

The UIRR Board carries on the association's leadership with new rotation principle

Brussels, 19 December 2025 — Michail Stahlhut passes the baton to Jürgen Albersmann

At its October meeting, the UIRR Board of Directors decided to implement the rotation principle for the Chairmanship of the industry association from 1 January 2026. After one and half years at the helm of the association, Michail Stahlhut, CEO of the Hupac Group, hands over the Chairmanship to Jürgen Albersmann, current Vice-Chairman and CEO of Contargo. Peter Kiss, CEO of Metrans, has been elected as the new Vice-Chairman. Of course, Michail Stahlhut remains active in the BoD.

During his mandate, Michail Stahlhut made a significant contribution - together with his colleagues of the UIRR Board - by strengthening the framework conditions needed for the growth of Combined Transport. He helped to achieve a new impetus and to consolidate UIRR's strategy. The objective is to shift more freight to the most competitive, efficient and climate-friendly mode of transport, which is the combination of all modes of transport. Advancing standardisation, digitalisation and supportive legislation remains essential to achieving the ambitions of the intermodal community.

From 2026 onwards, Jürgen Albersmann and Peter Kiss will continue to strengthen the UIRR Board of Directors, devoted to advancing both the association and Combined Transport and boosting the "Combined Transport for Europe" campaign (www.ct4eu.eu). Supported by a committed UIRR team, the association will continue driving the framework conditions and shared systems of Combined Transport to achieve the performance levels expected by customers.



Michail Stahlhut: "In turbulent times, we have adapted our structures and set a clear course for the future. Our industry needs a strong voice of reason – and that calls for an influential association with real impact. The chairmanship rotation was agreed from the outset, and I hand over to Jürgen Albersmann with full confidence and my best wishes for his mandate. We remain together in a strong Board, working jointly to ensure that our sector gains the capacity, quality and framework conditions it urgently needs to thrive."

Jürgen Albersmann: "In the present economic and infrastructural situation, Combined Transport comes under a great deal of pressure, sustainability often appears to be too expensive – but we demonstrate every day that profitability and responsibility do not have to be incompatible. Every tonne transported by CT frees up the roads, reduces the need for trucks, creates attractive jobs in the terminal and rail sector, improves the safety of transportation, and reduces emissions from the transport sector. Strong intermodal networks in Europe support our industry and make our continent more resilient. As Chairman of the UIRR, I want to convince policymakers and shippers that Europe's competitive advantage lies in innovation, in the solidarity between industry and transport, and in the practice of sustainability – values that are epitomised by efficient, interlinked supply chains in Combined Transport."



Peter Kiss: "With the environmentally friendly Combined Transport, I am convinced that we make an important contribution to Europe's prosperity. This approach benefits all citizens while ensuring the efficient use of valuable infrastructure. Economic and political developments are changing our requirements very fast, calling for strong commitment and swift responses. This is why I decided to contribute my experience to the UIRR Board four years ago, and why I continue this commitment today as Vice-Chairman."