

## Press release

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# Interrail for Europe

On 4 October in Strasbourg, the members of the European Parliament and EU Transport Commissioner Violeta Bulc addressed a proposal from MEP Manfred Weber (EPP, DE) to launch a new EU-financed programme granting a free Interrail pass to young Europeans when they turn 18.

**CER Executive Director Libor Lochman** said: *"For decades hundreds of thousands of young Europeans have been discovering Europe on Interrail tickets, exploring its cultural diversity and heritage. The European railways have always played an important and ever increasing role in bringing people together across borders and thus bringing Europe closer together. Should there be a political consensus to launch a European youth support programme using Interrail as a means to strengthen the European identity of the young generation, CER and its members would welcome this initiative".*

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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, 80% of the rail freight business and about 96% 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 us via Twitter at [@CER\\_railways](https://twitter.com/CER_railways).