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## IRG-Rail welcomes new member Romania

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IRG-Rail Chair Henk Don is delighted to welcome Romania as a new member of IRG-Rail, the forum of independent rail regulatory bodies in Europe.

"I am looking forward to working together with the Romanians," said Mr. Don. "Together we are stronger than as individual organisations. We can be more effective as national rail regulators if we learn from each other, cooperate in particular in cross border issues, and define common positions on drafts for new European legislation."

The arrival of Romania increases the membership of IRG-Rail to 26 countries.

"I am pleased that IRG-Rail continues to grow. Now almost all EU regulators are member of IRG-Rail." said Mr. Don, who is also a member of the Board of the Dutch Authority for Consumers & Markets. "This is a crucial time in the process towards a single European rail market, and close cooperation between independent regulatory bodies is vital to ensure the best outcomes for passengers, freight customers and taxpayers."

## Note to editors:

- The IRG-Rail is a network currently comprising independent rail Regulatory Bodies from twenty-six European countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.
- 2. Further information can be found on the website of IRG-Rail at www.irg-rail.eu