Building the future of rail together!

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Who We Are

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Europe’s leading rail supply companies

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How UNIFE Membership can benefit you?
With who we work
among many others

EU institutions

Rail organisations

Industry/Trade

Standardisation

Others

Research

Events

With UNIFE membership, you can:

- Building the future of rail, together!
Benefits and Services

Why should you apply to become a UNIFE Member?

Build the business relationships of tomorrow and grow your outreach through specialised consortia designed to target specific interests

- Get exclusive invitations to VIP networking events & the possibility to make profitable business-to-business introductions
- Have the unique ability to exchange directly with the main European sector experts responsible for dossiers crucial to your business’ success
- Earn unique brand recognition and have access to targeted advertising opportunities.
- Gain credibility as a rail industry leader

Over 17 interviews and 196 Articles were published including UNIFE in 2022
Over 10 platforms supported/led by UNIFE!

Deepen your railway knowledge

- Speak up and promote your priorities within the European rail supply industry
- Attend thematic workshops/trainings organised by UNIFE staff with the support of high-level special guests
- Learn more about the skills of the future and how to encourage young people to work on the rail sector
- Find out how your organisation can be a leading figure in transport sector gender equity through the ‘EU Platform for Change – Women in Transport’

Multiple monthly virtual events/workshops are organised by UNIFE
Be recognised for the quality of your business

- Improve quality in the rail supply industry
- Differentiate yourself from your competitors
- Have direct access to the IRIS Management Centre to satisfy all your IRIS Certification® needs
- Attend Quality Monthly webinars and get access to the IRIS Guidelines via the IRQB
- Receive exclusive IRIS Certification® trainings

IRIS Certification® has now awarded more than 2,300 certificates in over 50 countries and is continuing to expand

Tap into EU funding for R&I

- Actively contribute to the next rail system iteration and speed up its digitalisation
- Know more about how Europe’s Rail Joint Undertaking and Horizon Europe will support the development of emerging rail technologies
- Be supported in bid management activities including the monitoring of funding opportunities and preparation of offers
- Get involved in EU-funded research projects that contribute to the technical harmonisation of railway systems

UNIFE has an impressive success ratio regarding the rail research projects proposals submitted for EU funding

UNIFE leads 25 projects and supports more than 50 other projects

How UNIFE Membership can benefit you?
Stay ahead of EU and global market trends

- Engage with decision makers to create a policy and investment framework favourable to rail transport in Europe and beyond
- Stay informed about investment and funding programmes inside and outside of the EU
- Keep up to date with the latest trade agreements and developments that can help you thrive your business
- Get a free copy of UNIFE World Rail Market Study
- Receive regular rail intelligence detailing the most important updates on European legislation impacting your business and customised information compiled by our 23 Working Groups and 22 Committees

Stay on top of technical regulations and standards

- Have unique foresight on upcoming technical regulatory changes to help you plan your business strategies accordingly
- Contribute directly to the development of future legislation and technical frameworks that impact our sector
- Have access to a direct channel to the EU Agency for Railways (ERA), CEN/CENELEC, and the International Standardisation Organisation (ISO)
- Contribute to maintain and develop the technical ERTMS specifications (including FRMCS) in close cooperation with ERA and Europe’s Rail Joint Undertaking
Your immediate advantages

How will UNIFE Membership benefit your business?

Business relationships and outreach

- Attend our yearly General Assembly, where UNIFE and its Members convene to assess the track ahead for our industry and plan our association’s future activities.
- Participate in our Annual Reception and European Railway Award Ceremony, an event that marks the beginning of rail’s year and recognises individuals, companies or projects that have contributed to the development of the European rail sector.
- Join UNIFE Committees and Working Groups that you consider to be most relevant for your business.
- Establish a link with Railway Undertakings and Infrastructure Managers, bringing you into contact with all elements of the rail ecosystem.

With over 500 people attending our events, UNIFE offers many opportunities throughout the year for networking.

Railway knowledge

- Inform our day-to-day advocacy priorities by communicating your key issue areas and defining our supporting pillars.
- Access great learning opportunities in the form of informative sessions organised by UNIFE’s staff with the support of high-level special guests from the sector that are ready to share their valuable knowledge and unique expertise.
- Learn how to encourage young people to pursue rewarding rail sector careers by appealing to their eco-consciousness, tech abilities and professional ambitions.

Our events and workshops are focused on key areas like rail investment, the EU Green Deal, global leadership, skills for the rail industry, digitalisation and much more.
EU funding for R&I

- Be advised on all R&I opportunities at the European Level, including updates on Horizon Europe, Europe’s Rail and other EU programmes in satellite technology, cybersecurity, digitalisation and more
- Have the chance to receive EU funding for prototyping and testing in laboratories and real environments
- Cooperate with current and prospective customers on new solutions to be implemented later on the rail network
- Stay at the forefront of future technologies

UNIFE is the leading organisation when it comes to coordinating EU funded rail research projects

Quality of your business

- Be a part of shaping a culture of quality in the rail supply industry through IRIS Certification® and the International Rail Quality Board (IRQB)
- Get direct training from the IRIS Management Centre about IRIS Certification® to help you prepare to achieve the highest performance level

80% of companies awarded IRIS Certification® are SMEs. IRIS’ success has been made possible through our partnership with 87 IRIS-approved Certification Bodies, representing around 300 IRIS-approved auditors operating in 30 languages

EU and global market trends

- Receive privileged access to forecasted business developments with the UNIFE World Rail Market Study
- Be well positioned and represented at the European Institutions
- Help shape a favourable policy framework for rail
- Get early intelligence on EU funded programmes inside & outside of Europe

Our myriad political and technical dossiers deal with a wide range of topics such as technical and regulatory standards, sustainability, digitalisation, industrial policies, trade, access to markets, public procurement, EU funding and investment programmes, research & innovation and skills

Technical regulations and standards

- Contribute to the creation of a favourable rail regulatory framework
- Be privy to comprehensive and exclusive briefings on the most important developments pertaining to our sector
- Enhance your standing with key EU technical decision makers
Become a UNIFE Member

How can I apply for UNIFE Membership?

Any company willing to become a UNIFE Member is invited to fill in an official application form, which can be found on our website. This will then be sent to the UNIFE Strategy Committee for assessment.

The Committee will provide a preliminary review of the application before it is passed to the UNIFE Presiding Board for a decision. Finally, the plenary at the annual UNIFE General Assembly will formally ratify your company and others like it for new Membership.

How much does membership cost?

An interested company can learn more about applicable fees by submitting a simple Membership Information Enquiry. This form does not constitute any commitment on the part of your company and the information provided will be kept confidential.

On the basis of the rail turnover reported in this document, we will be able to very quickly communicate to you the amount of your annual Membership fees ahead of your decision to officially apply for membership.

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UNIFE Members

A unique network of over 100 member companies from across Europe and of all sizes – one-third are SMEs - and 13 National Associations

Full Members
How UNIFE Membership can benefit you?

Building the future of rail, together!
Every day, UNIFE fights to promote European policies and programmes favourable to rail, works towards an interoperable and efficient European railway system, ensures the European Rail Supply Industry’s continued global leadership through advanced research, innovation and quality and provides its members with strategic and operational knowledge. We advocate for our shared mode of transportation to serve as the backbone of tomorrow’s sustainable, safe, reliable and accessible mass transit paradigm. As Europe is beset by concurrent public health and security crises, keeping the rail industry united is key to tackling the economic strains caused by these events.