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UIC

Creating intelligent tracks that progress from
manual inspection to predictive maintenance

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UIC today

200

members in
95 countries

3,000

billion
passenger-
kilometres

10,000

billion tonne-
kilometres

1

million
kilometres of
line

7

million rail
personnel

Cooperation
with over

100

institutions

700

UIC leaflets - new
International
Railway Solutions
(IRS)

23

sectors

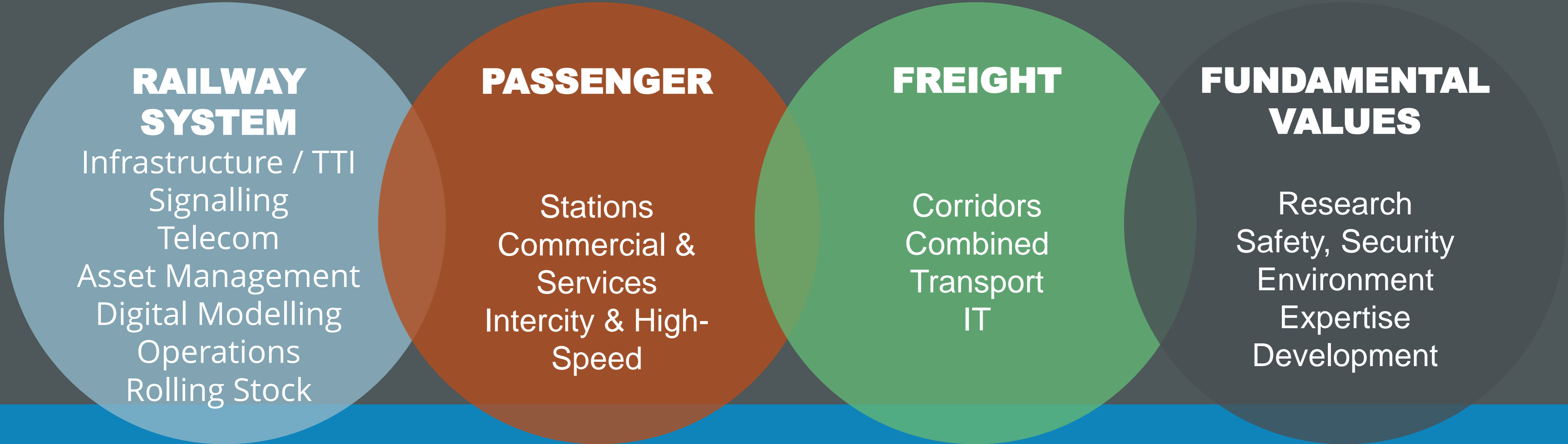
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working groups

2000

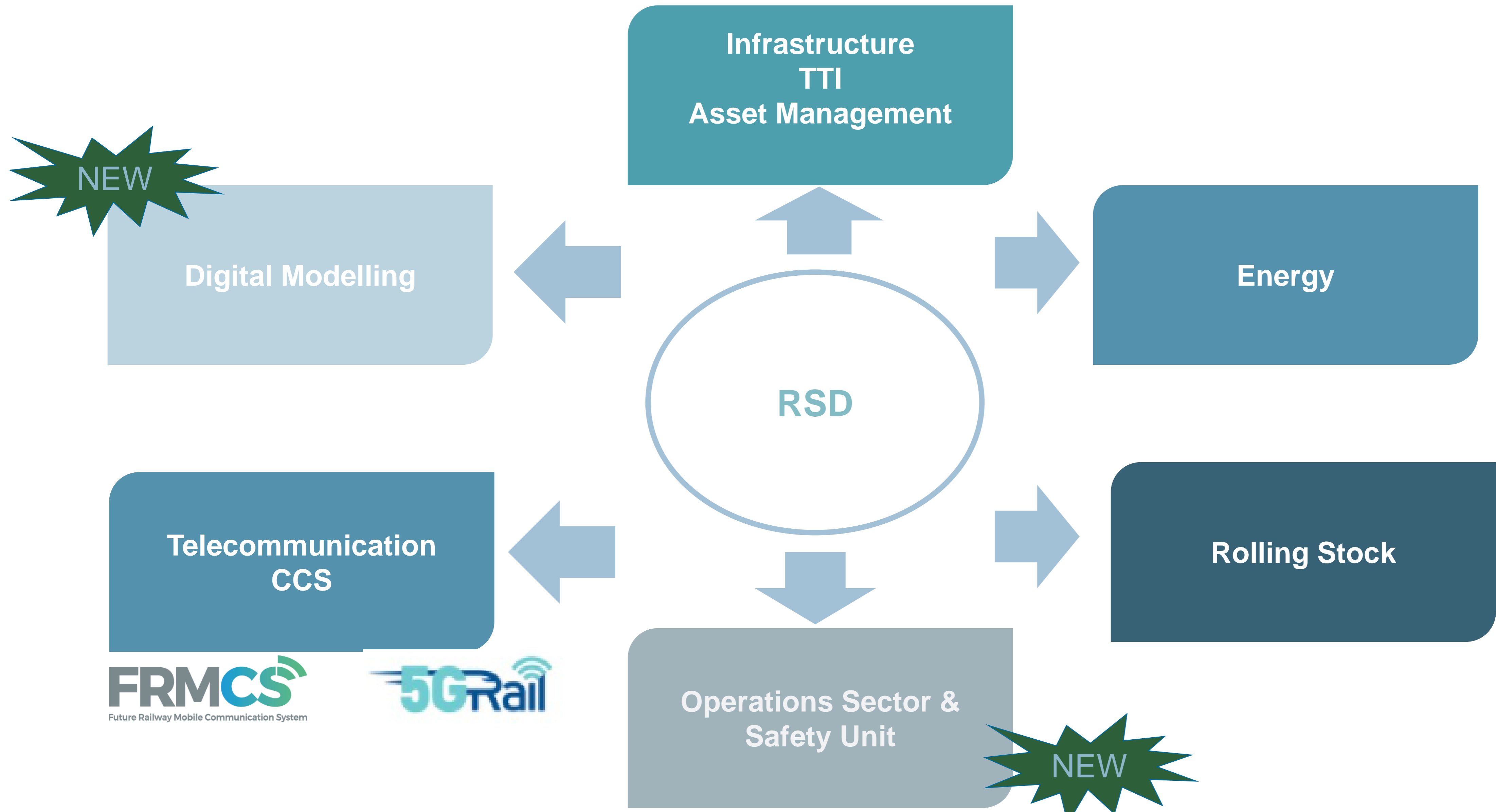
experts

UIC organisation structure



COMMUNICATIONS · **INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS** · **HR & SOCIAL** · **FINANCE**

Rail System Department



FRMCS
Future Railway Mobile Communication System

5G Rail

NEW

Published. IRS migration programme Infrastructure

IRS 70714 Classification of lines for the purpose of **track maintenance**

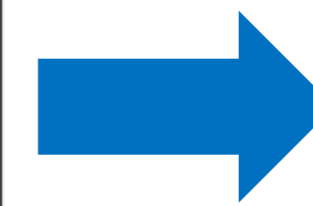
IRS 70779-10 Tunnel Asset Management and **maintenance principles**

IRS 70778-3 Recommendations for the inspection, assessment and **maintenance of masonry arch bridges**

IRS 70723 Technical aspects of **vegetation control and tree risk management**.
Guidance and recommendations

IRS 70727 Track superstructure **decision-making**

NEW



IRS

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Published. Technical Report

MILA (Harmonized Methodology for Infrastructure Lifetime Assessment)



Study of the **existing formulations and data related to the aging of the different railway components** and the main factors that allow predicting the real life of a certain asset

Publication 5-21003E Improving railway maintenance decision-making: lessons learned from the UIC MILA project

DELIVERABLES:

- State of the art
- Components-subsystems degradation models
- Real case model application: Adif calculation residual life
- Lesson learnt document



TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE OPERATIONAL RAILWAY

FOCUS ON UIC'S ADDED VALUES



FRMCS

Freight

Passengers

Solutions to support sustainable railways and carbon neutrality

Security

Safety system and Operational Excellence

VISION OF RAIL IN 2030

<https://uic.org/IMG/pdf/uic-design-a-better-future-vision-of-rail-2030.pdf>



VISION OF RAIL 2030

By 2030, cars and lorries are being used less because more freight customers and passengers than ever are using the train. Highspeed rail traffic has doubled globally from today's levels and is now competing with aviation well on all short and some medium haul routes; many airlines have stopped their short haul services and are working closely to connect with rail. Following the Covid dip, rail passenger numbers have recovered and rail's market share has increased by 50% from pre-pandemic levels. Rail now takes 15% of global freight traffic and 12% of passenger traffic.

Mobility services take a systems approach, led by a global decarbonation strategy built on the tryptic "avoid, shift, improve". Electro mobility and automation has started to change the use of individual vehicles and fleets and rail is the backbone of the e-mobility chain. Private ownership is decreasing, and shared fleets of electrical vehicles are interconnecting smoothly with logistics and public transport systems adapted in real time to demand.

- **TRANSPORT MODAL SHIFT**
- **INCREASE OF THE RAILWAY CAPACITY**
- **CCS & FRMCS**
- **AUTOMATION**
- **LIGHTER TRAINS**
- **RAILWAY DIGITAL MODELLING**
- **FRUGAL ECO-DESIGN**
- **REDUCTION OF RAILWAY NOISE**
- **BIODIVERSITY**
- **GREEN ENERGY, HYDROGEN AND BATTERIES**
- **DIGITISATION IN RAIL FREIGHT**
- **GREEN LOGISTICS**
- **RESILIENCE OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURES AND ROLLING STOCK TO CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE**
- **MULTIMODAL E-TICKETS**
- **INCLUSIVITY**
- **ACCESSIBILITY**
- **ACCELERATION OF THE CYCLE OF INNOVATION**

MULTIANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

INFRASTRUCTURE SUBSYSTEM

Physical layer of the rail system which, together with the other sectors of the Rail System, ensures **safe and reliable operations**

What we want to achieve

Increase the knowledge of our network using **innovative technologies** and **data-driven decisions** to monitor its behaviour, to adapt it to the new **climate change conditions**, to **automate and harmonise its maintenance**, to **increase its capacity** and to **control its costs**

How we are going to make it happen

- Programme 1: Automation and data-driven decision making
- Programme 2: Climate Change Adaptation
- Programme 3: Specifications and Standardisation

The way we work:

- Share and debate
- Go in-deep
- Collaborate with other UIC departments to achieve excellence in the sector
- Update procedures and algorithms
- Propose new safety-related operational procedures
- Explore new opportunities

MULTIANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

TTI

The Interfaces and Interaction between Infrastructure Subsystem and Rolling Stock Sector (TTI) is at the intersection of the Rolling Stock and the Track and Structure Sectors. Its main purpose is to study **vehicle/infrastructure interaction**, taking a **holistic system-based approach**

What we want to achieve

Identify interactions and anticipate actions regarding acoustics, aerodynamics and railway dynamics and gauges, to respond to the needs and serve the interests of UIC members.

How we are going to make it happen

- Programme 1: Acoustics and Aerodynamics
- Programme 2: Railway dynamics and gauges
- Programme 3: Pantograph – Catenary
- Programme 4: Specifications and Standardisation

The way we work:

- Share, disseminate and debate
- In-depth research and testing
- Collaborate with other UIC departments to achieve excellence in the sector
- Update technical procedures and research associated algorithms
- Explore new opportunities: Hyperloop ecosystem

Ongoing Project. Migration IRS

D4R (Harmonized methodology for drone use for bridge inspections)



Objective: analyse hardware and software available and legal environment for bridges inspections through UAV. Procedures for the use of drones. Current trends of further development & other innovative technologies

Leaflet 778-4

Defects in railway bridges and procedures for maintenance



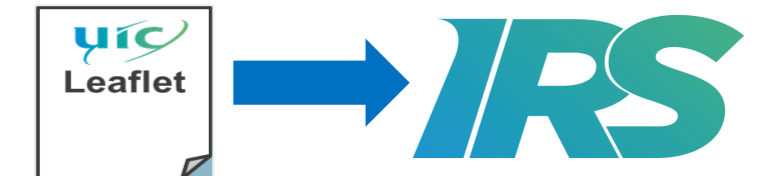
D4R-PT (Plain Track)

Future Project

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TTI

Railway Dynamic Measuring systems – Applications for Use

- **Objectives:** This project aims to find the right frame of application of different measuring systems at trackside and on-board
- **Deliverables**
 - Benchmark studies
 - Infrastructure and RS requirements
 - Risk Management, LCC and maintenance strategy
 - Application guide for use – UIC Standard
 - Dissemination



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