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UNECE TER Project Seminar on railway infrastructure and track maintenance

A UNECE-TER Seminar on railway infrastructure, track maintenance equipment and organization of work on a construction site was jointly organized with Sycafer and Vossloh Cogifer on 21 and 22 October 2003 in Alsace, France, and was supported by the Union of European Professional Railway Engineers (UEEIV).

The Seminar offered the participants the possibility to get acquainted with the latest developments in railway infrastructure projects in France and, particularly, the modernization of standard lines and construction of new TGV sections. Developments in fastening devices, construction of ballasted or concreted new tracks, maintenance and renewal of railway networks, the latest machines for track maintenance and renewal as, for example, the tamping-lining and levelling machines, safety products and signalling systems, manufacture of various types of rails, weldings and concrete sleepers etc., were also among the topics that were introduced.

At Cronenburg-Strasbourg, the participants visited a site of CTS for tram-train links; at Luneville, the Cogifer turn-outs factory and the construction site for the refurbishment of track on the line Paris-Strasbourg (night work) and at Hayange, the CORUS factory, with furnaces for manufacturing tracks and metal sleepers.

Representatives from 11 TER member countries attended the Seminar and technical visits.

This event was one of the UNECE TER Project activities supporting the transfer of know-how and expertise, as well as sharing of European experiences in the railway sector.

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