

The upcoming Austrian Presidency of the EU: a key turning point for the European rail industry

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European Association of train-builders and rail equipment manufacturers

More than 100 suppliers of rolling stock, infrastructure and signalling equipment from all over Europe (incl. Voestalpine, Kapsch, Plasser & Theurer and Frauscher)

14 National Associations (including Bahnindustrie.at)



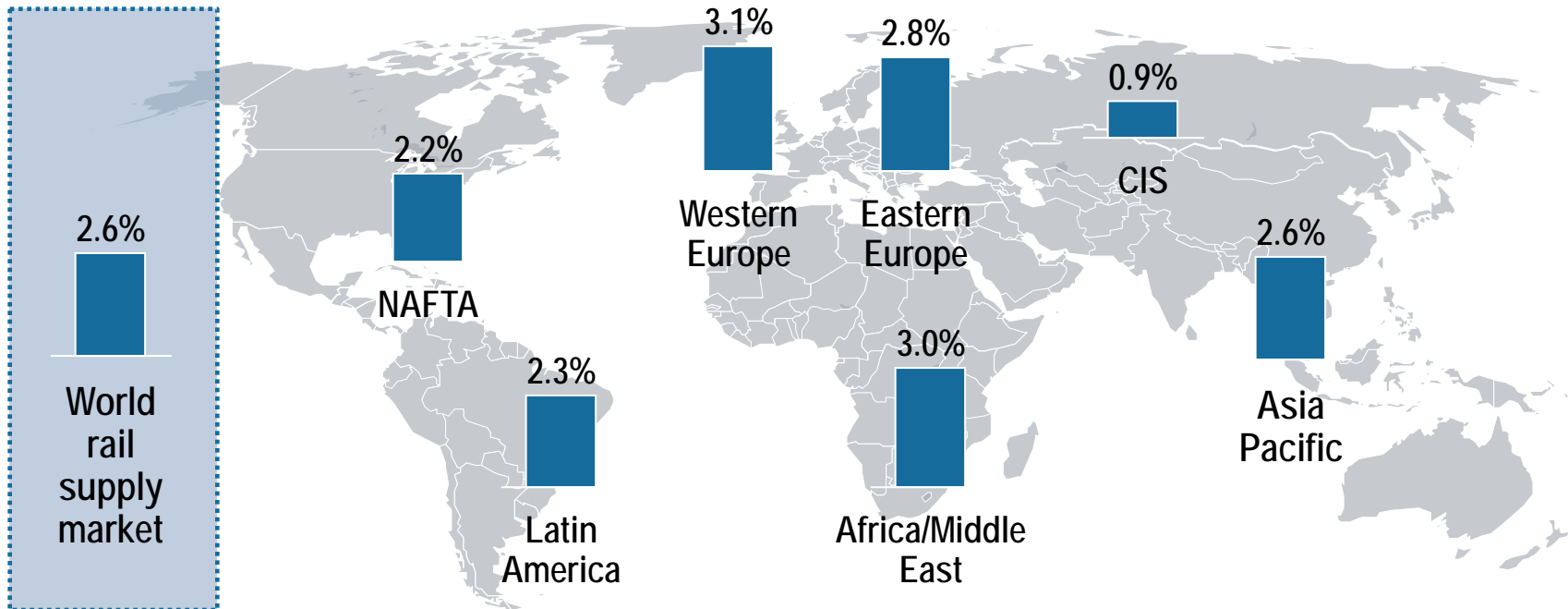
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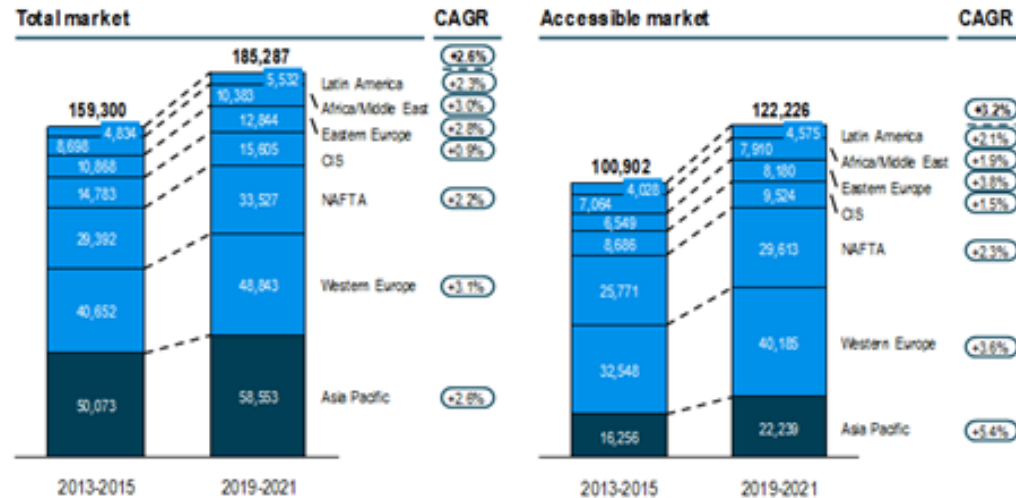


- Publication of the new World Rail Market Study (by Roland Berger) with forecasts 2016-2021
- Megatrends: growing urbanisation, energy scarcity, climate change and digitalisation



Compounded annual growth rate of total market 2019-2021 vs. 2013-2015
Source: UNIFE WRMS 2016

- Decreasing international market access



Source: UNIFE WRMS 2016

- Fierce competition from non-European suppliers

Need for the EU and all Member States to act to help the European rail supply industry maintain its world leadership

**Austrian Presidency of the
Council of the European
Union **between July and
December 2018****

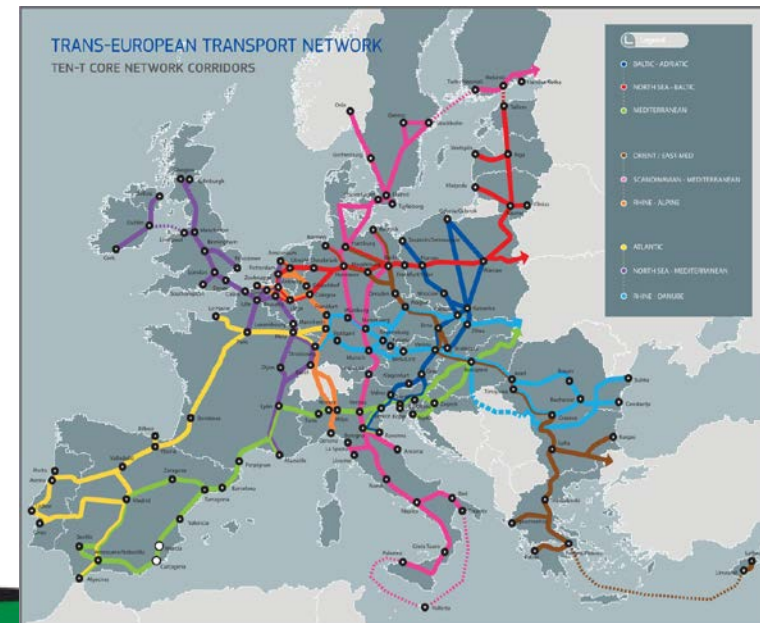
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**Decisive period for the future
of the European Rail Industry!**

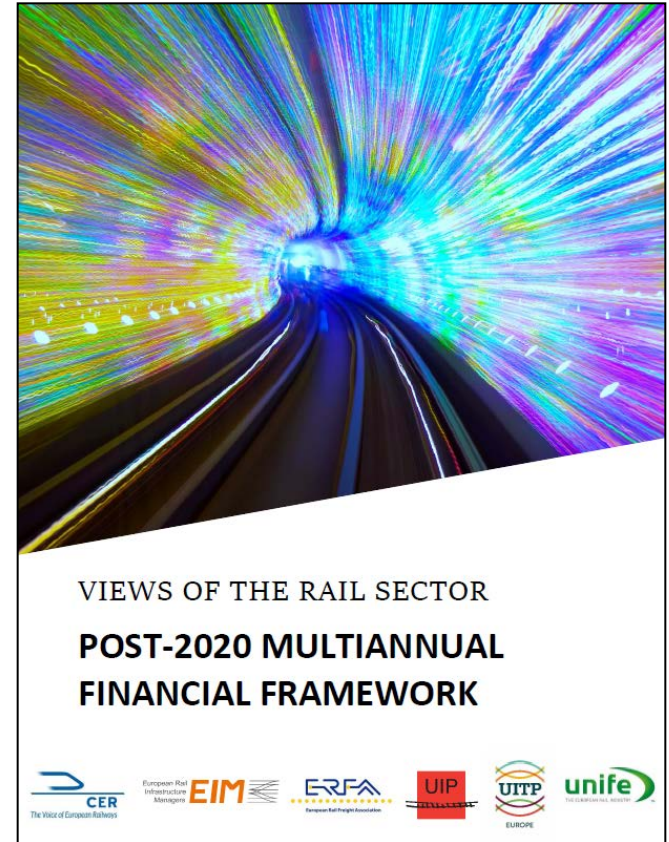
Post-2020 EU investment programmes for rail

- EC proposal on post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) expected in May
- Difficult negotiations on budget (impact of Brexit, priority on defense and security, lobbying of connected cars...)
- Grants from Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Structural Funds (cf. Cohesion Fund) have proven to be instrumental for Europe's rail development
- **Key role of the future Austrian Presidency for the adoption of post-2020 EU investment programmes for rail**



Post-2020 EU investment programmes for rail (2)

- Joint Position Paper on the post-2020 EU budget initiated by UNIFE and co-signed by all major European rail stakeholders
- Demonstration of why it is so **vital for the EU and Member States to continue investing in rail projects** – be they for infrastructure, ERTMS or rolling stock – particularly considering the benefits of rail transport for the economy, the environment and the whole society



Future of the Shift2Rail R&D Programme

- **Public-Private Partnership for rail Research & Innovation (R&I) under Horizon 2020**
- **Unprecedented joint effort of all the stakeholders of the European rail sector to invest together in Research and Innovation**
- **Virtual Vehicle Austria consortium+ (VVAC+) as Associated Member with many Austrian companies**
- **Opportunity for other Austrian players through the annual Shift2Rail Open Calls**
- **Importance of the Transport Research Arena 2018 (TRA) in Vienna (16-19 April)**



Future of the Shift2Rail R&D Programme (2)

- **European Commissioner for Research & Innovation Carlos Moedas will soon present his proposal for the 9th European Research Framework Programme under the next MFF**
- **No guarantee at this stage that the European Commission will accept to extend the current PPPs – including Shift2Rail – after 2020**
- **The support of the Austrian Government and rail stakeholders would be key to help convince the European Commission to extend Shift2Rail**
- **UNIFE has already launched an intense advocacy campaign with recent dedicated visits in France, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Slovakia, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Bulgaria, Romania and Austria + Rail Forum Europe event on Shift2Rail in Brussels on 23 April**

Implementation of the Technical Pillar of the 4th Railway Package

- **Key enabler for a real single market for rail products and for an interoperable Single European Railway Area (SERA)**
- **For a streamlined and efficient process for vehicle authorisation in Europe and an enhanced role of the EU Agency for Railways (ERA) as a one-stop-shop for vehicle authorisation and safety certification**
- **June 2019: the deadline for Member States to transpose the EU Directives into domestic legislation**
- **Key role of Austria Presidency – together with ERA Executive Director Josef Doppelbauer – to ensure swift implementation of the Technical Pillar**



Trade and International Market Access: major dossiers under the Austrian Presidency

■ EU-China Investment Agreement

- Objective: improve market access opportunities (no discrimination against EU companies, incl. with SoEs) and address the regulatory environment (licensing procedures etc.)

■ International Procurement Instrument (IPI)

- 2016 EC revised proposal aims at improving the access of EU operators, goods and services to procurement markets in third countries.

■ EU Regulation for screening foreign direct investments

- EC proposal cementing the right of EU countries to block investments if they wish so, 'on grounds of security or public order'. This includes blocking takeovers that involve 'critical infrastructure' and 'critical technologies'.

Need for the support of the Austrian Presidency on these essential topics for the rail supply industry!

New EC Expert Group on the Competitiveness of the European Rail Supply Industry

- **15 January 2018: European Commissioner for Industry Elżbieta Bieńkowska officially launched the Call for Members to set up the Expert Group on the Competitiveness of the European Rail Supply Industry!**
- **Unique established platform where representatives of both the European Commission and National Governments will hold a direct dialogue with train-builders and rail equipment suppliers in order to better understand their concrete needs and challenges**
- **Topics already identified: Trade, Public Procurement (incl. MEAT/ best quality-price ratio principle), Research & Innovation, Skills & Training, Industry 4.0, SME policy**
- **First meeting on 10 April at the European Commission**

Industry4Europe campaign for an ambitious EU industrial strategy

- UNIFE coordinates an unprecedented coalition of 126 European industrial federations representing all manufacturing sectors
- 30 November 2017: presentation by UNIFE of the coalition's Joint Reaction Paper "For an ambitious EU industrial Strategy" to the 28 Ministers of Economy and Industry during the Competitiveness Council



- UNIFE in close contact with Mr Ulrich Schuh – Austrian Chair of the Council High Level Group on Competitiveness and Growth



Upcoming important events co-organised by UNIFE

- High-level Presidency seminar “EU support for the development of rail transport in Bulgaria and the Western Balkans” (Sofia / 13 April)
- EU support for developing rail transport in Croatia: current opportunities and future perspectives (Zagreb / 5 June)




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**EU support for the development of rail
transport in Bulgaria and the Western
Balkans**

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13 April 2018
Sofia Central Railway Station

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**EU support for developing rail transport in Croatia:
current opportunities and future perspectives**

5 June 2018
Croatian Parliament – Zagreb, Croatia

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