

**Press release**

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## **Crister Fritzson confirmed as CER Chairman**

**Today, the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) held their regular Management Committee and General Assembly in Gdansk, kindly hosted by the Polish State Railways PKP. Among the bodies' main decisions was the appointment of Crister Fritzson as the association's Chairman and the election of the Management Committee.**

Following his role as Acting Chairman since February 2017, the CER General Assembly confirmed Crister Fritzson (Chairman of the Swedish Association of Train Operators, ASTOC, and CEO & President of SJ) as CER Chairman with immediate effect for a period of two years (2018-2019).

The newly elected Management Committee for the term 2018-2019 is composed as follows:

Vice-Chairs	Ilona Dávid (MÁV) Martin Erdössy (ŽSR) Andreas Matthä (ÖBB) Oliver Wolff (VDV)
Members	Juan Alfaro (RENFE) Pavel Krtek (ČD) Richard Lutz (DB) Krzysztof Mamiński (PKP) Renato Mazzoncini (FSI) Andreas Meyer (SBB) Geert Pauwels (LINEAS) Guillaume Pepy (SNCF) Paul Plummer (RDG) Marc Wengler (CFL)
Associated members	Edvīns Bērziņš (LDz) Bernard Guillelmon (BLS) Carlos Gomes Nogueira (CP)

CER Chairman **Crister Fritzson** (Chairman of the Association of Swedish Train Operating Companies, ASTOC, and CEO & President of SJ) said: *"It is a great honour for me to have been given this mandate to serve as Chairman of CER. The cohesion and future direction of Europe is facing many challenges. I believe that the railway sector has a very important role to play in this context, being a backbone of environmentally friendly mobility solutions, a promoter of social inclusion, and a large employer. I intend to work closely with all the members of CER and the dedicated team in Brussels, but also seek to strengthen the voice of European railways by means of better coordination with other railway organisations. There are many priorities, one of them being the implementation of the Fourth Railway Package, where I will contribute with the Swedish experience of*

*market opening and related reforms in the strive to achieve a truly competitive European railway sector."*

CER Executive Director **Libor Lochman** said: *"With Crister Fritzson, CER has gained a committed Chairman with a clear political vision. I am very happy about the General Assembly's decision to confirm his mandate for the next two years. I am looking forward to working hand-in-hand on our policy priorities aiming to further increase the railway's efficiency."*

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**About CER**

The Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) brings together more than 70 railway undertakings, their national associations as well as infrastructure managers and vehicle leasing companies. The membership is made up of long-established bodies, new entrants and both private and public enterprises, representing 73% of the rail network length, 83% of the rail freight business and about 95% of rail passenger operations in EU, EFTA and EU accession countries. CER represents the interests of its members towards EU policy makers and transport stakeholders, advocating rail as the backbone of a competitive and sustainable transport system in Europe. For more information, visit [www.cer.be](http://www.cer.be) or follow [@CER\\_railways](https://twitter.com/CER_railways) on Twitter.