About UNIFE
the European Rail Supply Industry Association
Introduction from the Director General

Dear Reader,

Like the rest of the world, Europe faces formidable challenges in the area of transport, particularly the increase in urban congestion, CO2 emissions and energy costs. Transport is a central priority for the EU and there are significant European policies and investment that seek to meet these challenges and maximise the mobility of goods and people by rail throughout the Union. At the same time, our export-oriented manufacturing industry is rapidly evolving in a world of increasingly fierce competition with overseas producers. Decisions made in Brussels have significant impact on the industry both within Europe and abroad. Therefore policy making in Europe is more important than ever, both to maintain the world leadership of the European rail supply industry and to stimulate demand for rail projects throughout Europe. This goes for all segments of the rail system: urban, regional, high-speed, and freight. Since 1992, UNIFE – the European Rail Industry Association – has represented the rail supply industry to the European institutions. We have proven to be an important asset to the industry through our many activities – both technical and political – including promoting policies that aim to boost European rail business (including for SMEs), advocating for a level playing field for European companies on foreign markets, lobbying for direct investment in rail projects (including Research & Innovation projects such as Shift2Rail) and promoting policies that create a single European market for rail supplies.

Even though UNIFE Members already constitute 46% of the world market for rail products, the ambition of UNIFE is to enhance the sector’s competitiveness in order to maintain the world leadership of its member companies, making sure that they will be able to sell their products in Europe and beyond in the best possible business environment. UNIFE is also proud to help its member companies expand their business network, including by facilitating their participation in collaborative EU-funded Research and Innovation projects.

To learn more about UNIFE, please peruse this brochure and visit www.unife.org and our Twitter account @UNIFE for up-to-date information on our work.

Philippe Citroën
UNIFE Director General
Based in Brussels since 1992, UNIFE represents the European rail supply industry at both the European and international level and is a trusted partner of the European Union Institutions in all matters related to rail and transport.

UNIFE represents the interests of more than 100 small, medium and large sized companies in the rail sector as well as national industry associations from across Europe. UNIFE’s Members consist of European companies involved in the engineering, design, manufacture, maintenance and refurbishment of rail transport systems, subsystems and related equipment. All segments of the rail industry are represented amongst the membership: system integrators, railway infrastructure and energy suppliers, rolling stock manufacturers (including subsystem suppliers), signalling suppliers and railway engineering companies. UNIFE Members have an 84% market share in Europe and supply more than 46% of the worldwide production of rail equipment and services.

Our Members are committed to providing the best technology in order to meet the challenges arising from climate change and growing transport volumes. Furthermore, UNIFE, which is one of the supporting bodies of the European Union Agency for Railways and the European Rail Research Advisory Council (ERRAC), works on interoperability standards and coordinates EU-funded research projects that work towards the technical harmonisation of railway systems.
System Integrators
UNIFE system integrators provide turnkey railway systems—comprising infrastructure, rolling stock and signalling components—throughout the world.

Rolling Stock and Subsystems
UNIFE Members produce regional, intercity and high-speed trains, electric and diesel locomotives as well as freight wagons for all types of cargo. UNIFE also represents subsystem manufacturers from wheels to pantographs including door systems, couplers, HVAC units, on board signalling equipment and all the necessary equipment for trains.

Infrastructure and Energy
UNIFE Members offer the world’s best rail infrastructure/energy products and services: from the supply of rail, track and energy components, installation and maintenance equipment to the provision, building, maintenance and renewal of integrated track and energy systems. Suppliers and contractors deliver and maintain high-quality track infrastructure and energy systems in Europe and around the world.

Signalling and Telecommunications
UNIFE Members also produce signalling and telecommunication systems that help increase the capacity of the railway system. They are equally committed to developing ERTMS, a European system that will help overcome the differences between national signalling systems. The UNIFE Members are also focusing on the next generation of GSM-R. For more and up-to-date information on ERTMS, please visit www.ertms.net.

Railway Engineering
UNIFE Members also provide engineering expertise (e.g. planning, design and supervision works) for rail and urban transport.
Mission

“Promoting Rail Market Growth for Sustainable Mobility”

The four priorities to achieve our mission:

- Promoting European policies favourable to rail
- Shaping an interoperable and efficient European railway system
- Ensuring European Rail Supply Industry leadership through advanced research, innovation and quality
- Providing UNIFE Members with strategic and operational knowledge
How UNIFE works

I. EU Standardisation & Harmonisation
- Collaborating and liaising with the European Union Agency for Railways and other rail stakeholders in defining rail regulations (including the Technical Pillar of the Fourth Railway Package, and TSIs)
- Supplying expertise for European and International Standardisation Bodies (e.g. CEN-CENELEC, ISO)
- Promoting an interoperable Single European Rail Area

III. European Rail Research
- Coordinating EU-funded research projects
- Active role in ERRAC - the European Rail Research Advisory Council
- Shaping the future of rail research & innovation in Europe
- Cooperation with the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking and follow-up of its activities

II. Public Affairs
- Supporting policies that increase the competitiveness of the European Rail Supply Industry
- Promoting modal shift policies
- Encouraging investment in rail projects
- Advocating rail transport as the best solution to meet social challenges of the future

IV. IRIS Certification™
- The globally recognised rail quality management system
- Enables efficient business processes and leads to substantial quality improvements and cost reduction throughout the supply-chain
- Currently over 1600 IRIS Certification™ certificates issued worldwide
Providing Members with a direct channel to European Union Agency for Railways and CEN-CENELEC
I. EU Standardisation & Harmonisation

UNIFE has a leading role in coordinating the rail industry’s work on European standardisation and technical regulation, covering all the relevant rail subsystems: Rolling Stock, Signalling, Infrastructure and Energy – the entire railway system!

As the official representative body of the European Rail Supply Industry at the European Union Agency for Railways, UNIFE is supporting the works of the European Union Agency for Railways towards vehicle authorisation and cross-acceptance. UNIFE welcomes the adoption of the Technical Pillar of the Fourth Railway Package, published in the official EU Journal in June 2016, and is actively supporting the European Union Agency for Railways with the implementation of this Technical Pillar. This legislation will establish a single European vehicle authorisation delivered by the European Union Agency for Railways that will become a one-stop-shop for rolling stock authorisation.

UNIFE also supports the work on the Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSIs) and on the drafting of technical guidelines, which are key documents for improving interoperability in Europe and fostering the development of an open market for railway products and services, thus contributing to the realisation of a Single European Rail Area. This work, under the supervision of the UNIFE Standards and Regulation Group, is principally done in UNIFE’s Working Groups which are expert groups in charge of defining UNIFE’s positions and promoting UNIFE’s voice at the European Union Agency for Railways or European standardisation organisation level such as CEN, CENELEC, and ETSI.

UNIFE has actively contributed, through its role as the official representative body of the European Rail Supply Industry at the European Union Agency for Railways, to the revision process of all TSIs: Rolling Stock (LOC&PAS), Energy (ENE), Infrastructure (INF), People with Reduced mobility (PRM), Safety in Railway Tunnels (SRT), Noise (NOI), Control Command and Signalling (CCS), Wagon (WAG), Telematic Application for Passengers and Freight (TAF – TAP). These TSIs came into force in early 2015 and are currently under revision due to the implementation of the Technical Pillar of the Fourth Railway Package.
Promoting a political framework for our industry's global leadership
II. Public Affairs: a political framework for rail business

Through its Public Affairs activities, UNIFE is in daily contact with EU and national decision-makers to promote a political and financial framework that is conducive to more business for European rail suppliers inside and outside of Europe.

In order to enable the rail supply industry to maintain its world leadership and the 400,000 jobs it provides in Europe, the UNIFE Public Affairs strategy is based on three inseparable pillars:

1. Supporting EU policies that favour industrial excellence and enable European suppliers to continue to produce the best rail products on the world market;

2. Advocating EU measures that improve the business environment in the EU and internationally and ensure that European suppliers can produce and sell their products in fair and efficient market conditions;

3. Promoting political and financial instruments that stimulate the demand for rail products in the EU and globally.

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Increasing the performance and the competitiveness of the rail industry through joint research and innovation
Joint Research and Innovation (R&I) activities at the European level are vital to ensure the necessary level of technical interoperability and standardisation. They allow for the enhancement of the railway system in a competitive global market. UNIFE supports its Members via the management and coordination of their R&I activities at the European level. Focussing on pre-competitive research, UNIFE enables companies to pave the way for the development of competitive products and technologies and supports all initiatives that have good potential for market uptake. UNIFE steers and coordinates European funded research projects, such as the currently running Dynafreight, ETALON, GoFAR, IN2DREAMS, Run2Rail, ST4RT and STARS, through the different phases of the project application, execution and dissemination.

**ERRAC**

UNIFE has a leadership role in ERRAC, the European Rail Research Advisory Council. This [European Technology Platform for rail research](www.errac.org) has an advisory role to the European Commission in defining rail research strategy and priorities. Within the ERRAC framework, the rail sector organisations (e.g. UNIFE, UIC, EIM, CER, UITP) together with leading European scientists in railway research, have agreed on the “RAIL 2050 Vision Document” published in 2017 displaying the long-term rail sector vision with a forward-looking strategy by setting out the future capabilities needed from railways to meet the future needs of European end-users. This allows UNIFE and the other ERRAC Members to advise the European Commission on the practical measures to be taken to enhance the European railway system.

For more and up-to-date information on ERRAC, please visit [www.errac.org](http://www.errac.org)

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**From Shift2Rail to Shift2Rail 2**

Before 2014, UNIFE, in association with some of its largest Members, organised and prepared the groundwork for a large-scale and system-wide public-private partnership for rail research. This initiative, called Shift2Rail, and officially launched in 2014 with the formation of the Joint Undertaking obtained €450 million of EU funding from the Horizon2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation which is matched by €470 million of research funding from the private sector. The targets of this initiative focus on increasing the capacity and reliability, while reducing the life cycle cost of the European rail system. UNIFE was involved in the three first Shift2Rail projects so called “Shift2Rail lighthouse projects” (IT2Rail and Roll2Rail as coordinator and In2Rail as partner) launched in May 2015. UNIFE is also proactively involved in the annual Shift2Rail Open Calls and will continue to support its Members in accessing Shift2Rail activities.

Based on new/emerging technologies like digital solutions, artificial intelligence, autonomous driving, UNIFE has identified nine key enablers as the areas of priority for European rail research and innovation. The Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking contributes partly to the UNIFE key enablers. However, the completion of these key enablers will require more research and innovation activities and the extension of the Shift2Rail activities after 2020 – through a e.g. “Shift2Rail 2” programme included in the next EU Research Framework Programme (named Horizon Europe) from 2021 to 2027. UNIFE and its Members in cooperation with other rail stakeholders are working on the preparation of Shift2Rail 2.

For more and up-to-date information on Shift2Rail, please visit [www.shift2rail.org](http://www.shift2rail.org)
Boosting customer satisfaction and reinforcing the culture of quality in the rail sector
**IV. IRIS Certification™ - the Global Quality System for the Railway Industry**

IRIS is a globally recognised system for the evaluation of business management systems unique to the rail sector. IRIS Certification™ is composed of: ISO/TS 22163: 2017 - IRIS Certification™ rules: 2017

The certification process and the assessment methodology are managed by UNIFE. With more than 2500 companies registered on the IRIS Portal, over 1600 IRIS certificates issued, and transferred to the IRIS system rev.03, the IRIS Certification™ continues to expand its global presence. Numbers aside, rail equipment producers around the globe are sending a strong message to customers and stakeholders to use IRIS certification in order to continually improve performance while at the same time meeting the highest standards set for quality, process, and organisation. By implementing IRIS, cost reduction and efficient and effective business processes can be implemented throughout the entire supply chain.

The aim of the IRIS scheme is to create a win-win situation where all stakeholders benefit from transparent requirements that are acceptable to all. IRIS boosts customer satisfaction and implements a culture of quality in the rail sector by promoting quality-focused methods and behaviours.

The confidence of the rail sector is now enhanced by the creation of the International Rail Quality Board (IRQB) which will take the lead at global level. The IRQB will strengthen the IRIS scheme and focus the organisations on product quality priorities for the benefit of the entire rail sector.

**IRIS Management Centre**

The IRIS Management Centre (IMC) is responsible for the promotion and control of the scheme, as well as the daily business linked to the IRIS database, training courses and answering customer requests.

For more and up-to-date information on IRIS, please visit www.iris-rail.org

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**Promoting a Culture of Quality in Rail worldwide**
Advocating rail transport as the best solution to meet societal mobility challenges of the future
UNIFE Organisational structure

UNIFE General Assembly
- Strategy Committee
- UNIFE Presiding Board
  - Office Manager
  - Director General
- Finance, Legal & HR
- Communications

UNIFE Working Groups & Projects
- Technical Platform
  - Research Activities
    - ERRAC (European Rail Research Advisory Council)
    - Research Projects
    - Shift2Rail follow-up
  - Technical Activities
    - Working Groups
    - Technical Recommendations (TecRec)

Technical Affairs
- Freight Committee
- Infrastructure Committee (UNIRAILINFRA)
- Research & Innovation Committee
- Standards & Regulation Group
- ERWA Steering Committee
- Digitalisation Platform (incl. Cyber-Security)
- UNITE

Control - Command & Signalling
- UNISIG
- ERTMS Marketing Group
- CSS Platform

Public Affairs
- National Associations
- Public Affairs Liaison Group
- SME Committee
- Trade and International Affairs Committee
- Sustainable Transport Committee
- Investment and Project Financing Expert Group

IRIS Certification
- IRIS Steering Committee
- IRIS Advisory Board
- IRIS Topical Working Groups

UNIFE Staff & Units
- UNIFE Management Committees
- Temporary/ad-hoc committee or group

UNIFE Management Committees
Contributing to EU policy, research, regulation and standardisation
UNIFE Committees and Working groups

The **Presiding Board** is the highest UNIFE Committee and is accountable for the management of the association. It takes any measure and action required to achieve the objectives and general policies of the association. It submits the admission of new Full and Associate Members to the General Assembly for ratification. The Presiding Board is composed of 10 members elected by the General Assembly for three years on the proposal of the retiring Board. As of January 2015, a seat has been assigned to the Chairman of the newly created UNIFE SME Committee.

The **Strategy Committee** is the second highest UNIFE body after the Presiding Board. It steers our activities, provides expertise and advises UNIFE management on strategic and political issues and advises the agenda of the Presiding Board. The members of this committee are high-level managers from the most prominent UNIFE Members.

The **Technical Platform** covers in a balanced way all EU research, regulation and standardisation matters. In addition to exchanging information on the different national perspectives, this committee enables UNIFE Members to have a better understanding of the ongoing EU research, regulation and standardisation issues, their background and implications for the industry all over Europe and beyond. The Technical Platform gives input to be considered by the other UNIFE technical committees (SRG, UNIRAILINFRA, ERWA, etc.) and is the interface to UNISIG regarding research, standardisation and regulation topics.

The **Freight Committee** gathers companies active in the rail freight business and aims at strengthening the position of the industry in the policy framework of the EU. The committee provides its members with information and support on EU funding opportunities for their R&I projects, EU policies dedicated to rail freight, as well as the opportunity to lobby on EU rail freight issues and strengthen the discussion on ongoing and upcoming TSIs/Standards.

The **Infrastructure Committee (UNIRAILINFRA)** brings together suppliers, contractors, and integrators active in the fields of engineering, production, installation, etc. The committee provides a platform for consensus building on infrastructure and energy topics at a pre-competitive stage, aiming at promoting investment and innovation in the railway infrastructure sector. Within this context, the purpose of the UNIRAILINFRA Committee is to discuss and promote the development of the rail infrastructure and energy sector.

The **Research & Innovation Committee** steers UNIFE’s technical activities in the field of the European research framework (including Shift2Rail). The committee manages the preparation of Shift2Rail 2 and the follow-up of Shift2Rail, Horizon 2020, and ERRAC activities. This committee is composed of technical directors from the main UNIFE system integrators and subsystem suppliers.
The Standards and Regulation Group (SRG) steers UNIFE’s technical activities in the fields of the European regulatory framework (Railway Directives, TSIs, and other regulations applicable to the railway system) and rail standardisation. The SRG is composed of technical directors from the main UNIFE system integrators and subsystem suppliers.

The ERWA Steering Committee aims at promoting usage benefits, life cycle cost improvement and standardisation of railway wheels and wheelsets. The committee is composed of the CEOs of the European wheels and wheelsets manufacturers. Two additional committees support it: the ERWA Development Committee and the ERWA Technical Committee.

The Digitalisation Platform aims at responding to the challenges and changes in railway transport due to the rapid evolution of digital technologies. The platform brings together UNIFE Members providing solutions for digital and intelligent mobility. This platform is in charge of monitoring EU discussions on the digital evolution as applied to the railways (e.g. rolling stock, infrastructure, signalling).

The Cyber-Security Working Group brings together UNIFE Member companies with an expertise in cyber-security. It is a working group to discuss and identify opportunities for cooperation on cyber-security issues in the European rail sector, strengthening the position of the European industry vis-à-vis competitors and stakeholders.

The ETCS Steering Committee (UESC) is in charge of coordinating UNIFE activities in the field of ERTMS from a strategic and political perspective. It is composed of high-level representatives of ERTMS suppliers.

The ERTMS Marketing Group (UEMG) is in charge of coordinating marketing activities related to ERTMS, in particular deployment statistics, events, common publications and the ERTMS website.

The Control Command and Signalling Systems Platform provides expertise in the field of signalling and telecommunications to UNIFE. It is a platform for consensus building on signalling-related issues, aiming to promote investment and innovation in the railway signalling sector. The committee is composed of representatives from the UNIFE membership active in signalling.

The UNITEG Committee focuses on the development and implementation of the future interoperable railway communication system (FRMCS/Next Generation), the inherent successor of GSM-R, as part of the future ERTMS. UNITEG brings together the major railway telecommunications products suppliers and companies that have significant experience in current and future railway systems. The committee members aim to ensure that the communication system for railways fulfils existing and future signalling, train control and traffic management requirements and to support European railway research initiatives.

The National Associations Committee is made up of 14 National Associations representing more than 1,000 large and medium-sized rail supply companies from all over Europe. As associate Members of UNIFE, they engage in an important exchange, addressing UNIFE positions nationally while bringing national issues to the European level. The committee is composed of the directors of 14 National Associations from 13 different countries.

The Public Affairs Liaison Group aims to provide a platform for idea exchange on EU policy dossiers, reflecting on lobbying strategies and identifying potential synergies between UNIFE and EU representatives of the member companies. The group is composed of the EU representatives of UNIFE Members in Brussels.
The **SME Committee** brings together the small and medium-sized companies of UNIFE. The objective of this committee is to provide the SMEs of our sector with information on EU policies and EU funds dedicated to SMEs, support them in accessing these EU funds and facilitate a direct and fruitful exchange between the rail-supply SMEs and the EU Institutions.

The **Trade & International Affairs Committee (TIAC)** is in charge of monitoring EU trade negotiations with important stakes for the European rail industry, and coordinating UNIFE’s positions in this respect. The TIAC is also a platform of exchange and information dissemination on bilateral cooperation activities undertaken by UNIFE on international markets.

The **Sustainable Transport Committee (STC)** is the platform for exchanging and defining common positions on environmental sustainability topics. The STC provides early information and outreach actions on EU policy changes to UNIFE Members, and also focuses on the communication of environmental performance of products and growing stakeholder demands with respect to more eco-efficient products and service solutions. The STC is supported by several Topical Groups, which provide the technical content on the main dossiers and regularly report to the STC.

The **Investment and Project Financing Expert Group** brings together high-level executives responsible for the long-term financing of infrastructure and industrial projects (including PPPs) and in charge of their companies’ relationships with multilateral development banks (such as the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development).

The **IRIS Steering Committee** steers the activities relevant to the promotion and development of the IRIS Certification™, the globally recognised business management system of the rail sector. The committee is composed of high level representatives of System Integrators and Equipment Manufacturers from UNIFE Member companies.

The **Communications Committee** steers the UNIFE Communication Strategy. It is composed of the communications directors from UNIFE member companies.

### UNIFE Technical Working Groups

| Aerodynamics | Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) |
| Brakes | Noise |
| Cabin | Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRM) |
| Chemical Risks | Railway Dynamics |
| Crash Safety | Rolling Stock |
| Cyber Security | Safety Assurance |
| Diesel | Signalling |
| Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) | Telematic Application for Passengers & Freight (TAP & TAF) |
| Energy | Train Control Management System (TCMS) |
| Energy Efficiency | Vehicle Authorisation |
| Fire Safety (SRT) | Wagon (WAG) |
| Infrastructure | |

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Associate Members
Offering concrete services on topics of interest for the rail supply industry at the European level
Benefits of UNIFE Membership

UNIFE is your trade association at the European and international level. With more than 120 Members, UNIFE represents approximately 84% of European and 46% of global rail markets.

There are four main spheres of activity: advocating legislation favourable to rail in the European institutions, organising the technical harmonisation of the European rail system, facilitating important EU funded rail research projects, and defining global rail certification through IRIS.

UNIFE is a great platform for companies that have strategic interest in networking, innovating and internationalising. As a Member of UNIFE your company will benefit from the numerous services provided by our association:

#1 Join a Europe-wide rail business network

Through regular high-level events and seminars, UNIFE offers great networking opportunities on a truly European scale. UNIFE events are unique occasions to meet high-level decision makers, new business partners and customers.

General Assembly

Every year in June, UNIFE holds its General Assembly in a different Member State. Apart from the statutory meeting, a number of high-level speakers from the host country participate in the side events and roundtables of the General Assembly. This event is strictly reserved to UNIFE Members.

#2 Receive information on accessing EU funds and support in getting involved in EU-funded research projects

UNIFE Membership allows companies to receive tailor-made information on all EU funds available for our industry (Shift2Rail, EU Structural Funds, Connecting Europe Facility, COSME Programme for SMEs, Horizon 2020, SME Instrument, etc.).

Annual Reception and European Railway Award Ceremony

At the beginning of every year, UNIFE organises jointly with CER – the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies – their Annual Reception in Brussels. Just prior to the reception, the European Railway Award ceremony is held to recognise the most prominent figures that have contributed to the development of the European rail sector. Attended by nearly six hundred guests, the Annual Reception is a unique opportunity to meet European decision-makers, customers and partners.

UNIFE Committees and Working Groups

A large part of UNIFE’s networking activities also take place within the UNIFE Committees and Working groups. By giving an overview of the existing UNIFE Working Groups (pages 18-21), this section should help you to better identify the groups in which your company wishes to take part. Please do not hesitate to contact the respective managers in case you would like to receive more detailed information.
UNIFE is also active in the setting-up of EU-funded projects in the field of Research and Innovation. In fact, UNIFE is recognised by both the EU institutions and the rail sector as a key player in European rail research and brings enormous added value to its Members via the management and coordination of R&I activities at the European level. In addition, UNIFE plays a leading role in the European Rail Research Advisory Council (ERRAC), which contributes to the definition of the EU rail research priorities.

#3 Contribute to EU standardisation and regulation

Through its standards and regulation activities UNIFE contributes to the shaping of the European regulatory framework. UNIFE is one of the representative bodies at the European Union Agency for Railways and therefore has the right to send experts to any of the working groups involved in the drafting of Technical Standards of Interoperability (TSIs).

#4 Access to the most up-to-date information

In addition to the information circulated within all UNIFE Committees and Working Groups, all UNIFE Members regularly receive the UNIFE Briefing. This detailed and comprehensive e-newsletter gives an update on the most important UNIFE activities in terms of lobbying, research and development and communication. UNIFE Members also receive UNIFE alerts, highlighting the most important information on European legislation impacting our Members (Transport, Industry, Trade, Environment, etc.).

#5 Obtain the best analysis of the rail market

UNIFE Members have privileged access to the leading analysis of rail market developments worldwide, the UNIFE World Rail Market Study, which UNIFE Members receive free of charge. Furthermore, UNIFE provides additional analysis on conjectural aspects of the rail business.

#6 Raise your voice in Brussels

Through its Public Affairs activities, UNIFE helps to create a political framework favourable to rail transport in Europe. UNIFE monitors, analyses and influences all rail-related legislative processes in the EU from beginning to end. It represents the voice of the European rail industry to the European institutions and works closely with other rail associations in Brussels and at the member-state level.

In the framework of its activities with the European institutions, UNIFE also represents the industry vis-a-vis the European Union Agency for Railways and plays a decisive role in the harmonisation and standardisation of rail equipment.
The UNIFE website (www.unife.org) provides detailed information on UNIFE’s political, technological and research activities. Here you will find UNIFE’s latest news, events, press releases, publications, project launches and activities related to IRIS, ERWA, Shift2Rail and ERTMS.

The UNIFE Twitter account (@UNIFE) provides all the latest news on UNIFE activities and issues affecting the rail industry at the EU and international level.

Privileged access to information on IRIS Certification™

The IRIS website (www.iris-rail.org) provides details about the IRIS Certification™ system. Through your UNIFE membership, you will obtain privileged access to the latest information on IRIS Certification™ activities and the development of this unique business management system.
Shift2Rail is the first European rail joint technology initiative to seek focused research and innovation (R&I) and market-driven solutions by accelerating the integration of new and advanced technologies into innovative rail product solutions.

www.shift2rail.org
@Shift2Rail_JU

IRIS (International Railway Industry Standard) is a globally recognized scheme unique to the railway sector for the evaluation of business management systems.

www.iris-rail.org

IRIS Certification

The European Railway Traffic Management System (ERTMS) aims at replacing the different national train control and command systems in Europe. The deployment of ERTMS will enable the creation of a seamless European railway system and increase European railway’s competitiveness.

www.ertms.net
@ERTMS

ERRAC (European Rail Research Advisory Council) was set up in 2001 with the ambitious goal of creating a single European body with both the competence and capability to help revitalise the European rail sector and make it more competitive, by fostering increased innovation and guiding research efforts at European level.

www.errac.org

The main purpose of the Rail Forum Europe is to facilitate dialogue between Members of the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Member States and the European rail sector.

www.rail-forum.eu
@RailForum_EU

The European Railway Award honours outstanding political and technical achievements in the development of economically and environmentally sustainable rail transport.

www.europeanrailwayaward.eu
@EU_RailwayAward
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