

## Ride2Rail

Dear Ride2Rail participants,

I thank you all for your attendance today to this Ride2Rail first Stakeholder meeting organized by UIC.

I hope you are all safe in this difficult period.

I like to thank in particular Mr Yves PERREAL, Coordinator of Shift2Rail Innovation Program 4 (IP4), to introduce with me today this Ride2Rail meeting,

This year is the European Year of Rail. As a series of events, this initiative will promote Rail as sustainable, innovative and safe mode of transport. And the European Commission will be glad to show some amazing projects and implementations concerning Customer services and also Multimodality.

Transportation multimodality or intermodality of Rail transport with all other transport modes is a primary UIC objective in 2021. It is one of my major objectives of this year, especially in the field of ticket integration.

Beginning of 2020, UIC signed a MoU with IATA to foster the cooperation between air and rail industry. In 2021 work in monthly common UIC-IATA workshops to ensure the complementarity and seamless multimodalité with air.

Concerning the local transportation, UIC and UITP signed a MoU 2 years ago. Local transport as bus, tram and bike sharing companies collaborate with us in some UIC distribution and ticketing groups. We have the same objective to reach the integration of ticketing.

Car transportation and car sharing companies in Ride2Rail project complete perfectly ongoing UIC collaboration with all transport modes.

Concerning Railway Stations, in 2021, we set up 4 global working groups which will work on Design of stations, small stations, commercial and operation.

Indeed, UIC vision is that Rail is

- at the heart of an integrated, attractive transport system in which each mode plays to its strengths, enabling a more competitive European economy focused on Customer experience and services.

- central to delivery of a strategy that has resulted in a massive cut in Green-House Gas (GHG) emissions, reduced oil dependency and mitigated the challenge of congestion.
- the enabling factor for sustainable mobility that underpins economic growth and a dynamic society.

The UIC Rail Community is seen as global experts in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of a world-class rail system.

UIC is at the heart of the rail standardisation and is pushing for coherence of standards with other transport modes to shape the future of mobility.

This position is underpinned and strengthened by a seamless European research and innovation Shift2Rail program that assures continuity through radical research, applied research, development, demonstration and innovation in products and services.

Of course, UIC will be part of the new program Shift2Rail2, especially in the fields of customer experience and multimodality. We will work hard together for a common objective which is the customer satisfaction for a seamless travel.

To achieve this vision, Shift2Rail Ride2Rail project and workshop today is the right place to deliver this change in concrete IT solutions in a UIC standardization atmosphere.