



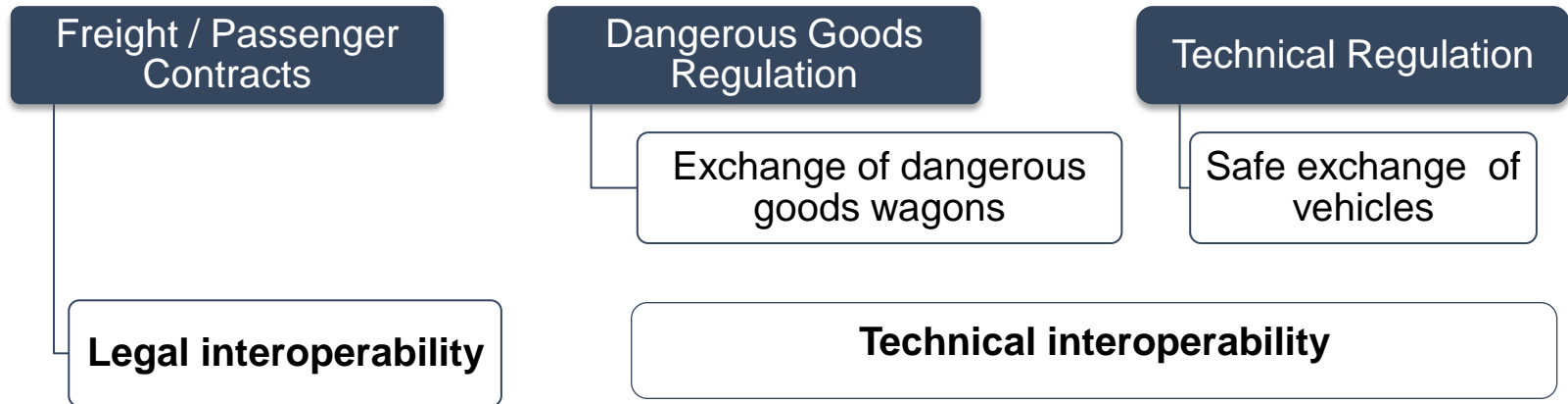
# Luxemburg protocol : an opportunity for the rail industry

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# COTIF – developing uniform law

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- Founded in 1893 in Bern
- Applies to international traffic by rail
- Is international law
- Member States can make declarations not to apply selected parts of COTIF



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Situation on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015

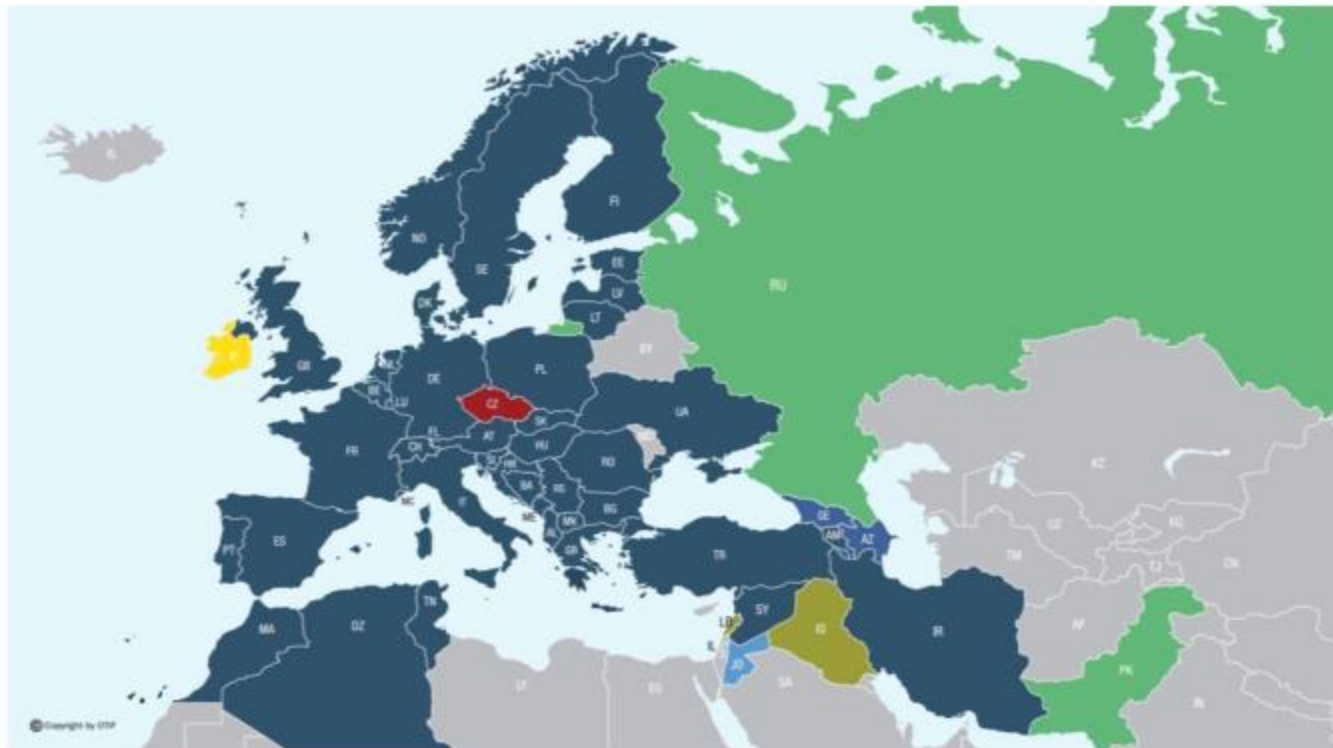


# Geographical scope of COTIF and its Appendices

-  Tous les appendices de la COTIF (41)\*  
Alle Anhänge des COTIF (41)\*  
All COTIF appendices (41)\*
-  Sans CUI/APTU/ATMF (1)  
Ohne CUI/APTU/ATMF (1)  
Without CUI/APTU/ATMF (1)
-  Sans CUV/CUI/APTU/ATMF (2)  
Ohne CUV/CUI/APTU/ATMF (2)  
Without CUV/CUI/APTU/ATMF (2)
-  Membres associés (1)  
Assoziierte Mitglieder (1)  
Associate Members (1)
-  Sans CIV/RID/CUV/CUI/APTU/ATMF (2)  
Ohne CIV/RID/CUV/CUI/APTU/ATMF (2)  
Without CIV/RID/CUV/CUI/APTU/ATMF (2)
-  COTIF 1999 pas encore ratifiée (1)  
COTIF 1999 noch nicht ratifiziert (1)  
COTIF 1999 not yet ratified (1)
-  Suspension de la qualité de membre (2)  
Ruhe der Mitgliedschaft (2)  
Membership suspended (2)
-  Sans ATMF (1)  
Ohne ATMF (1)  
Without ATMF (1)
- \*Monaco:

 Sans CUI (1)  
Ohne CUI (1)  
Without CUI (1)
- \*GB:

 Sans CUI (1)  
Ohne CUI (1)  
Without CUI (1)



# Unified railway law to connect Europe, Asia and Africa:

## Railways as international networks

### Connected

- Purely national networks belong to the past
- A regional approach is vital

**Developing an international interoperability model**

### Uniform

- Common technical and contract law
- Common high level rules



**Modal shift towards significant Eurasian freight transport by rail**

### Interoperable

- Common technical rules
- Common interfaces definition
- Partnership based approach with other organisations

**Reducing GHG emissions and foster human development**

## Luxemburg protocol : secured framework for private financing

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- Growing investments for connecting Europe with Asia : Silk road project, the will of turkey and Iran to act as regional railway hubs,...
  - Regional development : GCC Network building for more than US\$20billion, High speed links in Morocco, Turkey, that will double its network by 2020...
- ⇒ **For the industry, uniform legal, technical and operational framework will be vital.**
- The investment in rolling stock should be more driven by private capital.
  - The secure access to the locomotive and wagons for the investor is a key success factor for developing innovative services.
- ⇒ **Development of private financing will be an incentive to achieve an uniform technical framework.**

**OTIF secretariat will contribute to install this virtuous circle.**



Thank You for your attention



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