

We are the European Rail Supply Industry!

Every day, UNIFE promotes 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 safe, sustainable, reliable and accessible mass transit paradigm.



"Our rail supply industry is a resilient and leading global market player, expected to grow by 3% worldwide, demonstrating its capacity to thrive despite competitive pressures, inflation, and legal complexities. By leveraging collaboration with our diverse membership, we focus on promoting sound regulation, boosting competitiveness, securing political and financial support, and crafting a unified strategy to innovate and adapt, ensuring our industry and railway systems remain vital contributors to Europe's future prosperity and sustainable land transport development."

Enno Wiebe, Director General, UNIFE

We gather



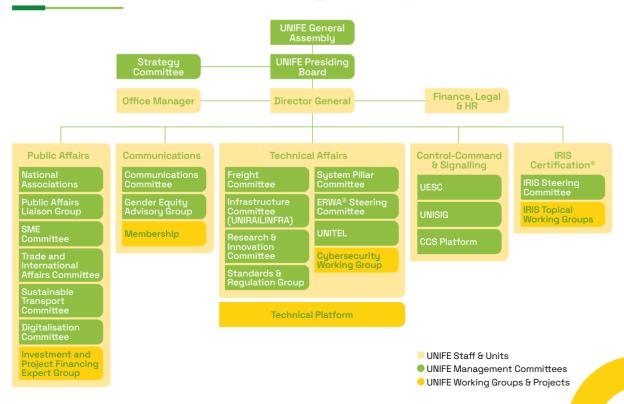
Europe's leading rail supply companies



12
National
associations



Committees & Working Groups



Who we work with

EU institutions





















Rail organisations





































Industry/Trade





Standardisation







Research





Others















Partner events









Benefits and Services

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

- ▶ Get exclusive invitations to VIP networking events and the possibility to make profitable business-to-business introductions (for example the UNIFE Annual General Assembly, European Railway Award and InnoTrans).
- ▶ Join UNIFE Committees and Working Groups that are relevant to your business activities.
- ▶ UNIFE provides its members with direct access to key stakeholders in the EU Institutions, National Governments and global actors.
- Receive unique foresight on upcoming technical regulatory changes and a direct channel to the EU Agency for Railways (ERA), CEN/CENELEC/ETSI, the International Standardisation Organisation (ISO), and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) to help you plan your business strategies accordingly.
- ▶ Deepen your knowledge of the rail sector with access to thematic workshops/trainings organised by UNIFE staff with the support of high-level special quests.
- ▶ **Get access to UNIFE's weekly newsletter** highlighting key activities around policy developments and advocacy, technical affairs, market updates, media engagement and more.
- ▶ Find out how your organisation can be a leading figure in transport sector gender equity and skills development through the 'EU Platform for Change Women in Transport', our Women in Rail campaign and the Single European Railway Area for Skills (SERAS).

Tap into Investment and Funding Opportunities in the EU and Globally

- Stay informed about investment and funding programmes inside and outside of the EU.
- ▶ Participate in EU-funded research projects that actively contribute to the rail target system and its digitalisation (e.g. ATO, FRMCS, DAC, Asset Management).
- ► Learn more about Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking and Horizon Europe supporting the development of emerging and innovative rail technologies.
- ▶ Get involved in the design and harmonisation of the future European rail system by contributing actively to the System Pillar of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking.
- ▶ Be supported in bid management activities including the monitoring of funding opportunities.
- ► Have the chance to receive EU funding for prototyping and testing in laboratories and real environments.
- ▶ UNIFE has an impressive success ratio regarding the rail research project proposals submitted for EU funding and has, so far, supported more than 80 projects.

What is the IRIS Certification®?

The IRIS (International Railway Industry Standard) Certification® promotes rail organisation performance to enhance product quality.



The IRIS Certification® is a global system enabling all rail industry stakeholders to benefit from a strong and recognised evaluation method. Based on ISO 22163, and empowered by a decade-long experienced certification process and its demanding assessment methodology, this certificate is backed by the sector's most important stakeholders.

UNIFE manages certificates worldwide through its IRIS Certification® Management Centre (IMC). It has 16 IRIS approved certification bodies and around 300 IRIS approved auditors operating in over 30 languages.

Key benefits

- ▶ Be recognised for the quality of your business and stand out compared to competitors.
- ▶ Learn about IRIS Certification® Rev.04 developments and implementation.
- ► Attend quality webinars.
- ▶ Be a part of shaping a culture of quality in the rail supply industry through IRIS Certification®.
- Apply the IRIS Certification® simplified approach if you are an SME to ease your entry in the certification scheme.

World Rail Market Study

UNIFE's World Rail Market Study is the leading reference on the Global Rail Supply Market. Produced biennially, it is a trusted source on the current status of the rail market, as well as a reliable forecast for the future demand of rail supplies and market trends.



The study provides detailed information on the installed base of infrastructure and rolling stock, broken down by product segments and by regions. This includes a comprehensive assessment of the current rail supply market volume at the regional level for different product segments. The study also incorporates an in-depth forecast of the most likely expected rail supply market development path. The prediction takes a detailed look at rolling stock, infrastructure, services, control command and signalling (CCS) and turnkey management segments, respectively.

UNIFE Members are granted partial access free of charge to the UNIFE World Rail Market Study.

European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS®)



The European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS®) is a unique train control technology designed to make interoperable European railways.

In a global economy, rail is able to absorb ever-growing transport demand. This will be key in positioning the sector as a competitive alternative to road transportation. Currently, European rail transport suffers disruptions as 20 distinct, concurrently operating signalling systems serve as relics of a more divided past. These different systems are major obstacles to the sector achieving peak competitiveness.

ERTMS®, universal and EU-compatible signalling system, is an innovative technical solution designed to support increasing demand and improve railway capacity. With more than 100,000 km of contracted tracks – more than 50% outside of Europe – it has established itself as a global standard.

Key benefits

- ► Contribute to maintaining and developing the technical ERTMS® specifications (including FRMCS) in close cooperation with the European Union Agency for Railways and the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking.
- ▶ Stay informed early about the dynamics and evolution of ERTMS® technical standards, including the ability to influence them.
- ▶ Be involved in Standardising Traffic Management and Signalling Systems and be aware of its business impact from the beginning.

European Railway Wheels Association (ERWA®)

The European Railway Wheels Association (ERWA®) aims at promoting usage benefits, lifecycle cost reduction and standardisation of railway wheels and wheelsets. Its mission includes developing standards and promoting innovation in safety and environmental sustainability.

Become a UNIFE Member

UNIFE values the active participation of its members and their unique contributions to the Rail Supply Industry. To ensure members will be able to maximise their benefits and develop positive synergies within the UNIFE eco-system, UNIFE adheres to a stringent member acceptance policy. Any company interested in joining UNIFE's exclusive membership group is invited to get in touch with us!



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