



# Press announcement

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## Promoting Digital Transport – views by Wagon Keepers

Digitalisation and Intelligent Communication Technologies (ICTs) play a key role in transport where the exchange of information is of utmost importance to facilitate the transportation of people and goods throughout Europe and around the world. Freight Wagon Keepers are at the heart of market demand, and rely on new technologies that can improve their assets and make them more attractive to customers.

UIP, the International Union of Wagon Keepers, believes that a stronger commitment is needed for voluntary cooperation among wagon Keepers, RUs and Infrastructure Managers to exchange more information in common formats that are important for the proper maintenance and safe operations of rail freight vehicles.

UIP is very much aware that challenges remain due to complex authorisation discussions over data access rights, a lack of standards for data quality and formats, and a fear of loss of proprietary information related to traffic patterns.

Bearing in mind such challenges, UIP recommends that as the market develops:

- a flexible decision-making structure is implemented to keep a mandatory data catalogue dynamic in nature
- there should be an obligation by the relevant actors to exchange operationally justified data
- an open dialogue should be promoted among the relevant actors (including the EUAR) on the need for operating data
- a regular review of data content is carried out for future needs of a developing industry landscape.

UIP invites you to read its leaflet Promoting Digital Transport - Wagon Keeper's View available on its website ([http://uiprail.org/files/uip/Digital\\_leaflet.pdf](http://uiprail.org/files/uip/Digital_leaflet.pdf))

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**UIP – International Union of Wagon Keepers a.i.s.b.l.**

Founded in 1950, the UIP – International Union of Wagon Keepers, with its seat in Brussels, is the umbrella association of national associations from fourteen European countries, thus representing more than 200 freight wagon keepers and ECMs with more than 210'000 freight wagons, performing 50 % of the rail freight tonne-Kilometres throughout Europe. The UIP represents the members' concerns at international level. By means of research, lobbying and focused cooperation with all stakeholders and organisations interested in rail freight transportation, the UIP wants to secure on the long term the future of rail freight transport.