Objective
Rail Infrastructure Managers (IMs) deploy the following substances to maintain their rail network:

- Glyphosate is a herbicide used in agriculture. In railways, it is used to control the growth of weed along tracks.
- Creosote is a wood preservative to protect wooden sleepers from natural elements and increase their longevity by 10 to 30 years.

Involvement of Infrastructure Managers

Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market regulates the renewal of approval of active substances. The European Commission considers if it should still allow the use of glyphosate and creosote in the rail sector. Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2334 extends the period of use of creosote until 31st October 2020.

EIM in action

- EIM advocates to accelerate the research of equivalent alternative products in order to make rail infrastructure greener.
Regulation (EC) 1107/2009
PLACING OF PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET

PUBLICATION
24th October 2009

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14th December 2009

DELIBERABLES OF RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGERS

Research on alternative methods of vegetation management along the tracks

NEXT REVISION
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Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2334
POSTPONING THE EXPIRY DATE OF THE APPROVAL OF CREOSOTE

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DELIBERABLES OF RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGERS

Authorisation to use creosote until October 2021

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