The EU Political Context

The Commission’s strategy and CER’s activity

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The EU political context

2009
White Paper on adaptation to climate change
no focus on transport

2010
Transport White Paper
Increase rail market share
(over >300 Km)

2011
Parliament report on adaptation
Transport as a key part of the future adaptation strategy

2012
EU climate change adaptation strategy
What role for the rail sector?

2013

Big opportunity—general political support for rail as a key player in making transport more sustainable and resilient
The EU political context

| Cohesion Policy | • Pursue the allocation of 20% of the budget for climate expenditure  
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<th>• Require that investments are climate proofed</th>
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| CEF/TEN-T      | • Up to 10% co-financing rate for actions enhancing resilience & mitigation  
|                | • Infrastructure investments to promote climate resilience |
| Horizon 2020   | • 35% climate-related expenditure  
|                | • adaptation as a key priority |

EU budget 2014-2020

Adaptation is already part of the EU policy
The 2013 EU strategy

What are we expecting?

### Facilitation and coordination
- promote national adaptation actions plans (mandatory? EU guidelines?)
- facilitate cooperation across local authorities

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<td>TEN-T priority projects/Cohesion policy</td>
<td>Coordinate research efforts</td>
<td>Promote standards e.g. infrastructure investment</td>
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<td>TSIs/ERA to integrate climate change adaptation</td>
<td>Assess adaptation costs</td>
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Pro-active engagement with EU institutions is key. Risk is that the focus remains on other transport modes!

**Actively support and feed into the EU strategy**

- EU Steering Group
- CER-UIC ad-hoc working group
- Dedicated sectoral workshop April 2012
- Lead on standardisation and climate change

**Next steps**

- Sector’s vision on climate change adaptation
- Sector’s position paper on standardisation
- II workshop in April 2013 to be co-organised with the Commission
Increased cooperation with the Commission

- EU Workshop on “Climate Change & Standards”
  In response a previous CER Position Paper submitted

- Sector Workshop on “Climate Change & Standards”
  preparation of a rail sector position paper (CER, UNIFE, EIM, CEN/CENELEC)

Position Paper’s Main Messages

- No changes in the present regulatory framework are necessary to deal with foreseeable climate changes

- A robust European railway systems requires R&D activities

- Identification of standards and the impact of any changes should be assessed carefully beforehand

- Encourage member states to build a more resilient railway system for the future
EU strategy: opportunities for rail

All in all, aim at having rail transport at the heart of the adaptation agenda of the EU

- Climate-resilient rail business
  increased competitive advantage?

- Mitigation and Adaptation are both necessary
  Rail sector sustainability strategy

- Modal shift targets
  Ability/capacity to absorb traffic?

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Thank you for your attention!

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