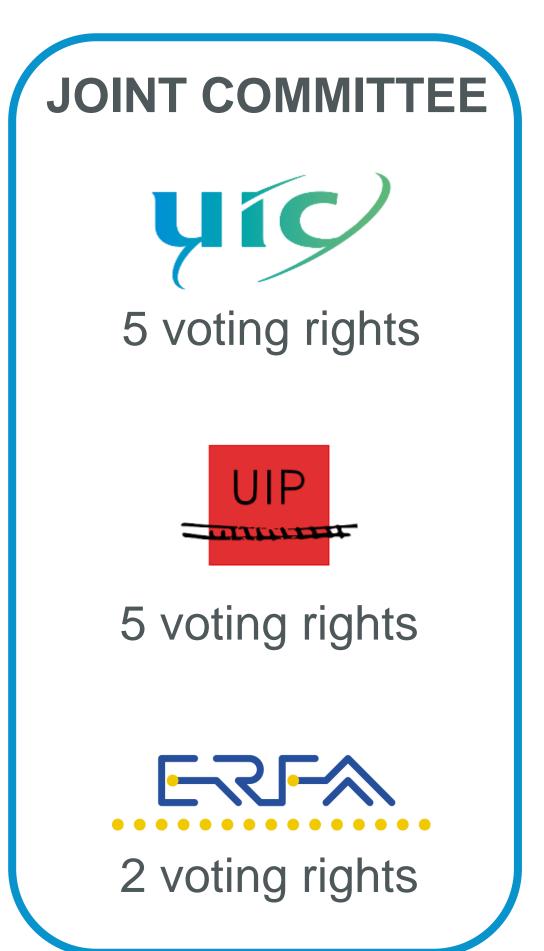
- 1. Accept wagons at least in principle Article 10 GCU
- 2. You may refuse wagons in five constellations Article 11 GCU
- 3. Be careful inspect wagons taking into account **Appendix 9 GCU** Article 12 GCU
- 4. Be prompt periods of carriage shall not exceed those described in Article 16 CIM Article 13 GCU
- 5. Transport empty wagons properly Article 14 GCU
- 6. Inform the WK on the use of their wagon Article 15 GCU
- 7. Avoid handing over the wagon to a third party without the owner's consent Article 16 GCU
- 8. Be liable to GCU partners for non-GCU wagons that you bring into traffic Article 17 GCU
- 9. Inform the WK on damages detected in your custody
- 10. Restore "ability to run" for detached wagons

How is the GCU updated?



Settlement









UIC EXPERTISE SHAPING THE EUROPEAN WAGON UTILISATION

UIC GCU Working Groups



UIC WG Appendix 7 & 10

UIC WG Appendix 9 & 11

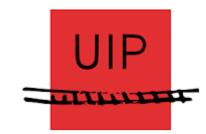
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KEY ELEMENTS

Representatives of all three railway associations take part







Working languages with consecutive translation







- Approximately 8 meeting days per working group annually
- Each working group has a *charter* outlining its objectives, tasks and work organisation

Membership in the UIC GCU-related Working Groups

WAGON WORKING GROUPS

- Loading Guidelines Group
- Working Group on Technical Transfer Inspection
- Working Group on Maintenance
- Working Group on Claims Management

BASIC MEMBERSHIP GRANTS

- Access to all Wagon WGs is granted based on meeting professional expertise requirements.
- The opportunity to contribute to shaping future rules and regulations.
- Regular voting rights in Wagon WGs.

CONTRIBUTION

The Basic Membership fee is 2.500 EUR for per year, payable in March for the current year

CONTACT PERSONS

For all questions related to the Basic Membership, including nomination of participants and sending of billing information, please contact:

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FINAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SHAPING THE EUROPEAN WAGON UTILISATION



A CLEAR PICTURE ON WAGON UTILISATION POLL

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LOAD SAFETY WAGON UTILISATION DANGEROUS GOODS

TRAIN OPERATION

COMBINED TRANSPORT

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RAIL FREIGHT
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