

BIODIVERSITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SYNERGIES FOR RAILWAYS

BISON WILDING RAILWAYS

SCALING UP THE EU PROJECT OUTCOMES FOR RAILWAYS | EU BISON PROJECT

27/02/2023 - UIC HQ, 16 Rue Jean Rey, 75015 Paris, France

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome desk & networking coffee								
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction and welcome remarks, moderated by Pinar Yilmazer (UIC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucie ANDERTON, UIC Head of Sustainability, Network Rail Christine VANOPPEN, UIC Sustainability Platform Chair, LINEAS Kara OLDHOUSER, UIC Sustainability Platform Vice-Chair, AMTRAK Thierry GOGER, FEHRL, EU BISON Project 								
9:30 – 10:30	Think tank discussion (In-Person only) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Groups:</i></th><th><i>Facilitator: TBC</i></th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Policies affecting biodiversity strategies and land use topics</td><td>Yannick AUTRET, MTECT</td></tr> <tr> <td>Land cover, sealed surfaces and nature-based solutions</td><td>Carme ROSELL, Minuartia</td></tr> <tr> <td>Biodiversity monitoring and reporting</td><td>Sylvain MOULHERAT, UPGE, TerrOïko</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Groups:</i>	<i>Facilitator: TBC</i>	Policies affecting biodiversity strategies and land use topics	Yannick AUTRET, MTECT	Land cover, sealed surfaces and nature-based solutions	Carme ROSELL, Minuartia	Biodiversity monitoring and reporting	Sylvain MOULHERAT, UPGE, TerrOïko
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10:45 – 12:15	Session moderated by Pinar Yilmazer (UIC) Policies affecting land use management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Facilitator:</i> Yannick AUTRET, MTECT, EU BISON Project Ethem PEKIN, CER Land cover, sealed surfaces and nature-based solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Facilitator:</i> Carme ROSELL, Minuartia, EU BISON Project Thomas SCHAUPPENLEHNER, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna Question and Answers								
12:15 - 13:30	Lunch Break								
13:30 - 14:45	Session moderated by Lorenzo Franzoni (UIC) Relationships with neighbouring communities and biodiversity strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John VARLEY OBE TD, Clinton Devon Estates, UK Government UIC REVERSE Project Thomas Schuh, ÖBB, UIC SLU Sector Chair Biodiversity monitoring, reporting and enhancement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Facilitator:</i> Sylvain MOULHERAT, UPGE, TerrOïko, EU BISON Project Hervé LE CAIGNEC, LISEA Julia BAKER, Mott MacDonald Question and Answers								
14:45 - 15:15	Break								
15:15-16:15	Session moderated by Charlotte Navarro (FRB) Vegetation management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UIC TRISTRAM Project: Michael BELOW, DB, UIC SLU Sector Chair Jean-Pierre PUJOLS & Baptiste BONZON, SNCF Developing tools for ecosystems services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sila HUSAR, STUBA, EU BISON Project (Online) UIC ECOV4R Project: Neil Strong, NR, WG Group UIC Leader Question and Answers								
16:15 - 16:25	Break								
16:25- 16:40	Closing remarks moderated by Charlotte Navarro (FRB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Designers 								

Think tank discussion

What?

Participants will come together from different expertise sectors, institutions, and companies to address the topics proposed in each **#thinktank discussion**.

The aim is to further establish a connection between **#ecology** **#biodiversity**, and **#ecosystemmanagement**, with **#railwayinfrastructure** management.

Why?

The modal shift to rail is an important step to achieve decarbonisation targets worldwide since the rail represent the lowest carbon emitting transport solution for freight and passengers. Railways can and will contribute to the **#EuropeanBiodiversityStrategy** for 2030, the **#EuropeanGreenDeal** and the **#SustainableDevelopmentGoals**.

To do so, while increasing mobility and connectivity on a global scale, it will be increasingly important to understand the impacts on railway land, the role that railway infrastructure managers can play in enhancing and ensuring the correct efficiency of the ecosystems present on said land, and the ecological implications, benefits and measures necessary to ensure an environmentally friendly transport mode.

Throughout discussions on the latest topics merging railways and ecology, and with high level presentations from key speakers, it is possible to inspire solutions for railway land management strategies and practices as to benefit from the collective knowledge of the diverse participants.

How?

Our aim can be achieved with deployment of the **EU BISON Project** knowledge and achievements in the railway sector. Therefore, the first session of the event consists of think tank discussions running all together in parallel: each participant will choose a single discussion topic for discussion beyond their field of expertise and generate ideas on how to contribute to the that think tank activities. Each think tank will be guided by a Facilitator who provided solid contribution to the work packages of the EU BISON Project activities.

Participants will complete their registration on the "EU BISON Project - UIC Sustainable Land Use Day (Direct registration link) by selecting one of the following interest groups:

- Policies affecting biodiversity strategies and land use topics
- Land cover, sealed surfaces and nature-based solutions
- Biodiversity monitoring and reporting

After the think tank discussion, the facilitator of each think tank will present their sessions to all participants in the respective sessions. The facilitator is also expected to give an informative speech including possible links with the EU BISON Project activities. Each facilitator's presentation will be followed by relevant presentations of railway experts.

The event will conclude with a showcase of UIC's international activities to enhance biodiversity conservation together with its members in the Sustainable Land Use sector.

Registration

Direct registration [link](#)

