Opportunities

▷ Leveraging the position of infrastructure managers on EU level;
▷ Identifying best practice and solutions to joint challenges;
▷ Seizing opportunities of multimodal funding initiatives.

Challenges

▷ Infrastructure managers across different modes manage different legacy systems and are organised in different ways;
▷ Multimodal and monomodal infrastructure managers have different challenges.

Objective

Since several years, the EU fosters multimodal networks via various policy and financial initiatives (e.g. White Papers, TEN-T guidelines, Juncker’s investment programme, EC’s C-ITS programme for Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems, etc.).

In addition, there is an increasing number of national infrastructure managers and regulators with a multimodal portfolio (rail, road, waterways).

In line with this trend, EIM and the Conference of European Directors of Road (CEDR) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2014, which was renewed in 2017. The aims of the MoU are to:

▷ increase the mutual sharing of knowledge;
▷ present coherent messages to relevant EU institutions;
▷ identify the challenges that intermodal transport faces.

EIM and CEDR share information and knowledge related to developments and activities in the EU law making process as well as on priorities, activities and results of research and innovation in rail, road and transport infrastructure.

Involvement of Infrastructure Managers

Infrastructure Managers are expected to increasingly offer interconnected and seamless end-to-end services. Multimodal approaches in terms of customer service, best practice, interface planning, joint charging, door-to-door infrastructure, etc. will require improved cooperation between different modes of transport and their infrastructure managers. Several members of EIM are already multimodal.

EIM in action

▷ Since the signature of the MoU in 2014, CEDR and EIM identified different work streams and cooperation opportunities;
▷ CEDR and EIM continue to exchange across various business activities of their respective members;
▷ CEDR and EIM closely monitor upcoming opportunities in the next EU work programme (White Paper 2020).