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CER Chairman Christian Kern to become new Austrian Chancellor

Christian Kern, having been called to become the new Chancellor of the Austrian Republic, stepped down today as the CEO of OeBB (Österreichische Bundesbahnen) and Chairman of the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER).

Christian Kern had been CEO of OeBB since 2010 and became CER Chairman in 2014. Under his charismatic leadership the association worked on a number of legislative and non-legislative dossiers that shaped the EU transport policy and the regulatory framework in which the sector will conduct its business in the years to come.

“Working with Christian has been a great professional and human experience,” said CER Executive Director Libor Lochman. “Mr Kern is a very committed professional, a skillful manager and a wise politician. The whole CER team as well as the association’s General Assembly join me in congratulating him on this most distinguished of appointments, which is at the same time a sign of recognition for his rare qualities as well as one of the highest challenges a person can wish for”.

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About CER

The Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) brings together more than 70 railway undertakings, their national associations as well as infrastructure managers and vehicle leasing companies. The membership is made up of long-established bodies, new entrants and both private and public enterprises, representing 73% of the rail network length, 80% of the rail freight business and about 96% of rail passenger operations in EU, EFTA and EU accession countries. CER represents the interests of its members towards EU policy makers and transport stakeholders, advocating rail as the backbone of a competitive and sustainable transport system in Europe. For more information, visit www.cer.be or follow us via Twitter at [@CER_railways](https://twitter.com/CER_railways).