

Railway Climate Responsibility Pledge

On the low carbon track

The worldwide railway community is aware that a shift towards sustainable transport is essential to achieve the internationally agreed goal of limiting climate change to a rise in average global temperature of no more than 2 degrees Celsius.

The rail sector is the most emissions efficient transport mode, but as a major transport mode we acknowledge our responsibility and that further improvement is needed. This pledge sets out ambitious but achievable goals for the sectors contribution towards the solution to climate change.

As a member of the worldwide community of railway operators and infrastructure managers, I commit to take a leading role in the actions to prevent climate change, by reducing my company's carbon footprint and supporting a shift towards a more sustainable balance of transport modes.

In order to achieve this, I pledge to:

1. *reduce my company's specific energy consumption and CO₂ emission, and through this contribute to the UIC "Low Carbon Rail Transport Challenge" and its global 2030/2050 targets, presented in 2014 at the UN Climate Summit;*
2. *stimulate modal shift to rail in national and international markets, by working in partnership with key stakeholders;*
3. *actively communicate climate friendly initiatives undertaken by my company during the year 2016 and beyond, in order to raise awareness, acceptance and recognition of the role of sustainable transport as a part of the solution to climate change;*
4. *report data on my company's specific energy consumption and CO₂ emissions to UIC on a regular basis, in order to promote and demonstrate the continuous improvement of railway sector at international level.*

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Place, date



Signature

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First name, family name, title of signee

