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# Road and Rail Finance Conference

Unified law: dealing with two legal regimes

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#### The CIT and its members

- 200 railway undertakings and maritime companies
- Association under Swiss law located in **Bern**



#### **Main Tasks**:

- 1. Practical implementation of COTIF and European transport law.
- 2. Standardization of contractual relationships
- 3. Representation of members' interests towards authorities and other associations



## What our members expect





From the Atlantic to the Pacific



### What our custumers dream of

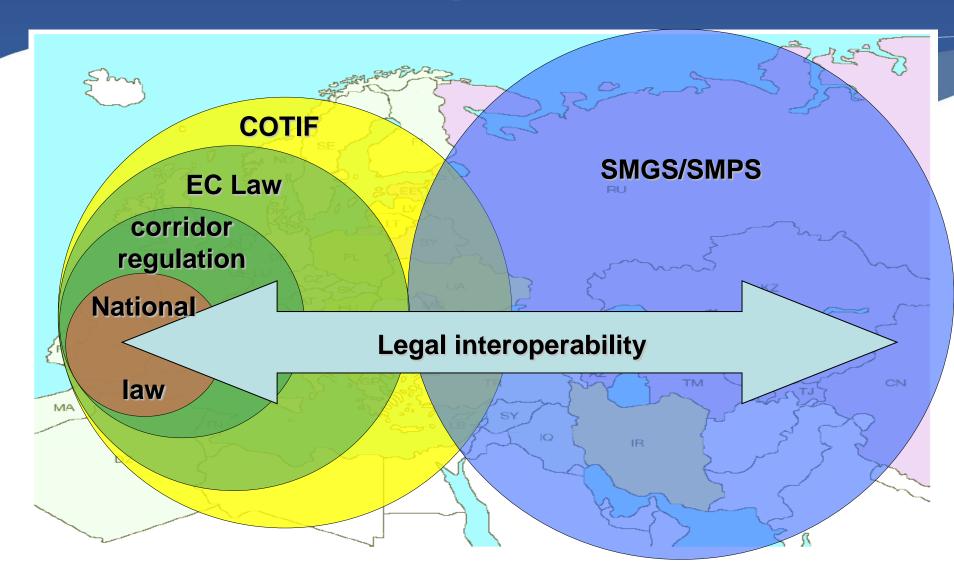
One legal regime



taking specificities into account



# How it is in reality





# Negative impact of different legal frameworks

- Duality in the legal regime for rail (various transport contracts)
- Different liability regimes
- High administrative costs
- Difficult treamtment of complaints

Serious handicap for business operation and competitiveness of rail



#### **Conclusions**

- CIT members support UNECE's work for unified rail transport law
- We strongly invite the states and stakeholders to coordinate their work for consistent legal layers

For the benefit of a performant transport logistic and the competitiveness of the railway transportation



# Thank you for your attention!

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