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UIC COMBINED TRANSPORT
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Combined Transport (CT) on a turning point

Increasing containerization

Growing trade through new corridors

Empphasize on greening transport with a number of positive policy intentions

Reduction in average load size

E-commerce

New geopolitical context

Increasing protectionism

Changes in political agenda

Source:
- UNCTAD secretariat calculations, July 2023 in “Review of Maritime Transport 2023”
- UIC Study on the Silk Road, Middle & Southern Corridor, April 2021
Political context

Recent (European) policy environment looked promising

• Revision of the W&D directive
• Revision of the Combined Transport directive
• Revision of the Train Drivers directive
• Other rail related initiatives (capacity regulation, TEN-T…)

Support for Eurasian trade

Other regions looking into corridor development, often in a CT context

• GCC attempts to develop a Southern Corridor through a 2200 km railway network
• Turkey looking at doubling its network by an investment of around $ 200 bln
• India getting interested rail development (strategic partnership with Europe to develop a Southern Corridor)
• First initiatives in a number of African countries with non-existant rail sector
Economic & business context

- Challenging times
- Rail did not fully recover from recent events and is facing new challenges
- First economic relaxation increases price competitiveness and competition between modes
- Road business (often via fuel) remains heavily subsidized
- CT was until recent a heaven for growth -> now also suffering
- CT a solution for challenges in other chains of the supply chain

Source: UIC/UIRR Combined Transport Report 2022
Technical context

- Strive for efficiency

- Alternative loading techniques

- To new businesses