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How to Revitalise Rail Freight with Digitalisation?

Context

- **Rail freight as a problem child (modal share)**
- EU Strategy for the rail freight as a part of the **multimodal transport system**
- **Rail Freight Corridors** (Regulation 913/2010 and its evaluation)
- **Digitalisation** (CER, CIT, EIM and UIC: *Roadmap for digital railways, 2016; Joint Rail Sector Declaration, 2017; Digital Transport and Logistics Forum , 2017*)
 - Explore the potential of digitalization for the development of rail freight, in particular the corridors?
 - Under which regulatory conditions can digitalization deliver?

Structure and principles of the day

- Introduction by
 - Maurizio Castelletti, Head of Unit, and
 - Reinhard Haller, Policy Officer,
Single European Rail Area, DG MOVE
- 4 sessions with short inputs and subsequent discussions, each addressing a specific question
- Slides and *Observer* to follow
- **Chatham rules**

Structuring questions

- How can sharing of operational data improve the efficiency of operations? What are the barriers for sharing such data? Experience and lessons learnt from other sectors.
- Is digitalisation contributing to the modernisation and simplification of the RFCs? What is the potential of digitalisation for better international rail freight capacity?
- What is the impact of deployment of digitalisation in rail freight? In particular regarding client interface and integration in logistical chain?
- What can we realistically achieve in the coming years?

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