



Join the Rail Working Group

(and become part of the world's only truly global rail network)

We represent the interests of the rail industry

The Rail Working Group (RWG) is a not-for-profit association established at the request of UNIDROIT in 1996 to represent the interests of the rail industry in drafting, adopting and implementing what is now the 2007 Luxembourg Rail Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment.

Our active involvement during the drafting of the Protocol ensured that the text now reflects the commercial realities of the rail industry. Today we continue to work actively with governments, industry bodies and the two sponsoring organisations, OTIF and UNIDROIT, as an influential member of the official Preparatory Commission setting up the structures and agreements needed to bring the Luxembourg Rail Protocol into operation.

Our objectives

The RWG works with the rail industry, governments and government agencies to:

- Raise awareness of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol
- Promote its adoption in a form that will encourage greater and more cost-effective private-sector financing of capital investment in railway rolling stock

Our principles

The RWG:

- Supports increased capital investment in railway rolling stock
- Believes that private sector finance is the key to effective and expanding rolling stock procurement in the rail industry
- Considers that adequate and internationally applicable security systems are essential in order to encourage more private investment in railway rolling stock
- Supports the application of the 2001 Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment to all railway rolling stock through the adoption of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol
- Encourages the rail industry to press governments to expedite signature and ratification of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol, and urges its implementation in a cost-effective manner, taking into account current business and operational practices
- Recommends to manufacturers that they introduce as soon as possible (where not already in place) unique identification systems for each item of rolling stock produced

The RWG is an association under Swiss law. You can read our Articles of Association online at: www.railworkinggroup.org/r0170signed.pdf.

Why your organisation should be part of the RWG

Membership is open to all stakeholders in the rail industry who support the RWG's objectives and accept its principles.

Who should join the RWG?

- Rail operators
- Rolling stock owners and operators
- Rolling stock manufacturers
- Rail lessors
- Banks
- Law firms
- Consultancies
- Trade associations

Membership allows you to influence the development of a key international treaty that will have a positive effect on the rail industry for years to come.

As a member, you gain valuable specialist knowledge that helps you protect your interests and those of your clients or members. The RWG also offers excellent, targeted business networking and marketing opportunities. Our list of existing members speaks for itself.

Your benefits as a member company

Up-to-date, specialist knowledge

- Direct access to all internal RWG working papers and draft official documents
- Quarterly updates on the latest progress of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol
- Open invitation to attend all meetings of the RWG (in person or by telephone)
- Inside track on proposed developments

Networking and marketing opportunities

- Participation in a unique "insiders' network" of rail industry professionals
- Listing on the RWG website with a direct link to your website
- Inclusion of your nominated executives on the RWG list of rail finance experts invited to speak at conferences
- Participation in RWG seminars and conferences, creating new business contacts and opportunities
- First options on sponsoring and supporting RWG activities and events
- Discounts on industry conferences supported by the RWG

How to become a member

The cost of joining the RWG is a modest admission fee of €250 and an annual subscription of €300. Simply download the membership application form from <http://www.railworkinggroup.org/r0169.pdf>, then complete and return it to us at the address below.

If you have any questions, please see our website www.railworkinggroup.org or contact:

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We look forward to welcoming you on board.