



# MONITORING

## LEGISLATION AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF RAILWAYS AND RAIL TRANSPORT

January 2024

# 1. LEGISLATION

## A. EUROPEAN UNION

Legislation news:

- No new legal acts concerning the railway sector were published.

In the European Parliament there are two directives waiting for discussion:

- Use of railway infrastructure capacity in the single European railway area, amending Directive 2012/34/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 – first reading in March 2024, rapporteur MEP Tilly Metz
- Amending Council Directive 92/106/EEC as regards a support framework for intermodal transport of goods and Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards calculation of external costs savings and generation of aggregated data TRAN/9/13618 – no date for reading set up yet

## B. SLOVAKIA

No materials regarding railway transport were included in the interdepartmental comment procedure.

Government of Slovakia:

- No material or legal act regarding railway transport.

National Council of the Slovak Republic:

- No material or legal act regarding railway transport.
- No material in the Economy Committee.

New legislation:

- There is no new legislation regarding rail transport.
- Act No. 332/2023 Coll. on public passenger transport and on amendments to certain laws came into force. The act regulates conditions for operating public passenger transport, rights and obligations of carriers and passengers, the transport service of the territory by transport services in the public interest in regular transport, and scope of public administration bodies and responsibility for breach of obligations established by this law:

<https://www.slov-lex.sk/pravne-predpisy/SK/ZZ/2023/332/>

## HIGHLIGHTS

Directive on the use of railway infrastructure capacity to be in first reading in March in the European Parliament.

Europe's Rail published request for expression of interest to be part of the DAC testing project.

In Slovakia, Act No. 332/2023 Coll. came into force on 1.1.2024.

New GCU contract in force from 1.1.2024.

VPI Module 08b VERS-Tools applicable since 12.1.2024.

VTG published Maintenance Instructions changes.

European Parliament concerned about the rule of law in Slovakia.

European Union Council published reviewed Rail Transport Policy.

Information Sharing System pre-registration accessible.

CER, ERFA, UIC, UIP and UIRR presented a joint study by d-fine GmbH criticising the Weights and Dimensions Directive amendment.

UNIFE published Annual Report 2023.

Europe's Rail published Report on GEARBODIES Project Demonstrator.

European Commission interested into Slovakian CEF infrastructure projects.

In CZ, the ETCS Working Group has progressed and set further tasks.

ERA published Webinars 2024 Programme.

UIC approved members of OpenRail Board of Directors.

## C. CZECH REPUBLIC

The following materials were included in the interdepartmental comment procedure:

- Draft decree on territorial workplaces of the Transport and Energy Building Office (DESÚ) – workplaces are established: Praha, Plzeň, and Olomouc:

<https://odok.cz/portal/veklep/material/KORNCXLEDYDY/>

- Draft of government regulation on awards granted by the Ministry of Transport – the aim is to enable the Ministry of Transport to award an award to a natural or legal person for an extraordinary achievement, significant merit or long-term activity in the field of transport:

<https://odok.cz/portal/veklep/material/KORNCXKBUBD0/>

The Government of the Czech Republic approved:

- Change in the deadline of Transport sector strategies of the 3rd phase (Original deadline: 28.2.2023, Extended deadline: 31.12.2023, New deadline: 30.04.2024)

Chamber of Deputies:

- There is no current legal act regarding rail transport.
- The Subcommittee for Transport did not have any meetings.
- The Economy Committee 11.1.2024:
  - MP Libor Turek - the use of 5G networks in energy, and transport - belongs to the Economy Committee and he asked the chairman Ivan Adamec for personal patronage;
  - MP Martin Kolovratník – question whether the coverage of railway corridors will also be addressed at the Committee (MP Turek answered that yes)

New legislation:

- There is no new legislation regarding rail transport.

## D. OTHER RAILWAY LEGISLATION

**VTG MI changes:**

- VTG - Maintenance Instruction No. 2.2.001-EN "2.2.001 - Complements to VPI-EMG 02 - Underframe, Bogies" [[EN]]: New Revision 5.0 since 1/30/2024: Modifications - Pages: 1-4, 6-9, 24-26, 43, 44, 56, 61, 96. 98, 99, 106, 118-126 and Annexe 1 = Formulare
- VTG - Maintenance Instruction No. 1.1.001-EN "1.1.001-Maintenance rules for VTG intermodal, freight/tank wagons as well as modular superstructures" [[EN]]: New Revision 6.0 since 1/18/2024: Modification in red - pages: 1-4 and annexe 1
- VTG - Maintenance Instruction No. 6.3.001-EN "6.3.001-Additions to VPI-EMG 06B regarding buffers" [[EN]]: New Revision 7.0 since 1/16/2024: Modifications - Pages: 1-4, 19, 26, 28, 29

- VTG - Maintenance Instruction No. 4.3.001-EN "4.3.001 - Complements to VPI-EMG module 04 for wheelset workshops - wheelset bearings" [[EN]]: New Revision 5.0 since 1/11/2024: Modification - Pages: 1-6, 10, 11, 15, 55, 57-60 (Annexe 2+3 = Formulare)

#### **VTG MI planned changes:**

- VTG-Modification Instruction "KS20240002 - Uagnpps - Sanierung Getriebeabdeckung" [[EN]] since 2/9/2024
- Beladeschema/Loading scheme: S232-S233-Sdggmrs(s)-T3000e MSP.A - Powerbox "S232-S233 - Sdggmrs(s) - T3000e MSP.A - Powerbox" since 2/7/2024
- Beladeschema/Loading scheme: S258-S259-S268-S269-S272-S273 - Sdggmrs(s)-T3000e "S258-S259-S268-S269-S272-S273 - Sdggmrs(s)-T3000e/neo MSP.B - Powerbox" since 2/7/2024

#### **VPI changes:**

- Module VPI-EMG 08B VERS-Tools edition from 12.1.2024 (edition 4.2) – scope of changes:
  - Addition of the annex VPI-EMG 10 – Annex 1 “Mobile Repair Service”
  - New function: Dark mode
  - Logo upload possible under workshop data
  - Filling in the empty fields of the forms with n.v.
- VPI-Mitgliederinformation Nr. 21/2021: Leitfaden zur Nutzung des SAIT (Safety Alert Information Tool)

#### **TSI:**

- No news regarding the TSI revision package.

#### **GCU changes:**

- Changes coming into force from 1.1.2024 – details in previous monitorings:

<https://gcubureau.org/contract/>

## **2. NEWS**

### **A. EUROPEAN UNION**

#### **European Parliament:**

- 14.2.2024 next TRAN Committee meeting
- 25.1.2024 Belgium Presidency debriefs EP committees on priorities – In transport:  

The Presidency will strive to advance a green and digital transition, decarbonize the transport sector and finalize as many files as possible before the EU elections. Transport Committee MEPs urged the Presidency to conclude the work on Trans-European transport networks, a cycling declaration, and the maritime and road safety packages, as well as get a mandate to negotiate on Single European Sky rules and on transport weights and dimensions and railway capacity rules:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240122IPR17038/belgium-presidency-debriefs-ep-committees-on-priorities>
- 23.1.2024 two discharges from 2022 approved in TRAN Committee:
  - 2022 discharge: European Union Agency for Railways
  - 2022 discharge: Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking
- 23.1.2024 Commissioner Vălean updated the TRAN Committee on the latest and upcoming transport-related proposals:  

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/structured-dialogue-with-commissioner-va/product-details/20240112CAN72463>
- 23.1.2024 TRAN Committee organized a workshop "New demands and skills for the green and digital transformation of the transport and automotive sectors".  

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/tran-workshop-new-skills-for-the-green-a/product-details/20240118CAN72527>
- 18.1.2024 Deal on a single rulebook against money laundering and terrorist financing: Parliament finalized a deal with the Council on new measures to beef up an EU toolkit to fight money laundering, terrorist financing, and sanctions evasion.  

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240117IPR16880/deal-on-a-single-rulebook-against-money-laundering-and-terrorist-financing>
- 17.1.2024 Parliament concerned about the rule of law in Slovakia:  

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240112IPR16770/parliament-concerned-about-the-rule-of-law-in-slovakia>
- 16.1.2024 Jan-Christoph Oetjen elected Parliament Vice-President  

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240112IPR16762/jan-christoph-oetjen-elected-parliament-vice-president>



## European Union Council:

- 19.1.2024 Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks meeting – programme:
  - Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Directive 92/106/EEC as regards a support framework for intermodal transport of goods and Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards calculation of external costs savings and generation of aggregated data
  - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 and Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) 1315/2013

[https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/mpo/2024/1/transport-intermodal-questions-and-networks-\(337646\)/](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/mpo/2024/1/transport-intermodal-questions-and-networks-(337646)/)
- 12.1.2024 Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks meeting – programme:
  - Priorities of the Belgian Presidency for intermodal transport
  - High-level agreement between the EU and Norway for the adaptation of the indicative maps of the transport infrastructure network as established in Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (TEN-T Regulation)
  - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 and Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) 1315/2013
  - Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Directive 92/106/EEC as regards a support framework for intermodal transport of goods and Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards calculation of external costs savings and generation of aggregated data

[https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/mpo/2024/1/transport-intermodal-questions-and-networks-\(337166\)/](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/mpo/2024/1/transport-intermodal-questions-and-networks-(337166)/)
- 3.1.2024 a reviewed Rail Transport Policy was published:

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/rail-transport-policy/>

## DG Move:

- No news regarding the railway sector.

## ERA:

- Information about ISS system registration published. The future Information Sharing System will require all users to register before logging in. To facilitate this process, we encourage the future

users to pre-register voluntarily. The Information Sharing System (ISS) is the central tool established by the CSM ASLP Regulation for sharing data and information related to railway safety within the Union. Any railway actor that is legally required to report or entitled to work with safety data shall use the ISS:

<https://www.era.europa.eu/content/information-sharing-system-iss-pre-registration>

- ERA published its Webinars 2024 Programme:

<https://www.era.europa.eu/content/era-webinars-2024-programme>

## **UIC:**

- 30.1.2024 UIC and its partners DB, SBB and SNCF held the kick-off meeting of the Board of Directors of the OpenRail association. The associated companies nominated their representatives, who also became members of the Board of Directors, as follows:
  - DB, represented by Nicole GÖBEL, CEO DB Systel
  - SBB, represented by Jochen DECKER, CIO
  - SNCF, represented by Frédéric NOVELLO, Deputy Group CIO
  - UIC, represented by Jean-Michel EVANGHELOU, Director of Financial Control and Project Operations, Director of Telecom, Signalling & Digital
  - The four Directors elected Jochen DECKER – SBB as the first Chair of the association.

A Technical Committee was established as a permanent working body charged with selecting, integrating and managing the open-source projects to be part of the OpenRail community and project portfolio. The first three members of the Technical Committee are:

- Cornelius SCHUMACHER, Open-Source Steward – CTO-Team, DB Systel
- Peter KELLER, Digitalisation, SBB
- Loïc HAMELIN, Director OSRD Program, DGEX DIGIT – SNCF Réseau

<https://uic.org/com/enews/article/openrail-on-the-track-in-2024>

- 25.1.2024, François Davenne, UIC General Director, and Roberto Massi, FS Italiane Chief Security & Risk Officer, met to discuss future cooperation between the UIC Security Platform and COLPOFER. Roberto Massi was elected Chair of COLPOFER (Collaboration of railway police and security services) on 23.11.2023 in Budapest.

<https://uic.org/com/enews/article/uic-director-general-met-colpofer-chair-on-25-january-2024>

- 17.1.2024 Call for papers: 4th International Workshop on High-Speed Rail Socioeconomic Impacts to be held online from 10 – 11 September 2024. The aim of this workshop is to explore recent research on the analysis and quantification of the effects, both on economy and on society, of investments in high-speed rail systems.

<https://uic.org/com/enews/article/call-for-papers-4th-international-workshop-on-high-speed-rail-socioeconomic>

- 12.1.2024 UIC publish its opinion of Weights and Dimensions Directive amendment. By UIC the measures are impractical and ineffective for the railway sector. CER, ERFA, UIC, UIP and UIRR presented a joint study, carried out by the consultants d-fine GmbH, on the impacts of the Commission's proposal:

<https://uic.org/com/enews/article/weights-and-dimensions-directive-amendment-impractical-and-ineffective-measures>

study can be found here: [https://uic.org/IMG/pdf/study\\_weightsdimensions\\_-\\_phase\\_ii\\_v1\\_1-2.pdf](https://uic.org/IMG/pdf/study_weightsdimensions_-_phase_ii_v1_1-2.pdf)

- 9.1.2024 an information about changes in ZSSK has been published: Peter Helexa became the new Chair of the Board of Directors and General Director (CEO), replacing Roman Koreň.

<https://uic.org/com/enews/article/peter-helexa-became-chair-of-the-board-of-directors-and-general-director-ceo>

#### UIP:

- 11.1.2024 an information about Joint Study on the weights and dimensions directive amendments:

*„The Commission proposal, by effectively enabling the cross-border circulation of longer and heavier combinations on bilateral bases, undermines the rail freight ecosystem, the objective of a harmonized and synchronized multimodal system and the Green Deal objectives. Solutions that will impede rail freight transport to act as a viable alternative/complement to road transport will end up becoming a net negative for the EU logistics system and society as a whole.“*

<https://uiprail.org/publication/joint-study-points-out-disastrous-consequences-of-the-weights-and-dimensions-directive-amendments/>

#### UNIFE:

- 29.1.2024 European Year of Skills celebrated at the 2024 European Railway Award  
<https://www.unife.org/news/european-year-of-skills-celebrated-at-the-2024-european-railway-award/>
- Annual Report 2023 published focusing on European Rail Supply Industry:  
[https://www.unife.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/UNIFE\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2023.pdf](https://www.unife.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/UNIFE_Annual_Report_2023.pdf)

#### GCU:

- No news announced.

#### CER:

- 30.1.2024 European rail CEOs outline long-term vision & key priorities for sector. Europe's leading rail CEOs gathered today for the Management Committee and 73rd General Assembly of the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER), to discuss the ambitious work programme for 2024 and beyond. The CER membership unanimously approved the CER 2024-29 Manifesto entitled "On Track For Europe" which sets out the European Rail Sector's vision for well-functioning rail passenger and freight services, as well as a high capacity rail infrastructure, with the objective of pursuing the modal shift and modal share objectives of the



EU Strategy for Smart and Sustainable Mobility and fostering Europe's green and digital transitions.

<https://cer.be/cer-press-releases/european-rail-ceos-outline-long-term-vision-key-priorities-for-sector>

- 23.1.2024 Rail sector calls for pragmatic approach to rail capacity management

<https://cer.be/cer-press-releases/rail-sector-calls-for-pragmatic-approach-to-rail-capacity-management>

- 11.1.2024 an information about Joint Study on the weights and dimensions directive amendments:

Alberto Mazzola, Executive Director of CER stated: "The positive modal shift impact of Greening Freight Transport and the TEN T revision will be jeopardised by the revision of the Directive on weights and dimensions of road vehicles. This study confirms that the Commission proposal, if approved as it stands, will induce a modal shift from rail to road and as a result increase transport external costs and emissions, reduce road safety, and increase road maintenance costs. While CER does not object to the support of road Zero Emission Vehicles, we nonetheless call on legislators to keep the current limits of 40 tons for cross border road traffic and to eliminate those clauses favouring megatrucks crossing Europe".

<https://cer.be/cer-press-releases/weights-and-dimensions-directive-amendment-impractical-and-ineffective-measures-for-the-railway-sector>

#### **ERFA:**

- 23.1.2024 Press Release - Strikes in Germany: DB InfraGO must fulfil its sovereign duty as an infrastructure manager:

<https://erfarail.eu/news/press-release-strikes-in-germany-db-infrago-must-fulfil-its-sovereign-duty-as-an-infrastructure-manager>

- 11.1.2024 an information about Joint Study on the weights and dimensions directive amendments:

<https://erfarail.eu/news/press-release-weights-and-dimensions-directive-amendment-impractical-and-ineffective-measures-for-the-railway-sector>

#### **ERJU:**

- 29.1.2024 ERJU publish Report on the GEARBODIES Project Demonstrator. It reports on advancements in rail carbody inspection technology, elastomer-based running gear components, and bearing innovations within the GEARBODIES project. The Carbody Inspection Equipment demonstrator focuses on the validation of the Mobile Prototype Platform (MPP) and its equipment for the inspection of composite carbody shell, which uses image processing and pattern recognition. Integrating Ultrasonic Testing (UT) and Infrared Thermography (IRT) equipment was an adequate solution, with promising inspection times and potential for higher automation.

<https://rail-research.europa.eu/news/results-published-in-january-2024/>

- 17.1.2024 Request for expression of interest to be part of a possible large-scale testing of 100 DAC pre-deployment trains in Europe (2026-2028)

<https://rail-research.europa.eu/news/request-for-expression-of-interest-to-be-part-of-a-possible-large-scale-testing-of-100-dac-pre-deployment-trains-in-europe-2026-2028/>

#### **Rail Freight Forward:**

- No news announced.

## **B. SLOVAKIA**

#### **Ministry of Transport:**

- 26.1.2024 a press release published: Rumors and facts about the Strategic Investments Act:  
<https://www.mindop.sk/media/tlacove-spravy/famy-a-fakty-o-zakone-o-strategickych-investiciach>
- 26.1.2024 a press release published: The European Commission is interested in transport projects in Slovakia. EC was interested into modernization of the railway line Žilina – Košice – Čierna nad Tisou, the state of preparation of the Slovak part of the V4 high-speed railway project, but also the modernization of the port in Bratislava. All project to be financed from CEF:

<https://www.mindop.sk/media/tlacove-spravy/europska-komisia-sa-zaujima-o-dopravne-projekty-na-slovensku>

#### **Transport Authority:**

- On January 1, 2024, Act No. 332/2023 on public and passenger transport and on the amendment of certain laws came into force. Currently, the Ministry of Transport is preparing implementing legislation. The returns remain valid for the time being.

<http://drahy.nsat.sk/regulacia-na-zeleznicnych-drahach/oznamy-a-upozornenia-pripomienkove-konania/>

## **C. CZECH REPUBLIC**

#### **Ministry of Transport:**

- 25.1.2024 The Railway Administration will proceed to measure the level between the level crossings and the road:

<https://www.mdcrcz/Media/Media-a-tiskove-zpravy/Sprava-zeleznic-pristoupik-mereni-nivelet-mezi-vl?returl=/Media/Media-a-tiskove-zpravy>

- 12.1.2024 an Article published: What will be the EU's transport priorities for 2024?

<https://www.mdcrcz/Media/Media-a-tiskove-zpravy/Jake-budou-dopravni-priority-EU-na-rok-2024?returl=/Media/Media-a-tiskove-zpravy>

#### **Railway Office:**

- 18.1.2024 press release The ETCS Working Group has progressed and set further tasks. The participants of meeting on 17.1.2024 of the ETCS working group evaluated the progress made

so far in the implementation of the system and set the next steps. Since the first cutting of the group in October of last year, intensive cooperation of all involved entities has started and concrete steps have been taken to improve the functionality of the ETCS system.

<https://ducr.cz/tiskove-zpravy/pracovni-skupina-etcs-pokrocila-a-stanovila-dalsi-ukoly/>

- 11.1.2024 updated list of railway carriers: One new Czech carrier has been added to the list of railway carriers. It is the company good thing s.r.o. The list of foreign companies that can operate transport to border stations has grown by 4 carriers. As of 10.1.2024 there are 138 carriers registered in the Czech Republic authorized to operate rail transport on national and regional railways.

<https://ducr.cz/aktuality/aktualizovali-jsme-seznam-zeleznicnich-dopravcu/>

### **3. EVENTS**

#### **A. PAST**

- 8.1.2024 VPI New Year's reception  
[https://vpihamburg.de/en/events/11-vpi-neujahrsempfang-2024\\_3792](https://vpihamburg.de/en/events/11-vpi-neujahrsempfang-2024_3792)
- 9.1.2024 14. VPI Symposium  
[https://vpihamburg.de/en/events/14-vpi-symposium-2024\\_3793](https://vpihamburg.de/en/events/14-vpi-symposium-2024_3793)
- 11.1.2024 Presentation of the Study on the Impacts of the Proposed Amendments to the Weights and Dimensions Directive on Combined Transport and Rail Freight Transport  
<https://uic.org/com/enews/article/presentation-of-the-study-on-the-impacts-of-the-proposed-amendments-to-the>
- 11.1.2024 Joint Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and Committee on Transport and Tourism  
[https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/webstreaming/joint-committee-on-environment-public-health-and-food-safety-and-committee-on-transport-and-tourism\\_20240111-0900-COMMITTEE-ENVI-TRAN](https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/webstreaming/joint-committee-on-environment-public-health-and-food-safety-and-committee-on-transport-and-tourism_20240111-0900-COMMITTEE-ENVI-TRAN)
- 12.1.2024 GRB Core Group ERA a UIP  
<https://uiprail.org/meetings/>
- 16. – 18.1.2024 online training UIC FRMCS Engineering Course  
<https://uic.org/com/enews/article/uic-frmcs-engineering-course-to-be-held-on-16-18-january-online>
- 17.1.2023 CER conference „Connecting the high-speed dots: The key to faster, cleaner East-West connectivity“  
<https://cer.be/cer-events/connecting-the-high-speed-dots-the-key-to-faster-cleaner-east-west-connectivity>
- 22. – 23.1.2024 Joint Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and Committee on Transport and Tourism  
<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/tran/meetings/meeting-documents>
- 23.1.2024 CER conference „Optimising rail capacity management“  
<https://cer.be/cer-events/optimising-rail-capacity-management>
- 25.1.2024 JNS Task Force NP Broken Wheels UIP  
<https://uiprail.org/meetings/>
- 29.1.2024 European Railway Award 2024  
<https://www.europeanrailwayaward.eu/>

- 31.1.2024 ERA Ex-post evaluation of Regulation (EU) 2019/779 (ECM): consultation workshop with Rail Sector

<https://www.era.europa.eu/content/ex-post-evaluation-regulation-eu-2019779-ecm-consultation-workshop-rail-sector>

## B. FUTURE

- 2.2.2024 UIC R&I Talks webinar series “RAILWAYS x INNOVATION”  
<https://uic.org/com/enews/article/uic-r-i-talks-webinar-series-railways-x-innovation-2-february-9-am-11-am>
- 3. – 4.2.2024 Devroom Railways and Open Transport Free University of Brussels  
<https://uic.org/com/enews/article/call-for-participants-at-the-railways-and-open-transport-devroom-at-fosdem-2024>
- 9.2.2024 Europe’s Rail Info Day 2024  
<https://rail-research.europa.eu/calendar/europes-rail-info-day-2024/>
- 21.2.2024 UIC workshop on FOS use for track and structure, Paris  
<https://uic.org/events/uic-workshop-on-fos-use-for-track-and-structure>
- 21.2.2024 Academic conference: Moving forward together: what's next for EU mobility & transport? Charlemagne Brussels:  
[https://transport.ec.europa.eu/main-events/moving-forward-together-whats-next-eu-mobility-transport\\_en](https://transport.ec.europa.eu/main-events/moving-forward-together-whats-next-eu-mobility-transport_en)
- 28.2.2024 UIC Harmotrack Project final event, Paris  
<https://uic.org/events/harmotrack-project-final-event>
- 2.- 5.4.2024 Connecting Europe Days  
<https://www.cer.be/cer-events/connecting-europe-days-2024>
- 2.4.2024 Boosting Rail Freight Transport in Europe: what worked – and what still needs to be done  
<https://cer.be/cer-events/boosting-rail-freight-transport-in-europe-what-worked-and-what-still-needs-to-be-done>
- 15. – 18.4.2024 TRA 2024  
<https://rail-research.europa.eu/calendar/tra-2024-10th-conference/>
- 23. – 25.4.2024 ERA ERTMS conference  
<https://www.era.europa.eu/content/ertms-2024-conference>
- 16.10.2024 12. ERA Budapest Workshop  
<https://www.era.europa.eu/content/12th-era-budapest-workshop-2024>

## 4. OTHER

- 31.1.2024 European Railway Award 2024 Celebrates European Year of Skills  
<https://www.railtarget.eu/interviews-and-events/european-railway-award-2024-celebrates-european-year-of-skills-7656.html>
- 30.1.2024 Progressive Slovakia Criticizes Transport Minister Ráž's Investment Plans  
<https://www.railtarget.eu/interviews-and-events/slovakian-progressives-criticize-transport-minister-razs-investment-plans-7610.html>
- 29.1.2024 Are Hydrogen Trains Our Future or Just a Wasted Investment?  
<https://www.railtarget.eu/passenger/are-hydrogen-trains-our-future-or-just-a-wasted-investment-7627.html>
- 26.1.2024 "Rail Freight's Future Depends on the DAC," Says Malte Lawrenz, VPI  
<https://www.railtarget.eu/interviews-and-events/rail-freights-future-depends-on-the-dac-says-malte-lawrenz-vpi-7639.html>
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