



International Rail Transport Committee  
Comité international des transports ferroviaires  
Internationales Eisenbahntransportkomitee

# **Common consignment note as way forward for legal challenges in international railway transport**

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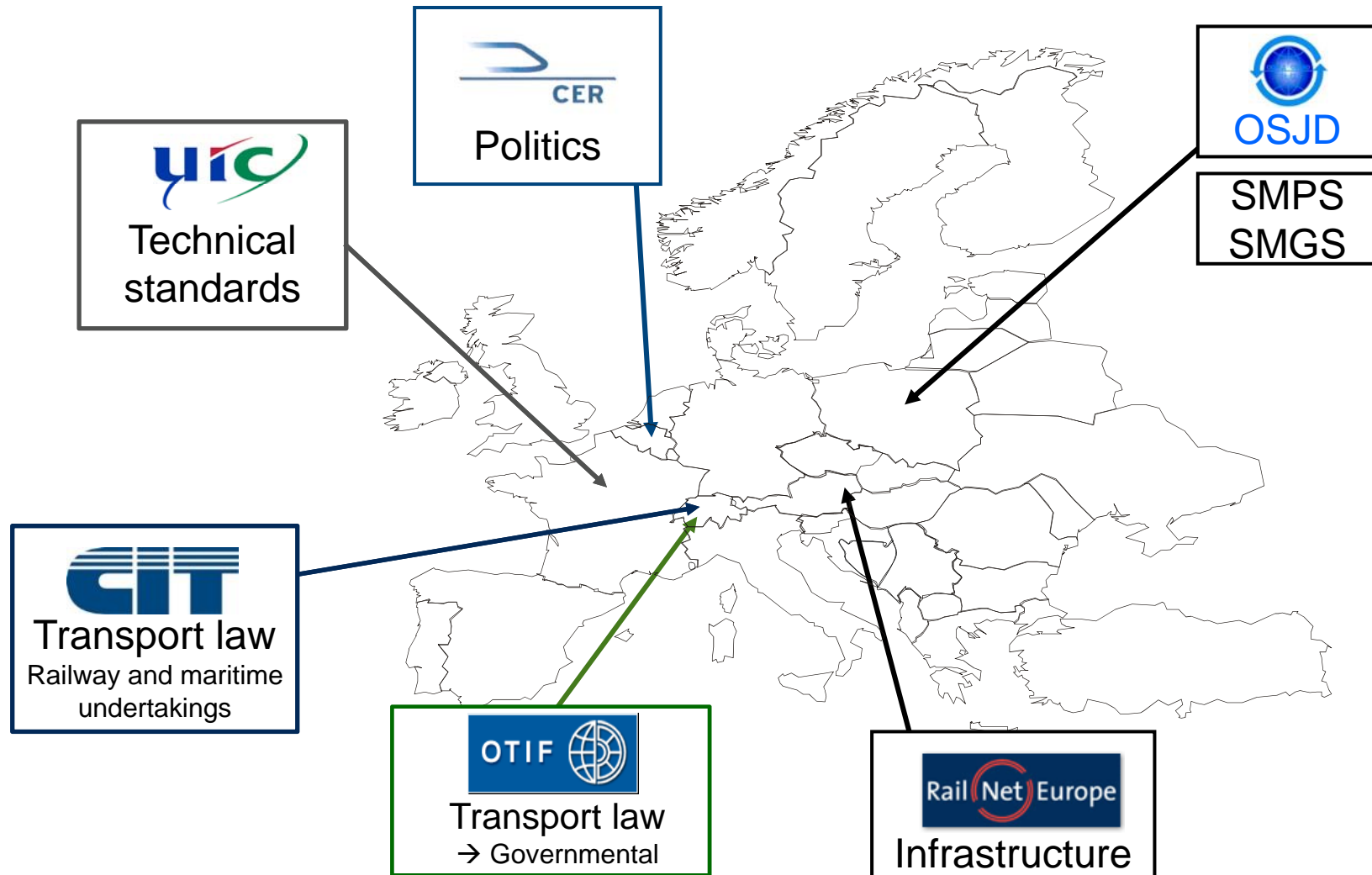
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# Comité international des transports ferroviaires (CIT): [www.cit-rail.org](http://www.cit-rail.org)

- 200 railway undertakings and shipping companies
- Association under Swiss law, located in Bern
- Tasks:
  1. Implementation of COTIF and EU law for practical use
  2. Standardisation of contractual relationships
  3. Representation of the interests of members to authorities and other associations



# Railway and governmental organisations



# COTIF - OTIF

COTIF	
Convention relative aux transports internationaux ferroviaires du 9 mai 1980 dans la teneur du Protocole de modification du 3 juin 1999	
Titre premier	Généralités
• Article premier	Organisation intergouvernementale
• Article 2	But de l'Organisation
• Article 3	Coopération internationale
• Article 4	Reprise et transfert d'attributions
• Article 5	Obligations particulières des Etats membres
• Article 6	Règles uniformes
• Article 7	Définition de la notion "Convention"

## COTIF = Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail

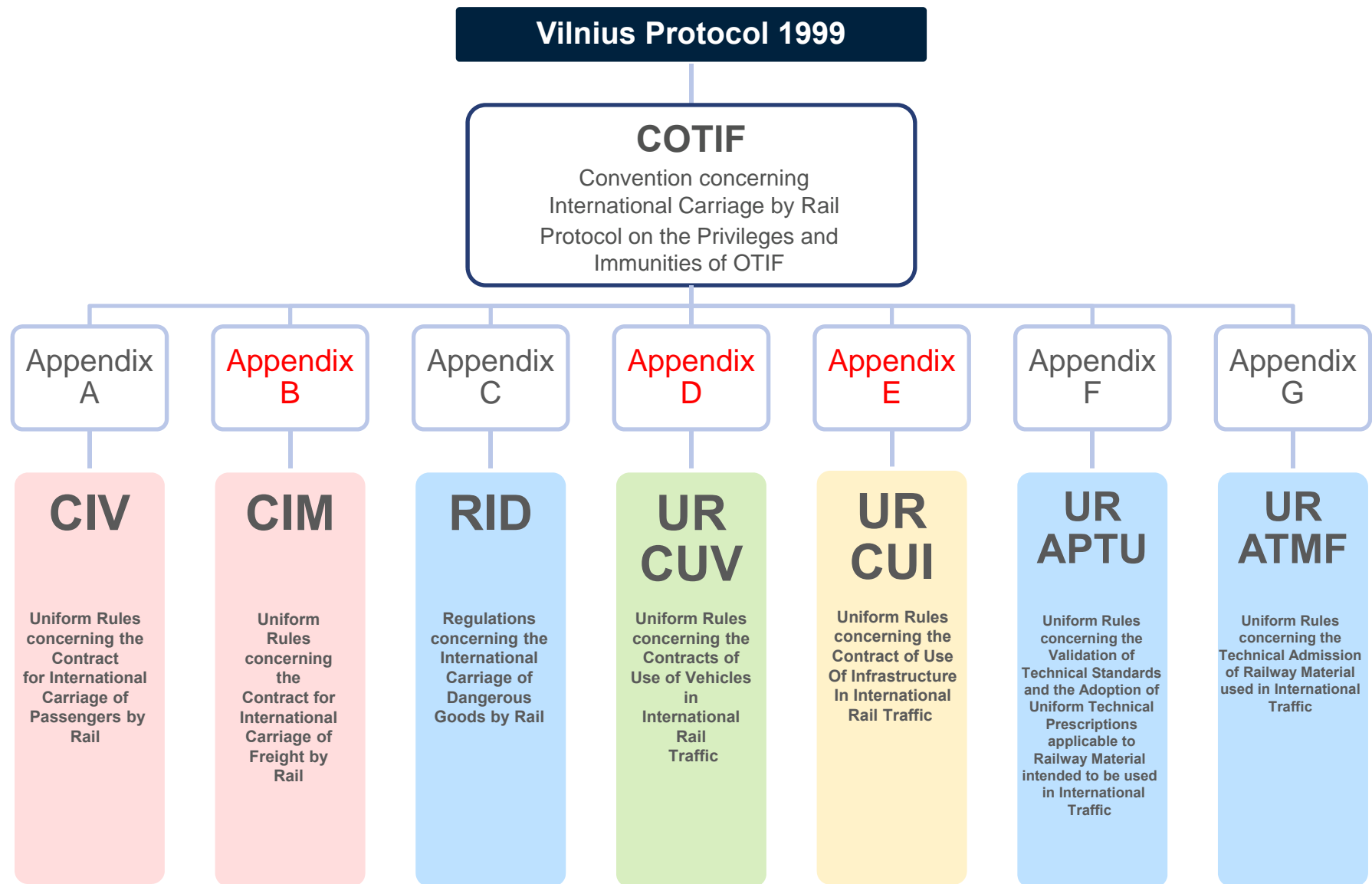
- Aim = to establish **uniform rules** for international rail transport
- Entry into force: 1 July 2006
- Many revisions since 19th century!



## OTIF = Intergovernmental organisation for International Carriage by Rail

- 49 Member States (incl. EU since 2011)
- Recent members = Russia, Armenia, Georgia  
→ it is expanding towards East
- Based in Bern (Switzerland)

# COTIF 1999











## OTIF : a coordination and interfacing role

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### COTIF Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail

<b><u>Appendix A</u></b> <b>CIV</b> Uniform Rules concerning the <b>Contract</b> of International Carriage of Passengers by Rail	<b><u>Appendix B</u></b> <b>CIM</b> Uniform Rules concerning the <b>Contract</b> of International Carriage of Goods by Rail	<b><u>Appendix C</u></b> <b>RID</b> Regulation concerning the <b>International</b> Carriage of Dangerous Goods By Rail	<b><u>Appendix D</u></b> <b>CUV</b> Uniform Rules concerning the <b>Contracts of Use</b> of Vehicles in International Rail Traffic	<b><u>Appendix E</u></b> <b>CUI</b> Uniform Rules concerning the <b>Contracts</b> of Use of Infrastructure in International Rail Traffic	<b><u>Appendix F</u></b> <b>APTU</b> Uniform Rules concerning the <b>Validation</b> of Technical Standards and Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions applicable to Railway Material	<b><u>Appendix G</u></b> <b>ATMF</b> Uniform Rules concerning the <b>Technical</b> Admission of Railway Material used in International Traffic
		 				













# Champ d'application géographique de la COTIF et ses appendices

## Geografischer Anwendungsbereich des COTIF und dessen Anhänge

### Geographical scope of COTIF and its appendices

État au 1<sup>er</sup> mars 2015  
Stand 1. März 2015  
Situation on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015

-  Tous les appendices de la COTIF (36)  
Alle Anhänge des COTIF (36)  
All COTIF appendices (36)
-  Sans ATMF (2)  
Ohne ATMF (2)  
Without ATMF (2)
-  Sans CUI/APTU/ATMF (3)  
Ohne CUI/APTU/ATMF (3)  
Without CUI/APTU/ATMF (3)
-  Sans CUV/CUI/APTU/ATMF (1)  
Ohne CUV/CUI/APTU/ATMF (1)  
Without CUV/CUI/APTU/ATMF (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 (2)  
COTIF 1999 noch nicht ratifiziert (2)  
COTIF 1999 not yet ratified (2)
-  Suspension de la qualité de membre (2)  
Ruhen der Mitgliedschaft (2)  
Membership suspended (2)
-  Membres associés (1)  
Assoziierte Mitglieder (1)  
Associate Members (1)

