

## Press release

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# European rail CEOs gather to discuss priorities for 2022

**Europe's leading rail CEOs gathered virtually today for the Management Committee and 69th General Assembly of the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER), to discuss an ambitious work programme for 2022. The CER membership appointed unanimously Ms Marjan Rintel (CEO, NS) as Vice-Chair of the association, approved the application for membership of FNM Group and two important position papers related to the revision of EU Regulation 913/2010 concerning respectively 'Rail Freight Corridors and Timetable Redesign including Digital Capacity Management' – authored jointly with the European Rail Infrastructure Managers association (EIM) – and European Traffic Management.**

EU Regulation 913/2010 on the creation of a European rail network for competitive freight transport relies on Rail Freight Corridors to promote rail freight traffic in a more efficient way throughout Europe. However, more than eight years after the start of the operational use of the Rail Freight Corridors, rail freight market share has not increased. The CER Position Paper (accessible [here](#)) sets out clear principles for strengthening the effectiveness of Rail Freight Corridors in relation to the upcoming revision, which is critical and should be used for far reaching reform. An accompanying annex details the advantages and implementation aspects of Timetable Redesign (TTR), including Digital Capacity Management (DCM).

The CER-EIM Position Paper (accessible [here](#)) on European Traffic Management stresses that a more efficient cooperation is needed among all the actors of the logistics chain, with the final aim to improve the performance and reliability of international rail transport in both regular services and services after disruptions. Traffic management is an area which plays a key role in strengthening the competitiveness of international rail transport for both passenger and freight services.

Furthermore, Ms Marjan Rintel (CEO, NS) was appointed unanimously as Vice-Chair of the association for the remainder of the 2022-2023 CER Management Committee term.

The Assembly also approved the application for membership of FNM Group. FNM Group is the leading integrated sustainable mobility group in Lombardy (Italy) operating inter alia the regional railway infrastructure and offering rail services for both passengers and freight.

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## About CER

The Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) brings together around 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 79% of the rail network length, 77% of the rail freight business and about 90%

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of rail passenger operations in EU, EFTA and EU accession countries. CER represents the interests of its members towards EU policymakers and transport stakeholders, advocating rail as the backbone of a competitive and sustainable transport system in Europe. For more information, visit [www.cer.be](http://www.cer.be) or follow us on Twitter [@CER\\_railways](https://twitter.com/CER_railways) or [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/cer).