

## Press release

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# DB CEO Rüdiger Grube elected new CER Chairman

**On 19 September, the CER General Assembly elected DB CEO Rüdiger Grube as the Association's new Chairman. Meeting in Berlin at the German Ministry of Transport, the association also welcomed Ukrainian Railways and Eurail Group as new partners.**

Rüdiger Grube, CEO of Deutsche Bahn AG, is succeeding former ÖBB CEO Christian Kern who stepped down in order to become Chancellor of the Republic of Austria. The mandate will have immediate effect and last until the end of 2017, the term of the current Management Committee mandate (2016-2017). SBB CEO Andreas Meyer, CER Acting Chairman since May 2016, will resign from this role.

The other Administrators of the CER Management Committee (MC) for the period 2016 – 2017 will be Guillaume Pepy (SNCF, Vice-Chairman), Andreas Meyer (SBB, Vice-Chairman), Roger Cobbe (ATOC), Ilona Dàvid (MÁV), Jo Cornu (SNCB), Crister Fritzson (ASTOC), Pavel Krtek (ČD), Renato Mazzoncini (FSI), Dušan Mes (SŽ), Pablo Vázquez Vega (RENFE), Marc Wengler (CFL), Oliver Wolff (VDV), Mirosław Pawłowski (PKP), Bernard Guillelmon (BLS AG, Associated Member), and Manuel Queiró (CP, Associated Member).

The CER General Assembly also welcomed two new partners – JSC Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian Railways), which is pursuing reforms aimed at achieving compliance with the EU rail acquis, and Eurail Group, the organisation dedicated to the marketing and management of Eurail and Interrail products, available to non-European and European residents respectively and synonymous with flexible rail travel throughout Europe, connecting both countries and passengers alike.

**CER Chairman Rüdiger Grube:** *"I am honored to have been chosen to serve as Chairman of the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies. We will continue to work with all the CER members – regardless of their size – to speak with one strong voice, foster a foundation of mutual trust in our collaboration with the EU institutions, and strengthen the rail sector."*

**CER Executive Director Libor Lochman** said: *"The cooperation with Christian Kern has been intense these last years, throughout the difficult period leading up to the completion of the Fourth Railway Package. The association will now profit tremendously from the vast experience of its new Chairman Rüdiger Grube. He has been following our work as an active Member of the Management Committee for many years. I am looking forward to working with him on strategic priorities aimed at improving the competitive position of passenger and freight rail."*

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### About CER

The Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) brings together more than 70 railway undertakings, their national associations as well as infrastructure managers and vehicle leasing companies. The membership is made up of long-established bodies, new entrants and both private and public enterprises, representing 73% of the rail network length, 80% of the rail freight business and about 96% of rail passenger operations in EU, EFTA and EU accession countries. CER represents the interests of its members towards EU policy makers and transport stakeholders, advocating rail as the backbone of a competitive and sustainable transport system in Europe. For more information, visit [www.cer.be](http://www.cer.be) or follow us via Twitter at [@CER\\_railways](https://twitter.com/CER_railways).