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# REERA



Resilient Railways facing Climate Change

**Global Impact Global cooperation**

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# **Fostering close cooperation links**

with all actors in the rail  
transport domain

Preparing and publishing  
**Reports,  
Specifications,  
Guidelines, IRS**

The worldwide  
organisation  
for the promotion  
of rail transport

**200**  
**members**  
on all 5 continents



# **Understanding the business needs**

of the rail community

**Developing  
innovation  
programmes**  
to identify solutions to  
those needs

# 15 years of best practice sharing on Climate change Adaptation and Weather resilience

Adaptation of Railway InfraStructure to Climate Change

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Scope															
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November 2017

## RAIL ADAPT

Adapting the railway for the future



# The RERA Programme

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RERA Contingency  
2025



RERA Quake  
2025



RERA Cyber  
2025

Broader Resilience Themes

RERA Temp  
2022-24

RERA Rain  
2022-24

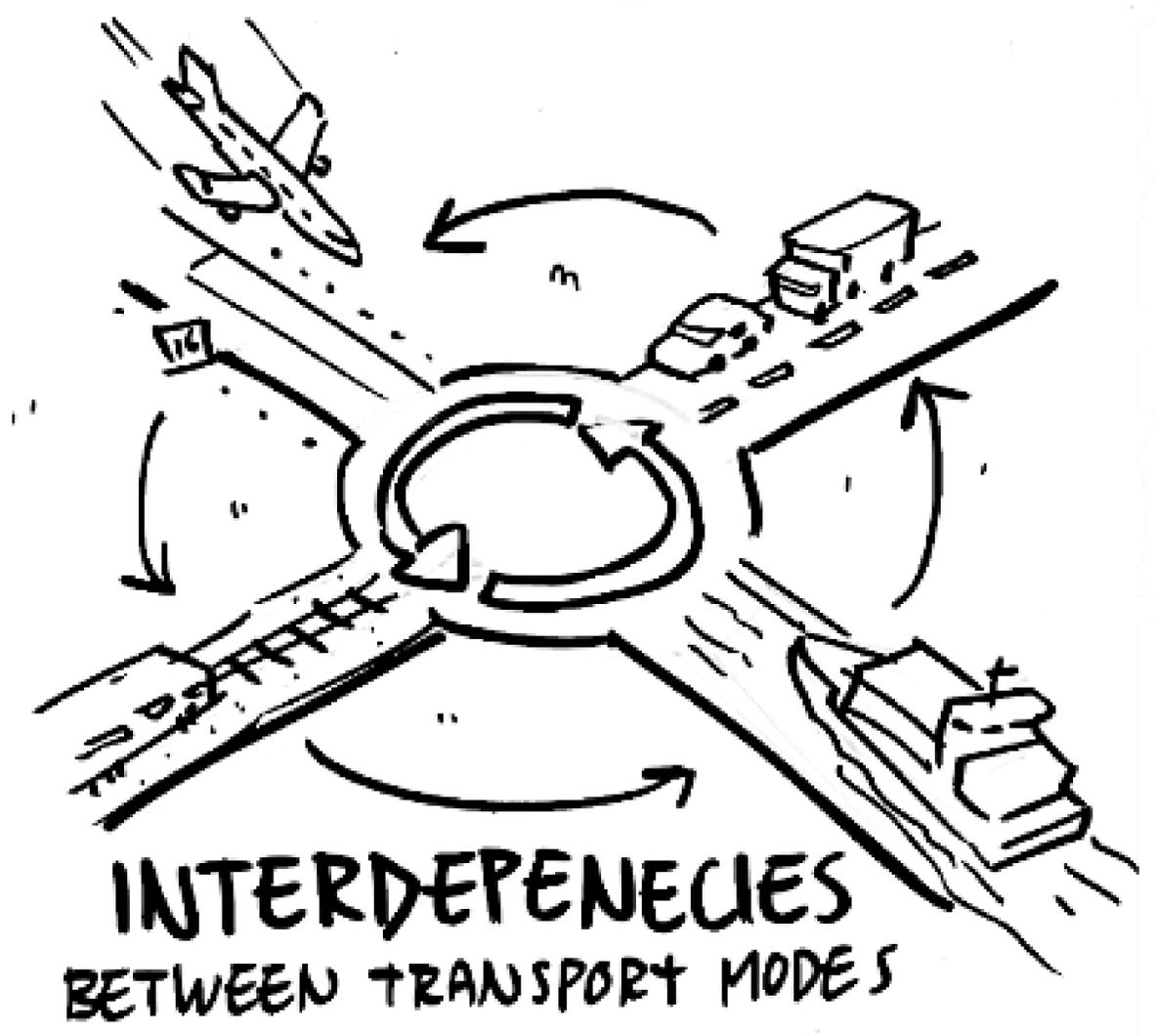
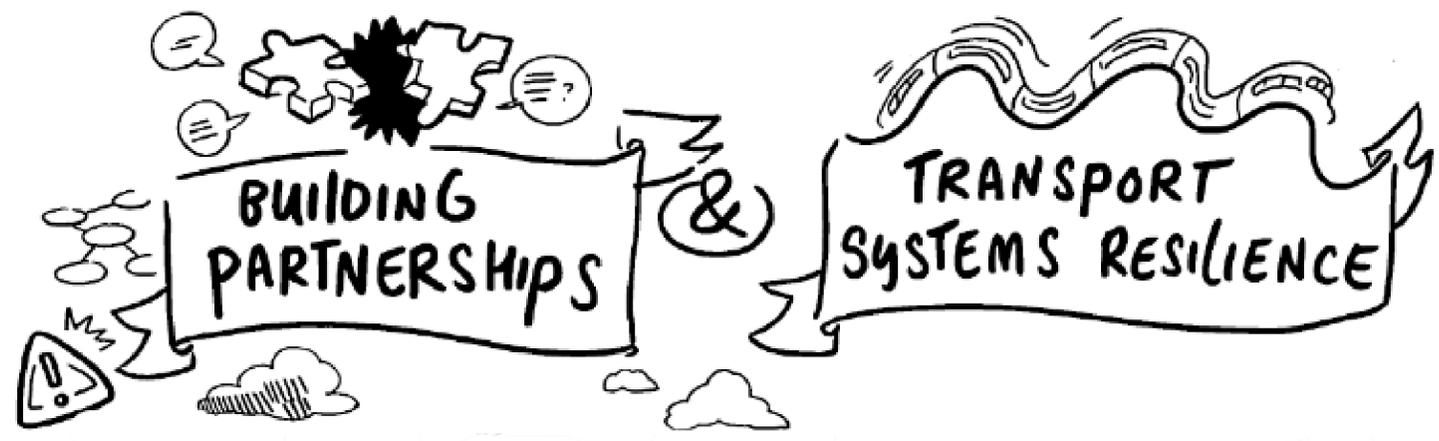
RERA Wind  
2024-26

RERA Elec  
2026

Climatic Themes

RERA Hub  
2026 - ∞

Coordinating and long-term activity



**KNOWLEDGE-SHARING**



**COLLABORATING AND COOPERATION**

# Global Participation in the RERA Network



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- Konstantina Kopsalidou
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- Benjamin Schmitz (Unverified) - DB InfraGO
- Marta Cláudia Lourenço Figueiredo (External) - Infraestrutura de Portos
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# RERRA

Resilient Railways facing Heavy Rains

## Addressing Extreme Precipitation and Flooding

Examines the vulnerabilities of railway infrastructure to heavy rainfall and associated flooding



Landslide in 2021, Italy



Bridge collapse in 2021, Germany

A structured, three-phase framework:



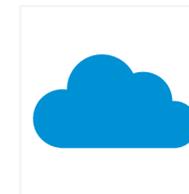
1. Climate impact analysis



2. Vulnerability, risk and criticality assessment



3. Adaptation planning



Integrating enhanced weather forecasting



Improving inspection protocols



Fostering strengthened collaboration



UIC RAIL SYSTEM DEPARTMENT  
**Resilient Railways  
 facing Heavy Rains**

March 2025



	T (Return period)									
	2	5	10	25	50	75	100	150	300	500
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En este mapa se ven las zonas **en riesgo de inundarse cada 10 años**: se prevé que se inunden con esa frecuencia.



Source: [www.elpais.com](http://www.elpais.com)

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Resilient Railways facing High Temperatures

## Most impacted asset



Track  
(ballast, rail, turnover,  
and fastening)



Signalling systems



Electrification system



Locomotive and  
rolling stock

## Most impacted operational aspect



Speed restriction



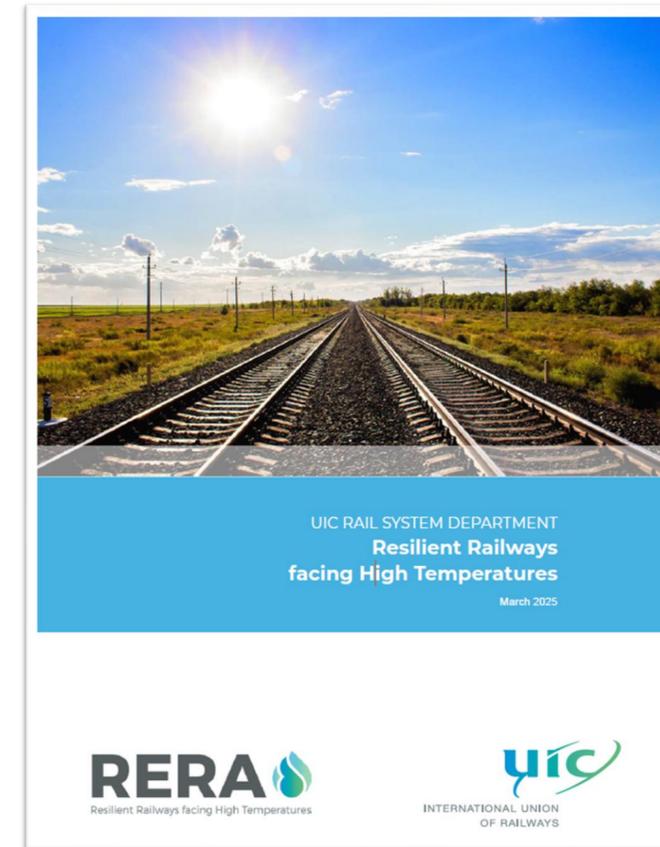
Cancelled operations



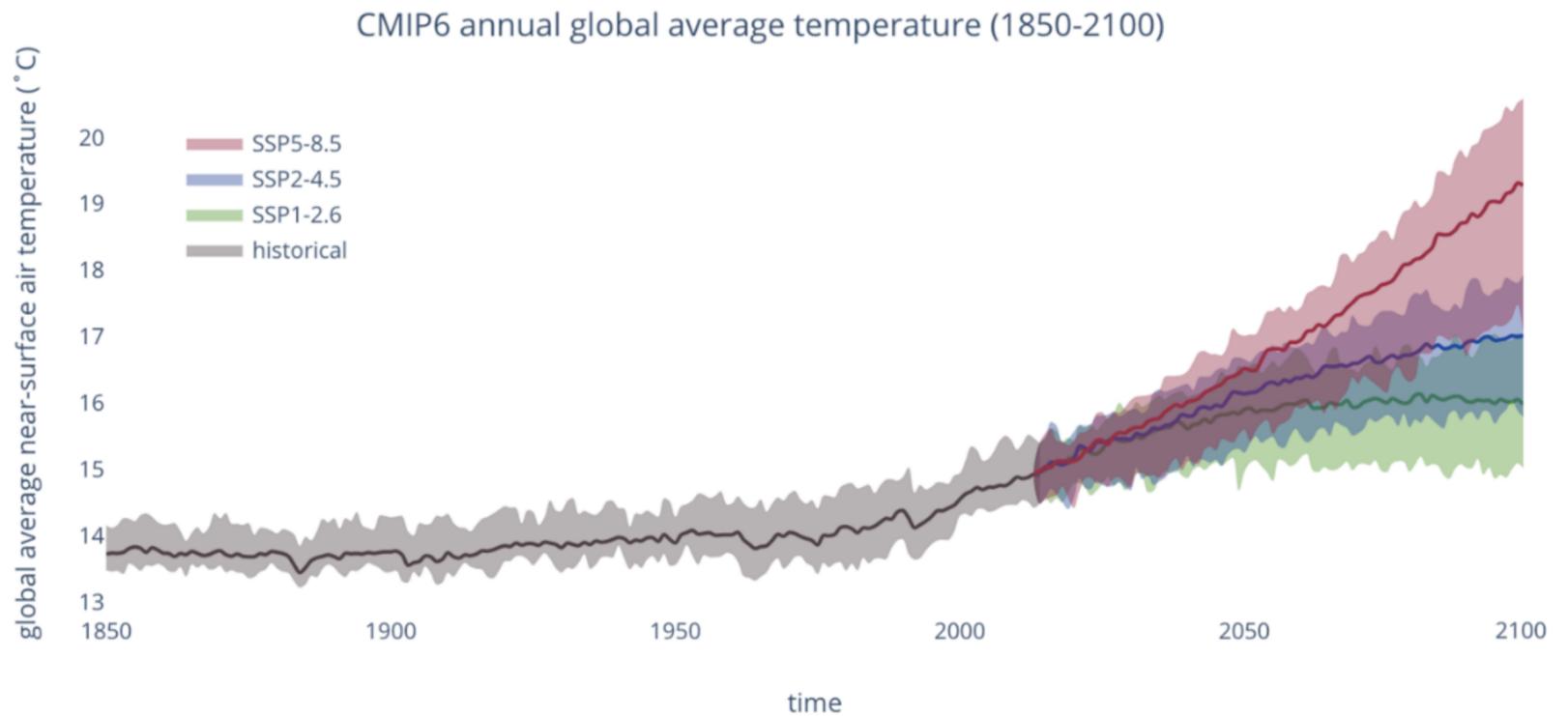
Delayed operations



Passenger comfort

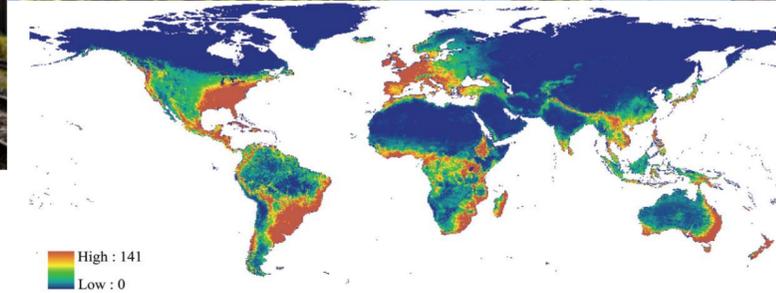
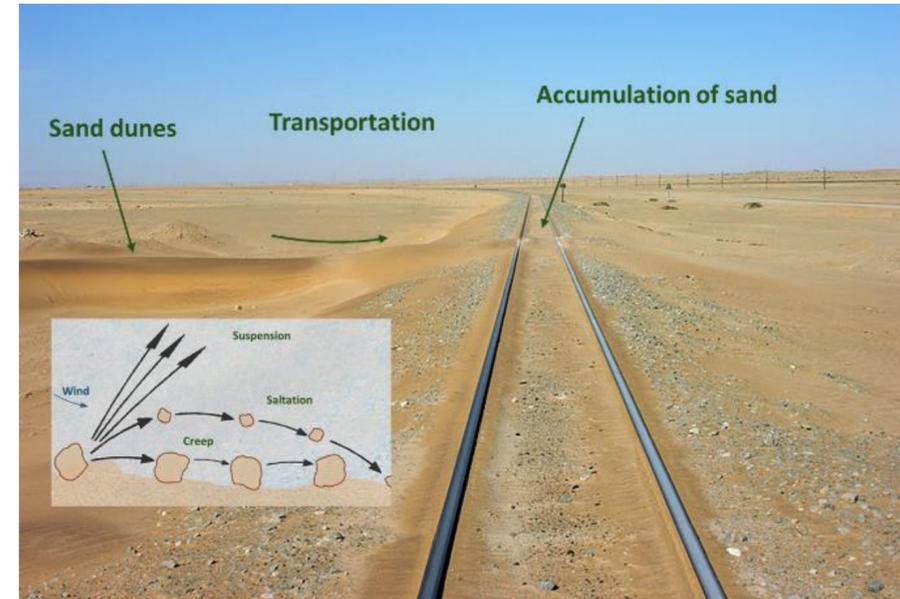
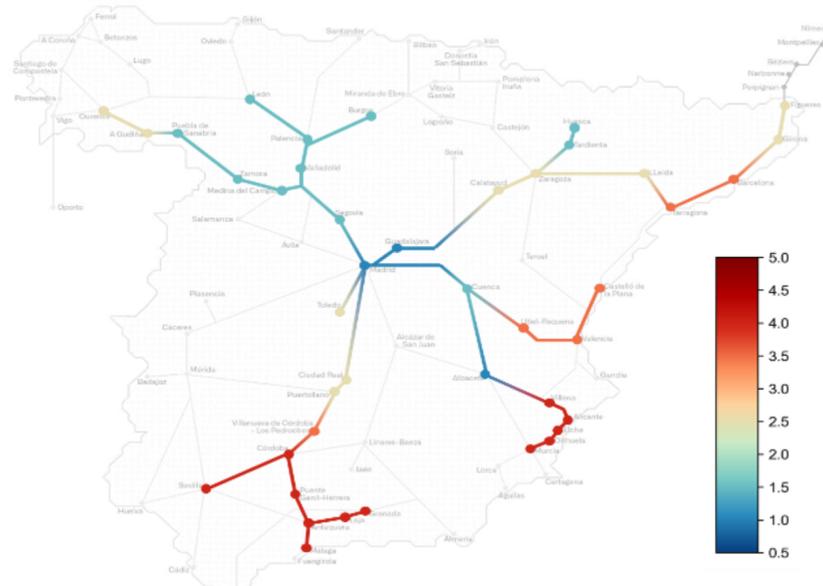


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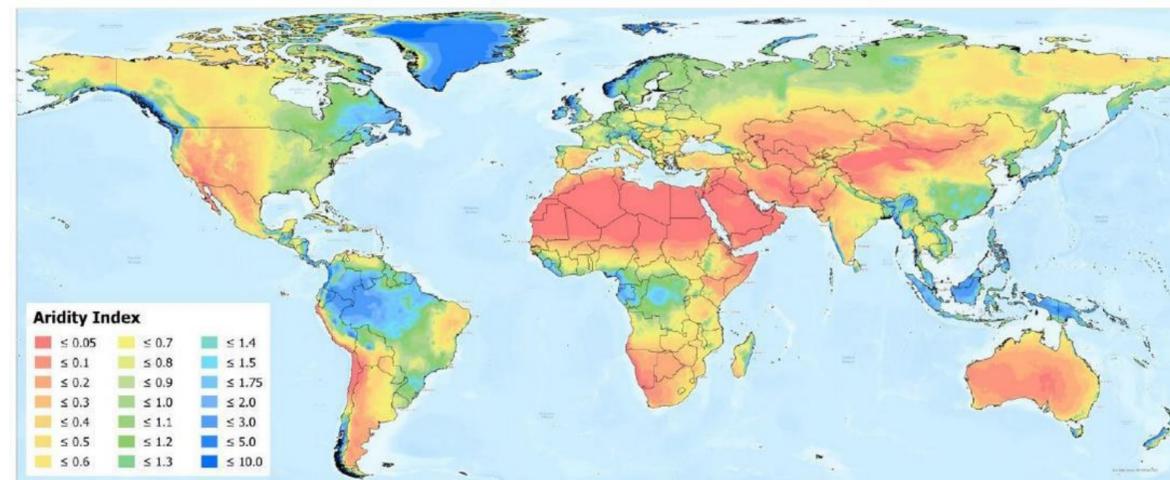
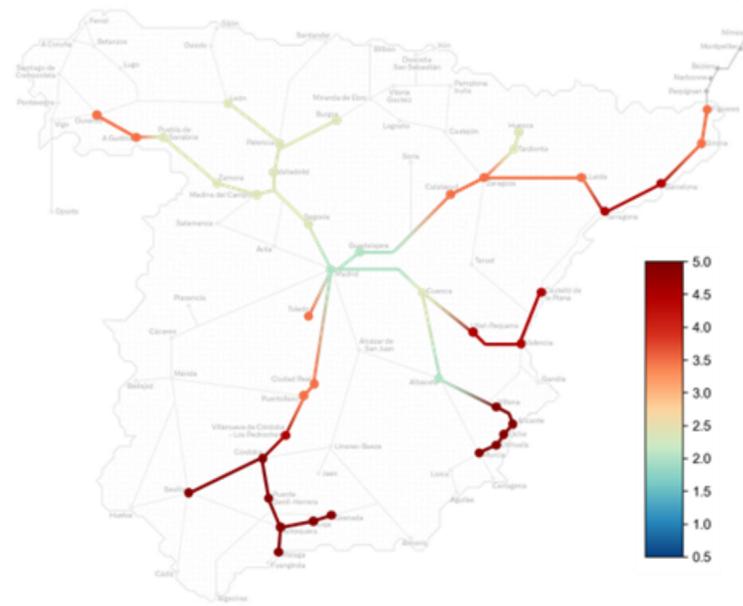


# Managing Extreme Temperatures and Desert Conditions

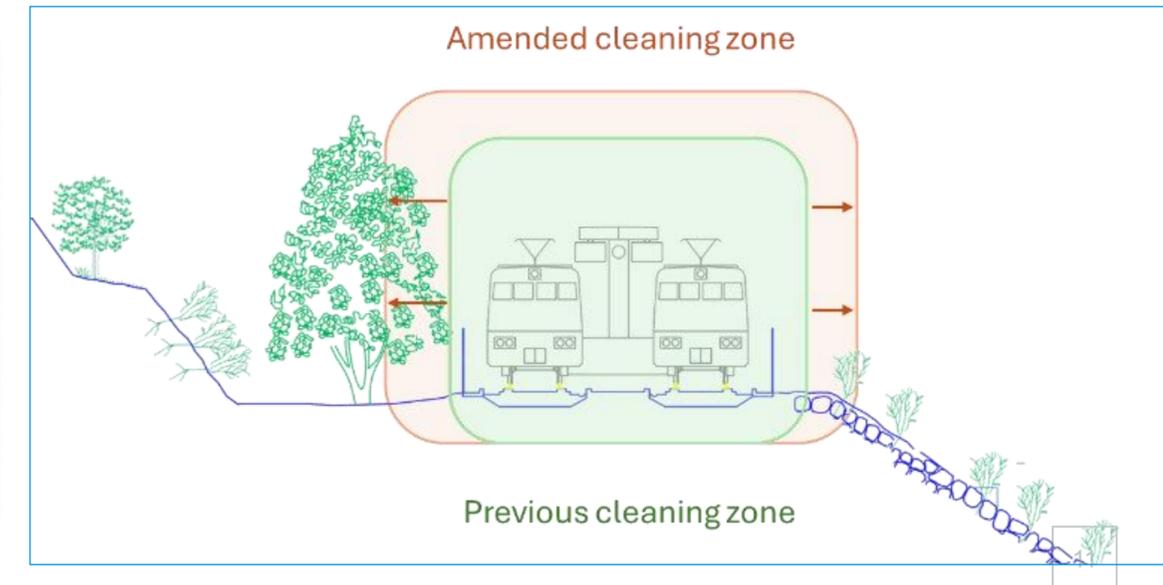
Focusing on the pervasive impacts of rising temperatures and desert environments including sand contamination



Long-term horizon SSP2-4.5



Long-term horizon SSP5-8.5



# RERA



## Resilient Railways Facing High Winds

### Objectives:

Great Belt Bridge accident (2019) - the ERA started the JNS process to ensure the operation of goods trains against side winds.

### Achievements to date:

Objectives of the JNS coordinated with UIC project - work will be carried out on the cross-wind curves (CWC) of the semi-trailers

### Main tasks:

- A state-of-the art on wind measuring systems and devices aimed at safety of operations will be elaborated.
- Calculations and tests will be carried out in the wind tunnel, to allow all stakeholders to properly assess the risk.
- Propose operational rules for a safe operation (non-structural measures) and structural measures, like in bridges.

Completion June 2027





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# Thank you for your attention

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