

UNECE's role in rail transport for the Danube region

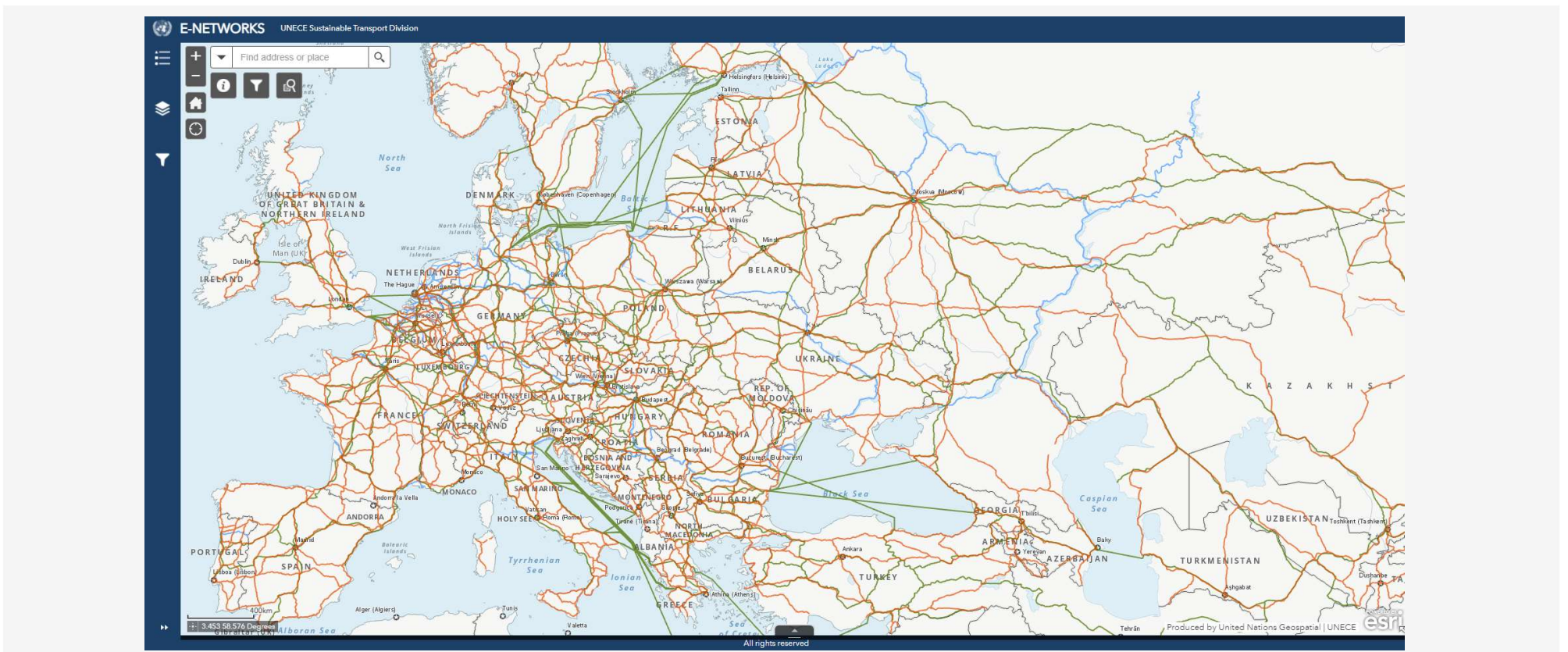
Session 2: Transforming the railways in the Danube region: what can be done to make the railways attractive and safe during and after the coronavirus era

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UNECE rail related infrastructure agreements



Other rail agreements



- International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage carried by Rail;
- International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Goods Carried by Rail;
- Customs Convention concerning Spare Parts Used for Repairing Europ Wagons;
- Customs Conventions on Containers;
- European Convention on Customs Treatment of Pallets Used in International Transport;
- International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods;
- Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers Used in International Transport;
- Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail under Cover of SMGS Consignment Notes;
- Convention on the facilitation of border crossing procedures for passengers, luggage and load-luggage carried in international traffic by rail.

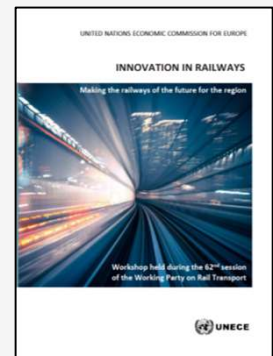
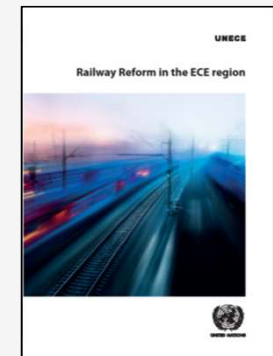
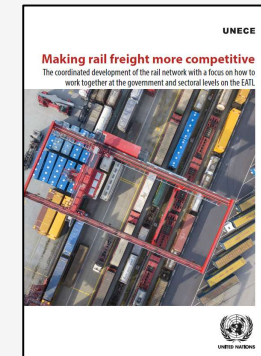
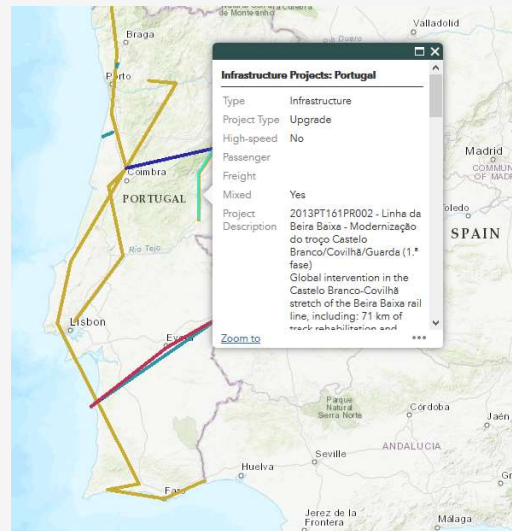
Rail transport at UNECE



SC.2 provides the framework for rail activities through:

- Rail security
- Innovation in railways
- Rail financing
- Competitiveness
- Safety
- Productivity
- Statistics...

- EATL



Trans-European Railway

A key project for the Danube Region



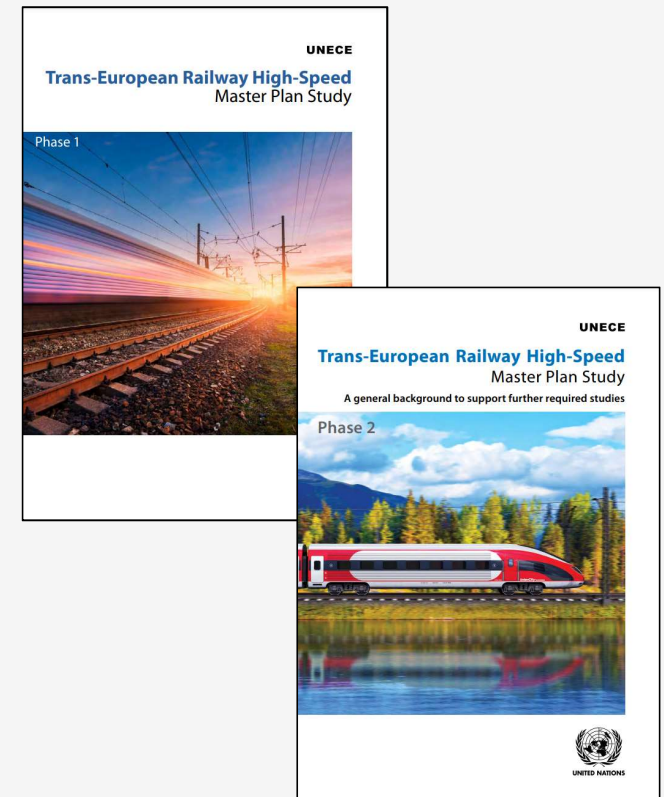
Key background information:

- Set up to ensure seamless connections throughout Europe.
- Focus on Central, Eastern and Southern Europe.

Objectives:

- To improve the quality and efficiency of transport operations.
- To assist in the integration of European infrastructure.
- To develop a coherent and efficient railway and intermodal transport system based on the AGC and AGTC.

Currently working finalising new strategy and key studies.

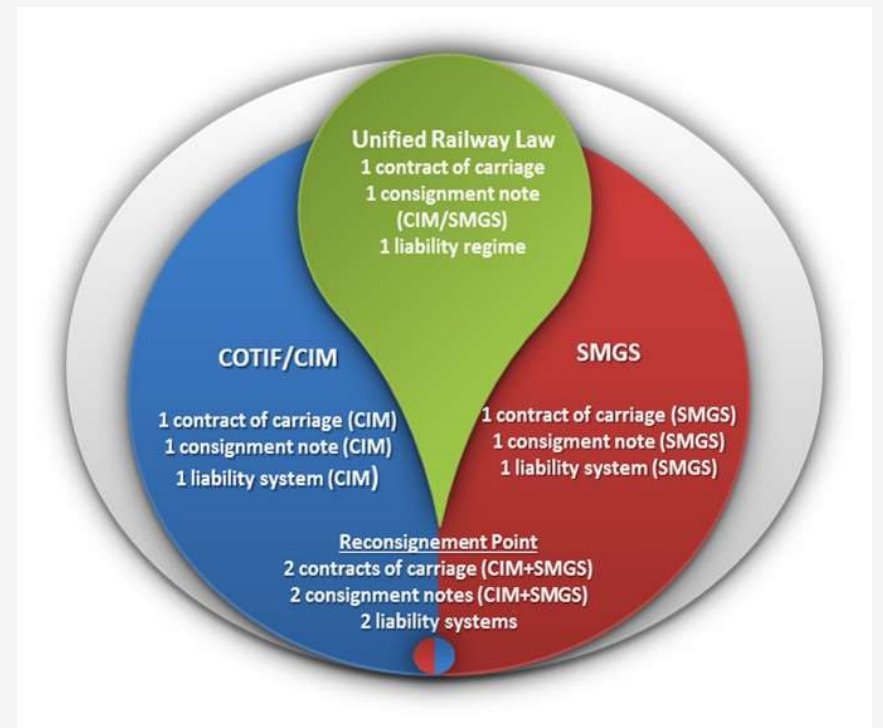
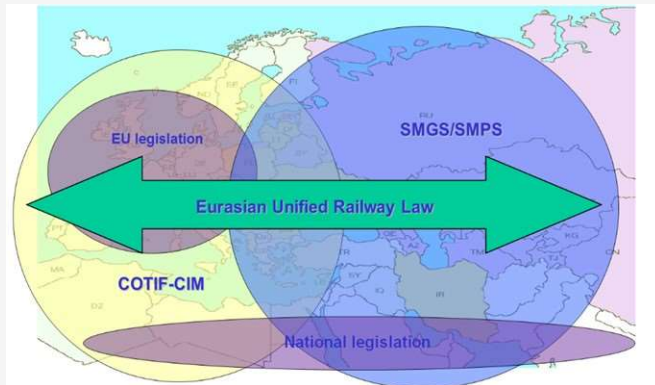


Unified Railway Law

Breaking down administrative barriers for freight movements



- The new legal railway regime
- Land bridge between Europe, Asia and Middle East
- Facilitating international rail transport of goods and containers on the basis of a single contract of carriage



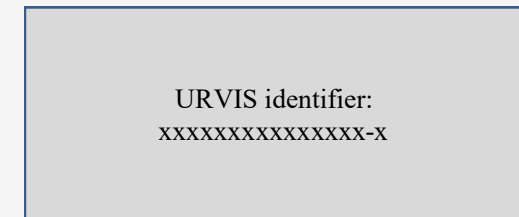
Permanent identification of railway rolling stock

Making rail financing more secure



Group of Experts set up for the permanent marking of railway rolling stock with the aim of:

- Implementing the Luxembourg Rail Protocol
- Aid in financing of rolling stock
- Create certainty for the sector
- Increase investment in the railways



Through:

- Development of model rules for the permanent identification
- How to affix the URVIS number

International Railway Passenger Hubs

Capturing international traffic from other sectors



Aims:

- Facilitate the harmonization of stations
- Improve accessibility
- Capture traffic from other modes

Through:

- Identification of hubs on the AGC
- Define technical parameters for the hubs
- Identification of what legal instrument / tool to propose
- Analysis of the legal framework in international passenger transport
- Measures to support international rail carriers during and after the COVID-19 pandemic

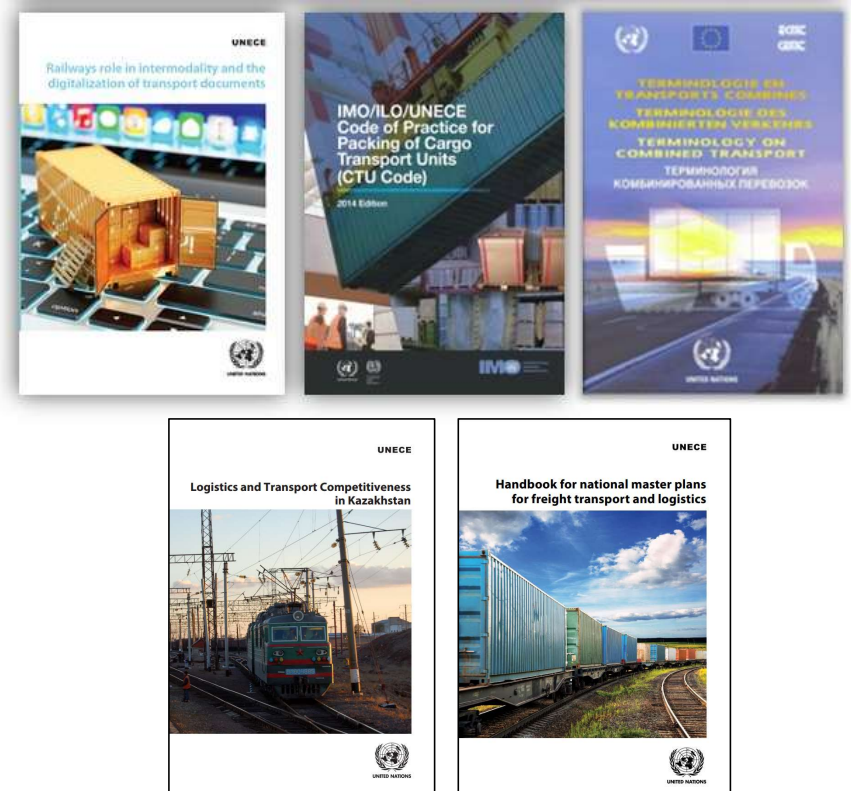


Intermodal transport

Fundamental for the railways



- Code of Practice for Packing of Containers (CTU Code)
- Railway's role in intermodality and the digitalization of transport documents
- Logistics and Transport Competitiveness reports
- Handbook for national master plans for freight transport and logistics
- AGC/AGTC online tool
- Intermodal transport in the age of COVID-19



UNECE COVID-19 Response

The role of railways and intermodal transport

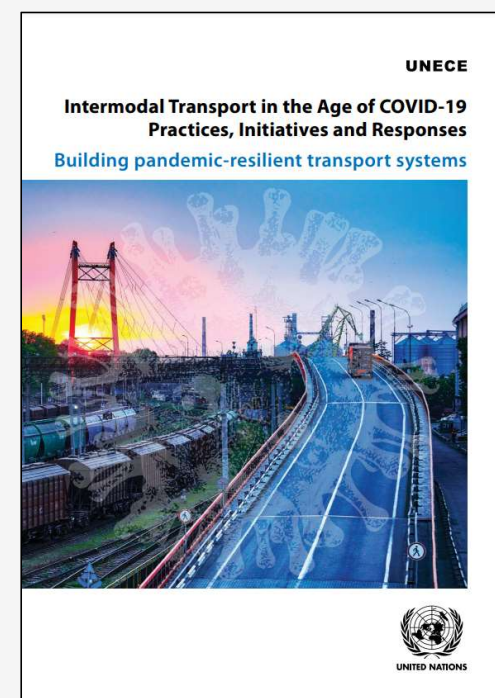


- Significant freight traffic has shifted to rail during the pandemic.
- This traffic needs to remain, and the lessons learned from the pandemic are applied for the recovery

The UNECE COVID Response has concentrated on:

- The observatory on border crossing limitations
- Emergency response preparedness
- Detailed statistical analysis on transport developments in COVID.
- Leading to a publication “Intermodal transport in the age of COVID-19”

[ITC Resolution on the important role of intermodal transport during the Pandemic](#)



Thank you

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