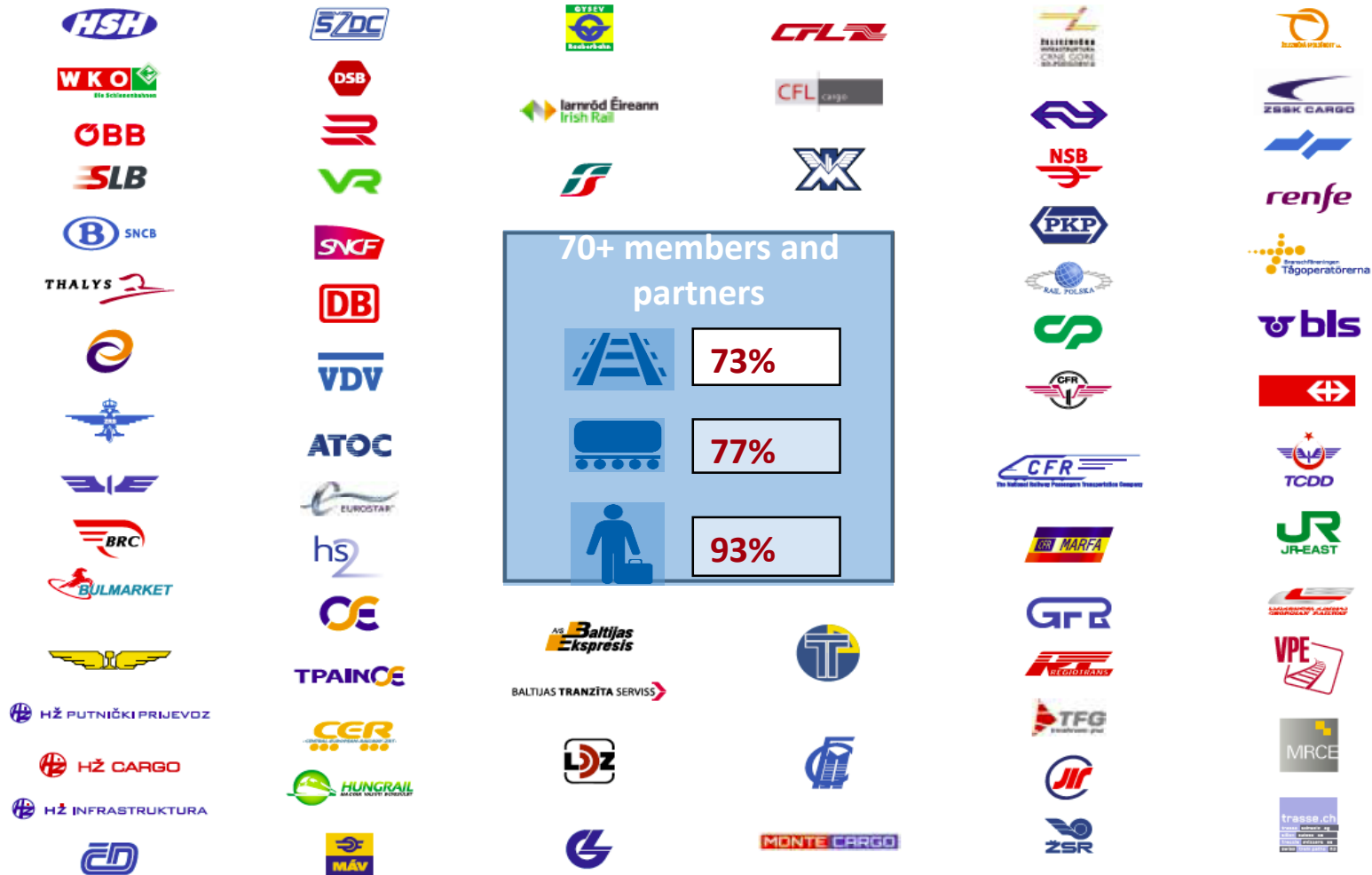


# Implementation of the Single European Railway Area (SERA) as the condition for higher rail system efficiency


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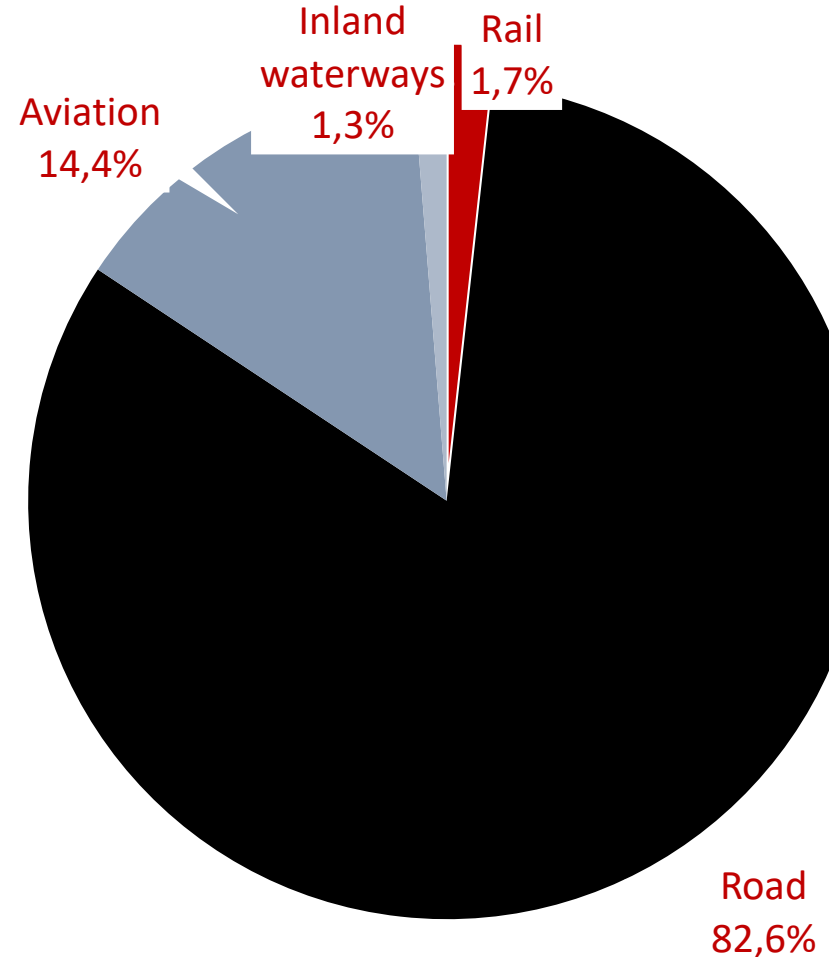
# Who we are? The principle rail lobbying association in Brussels



70+ members and partners

	73%
	77%
	93%

# Railway? Solution for the sustainable mobility!



Source: Eurostat

Rail uses only **1.7%** of total energy in transport although it carries **17.4%** of inland freight and **7.6%** of passengers in EU28

# The customers and society first!

- The EU adopted a line of laws addressing the lack of competition, poor regulatory oversight and low levels of investment that have long hampered the development of an efficient and coherent rail transport system across Europe
  - ➔ To make the rail acting as the mobility integrator
  - ➔ To improve the attractiveness for customers

# SERA - The tool to revive EU rail



High quality, customer oriented transport services



A level playing field



Cost efficient operations, lower need for public funding



Market driven innovation

# SERA - the vision of EU integration

Free Movement  
of passenger  
trains

Free  
movement of  
freight trains

Overcoming  
national  
borders

Today



Tomorrow



# The 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package - the final regulatory step to complete SERA



Removal of administrative and regulatory barriers; full market opening; effective enforcement of EU legislation

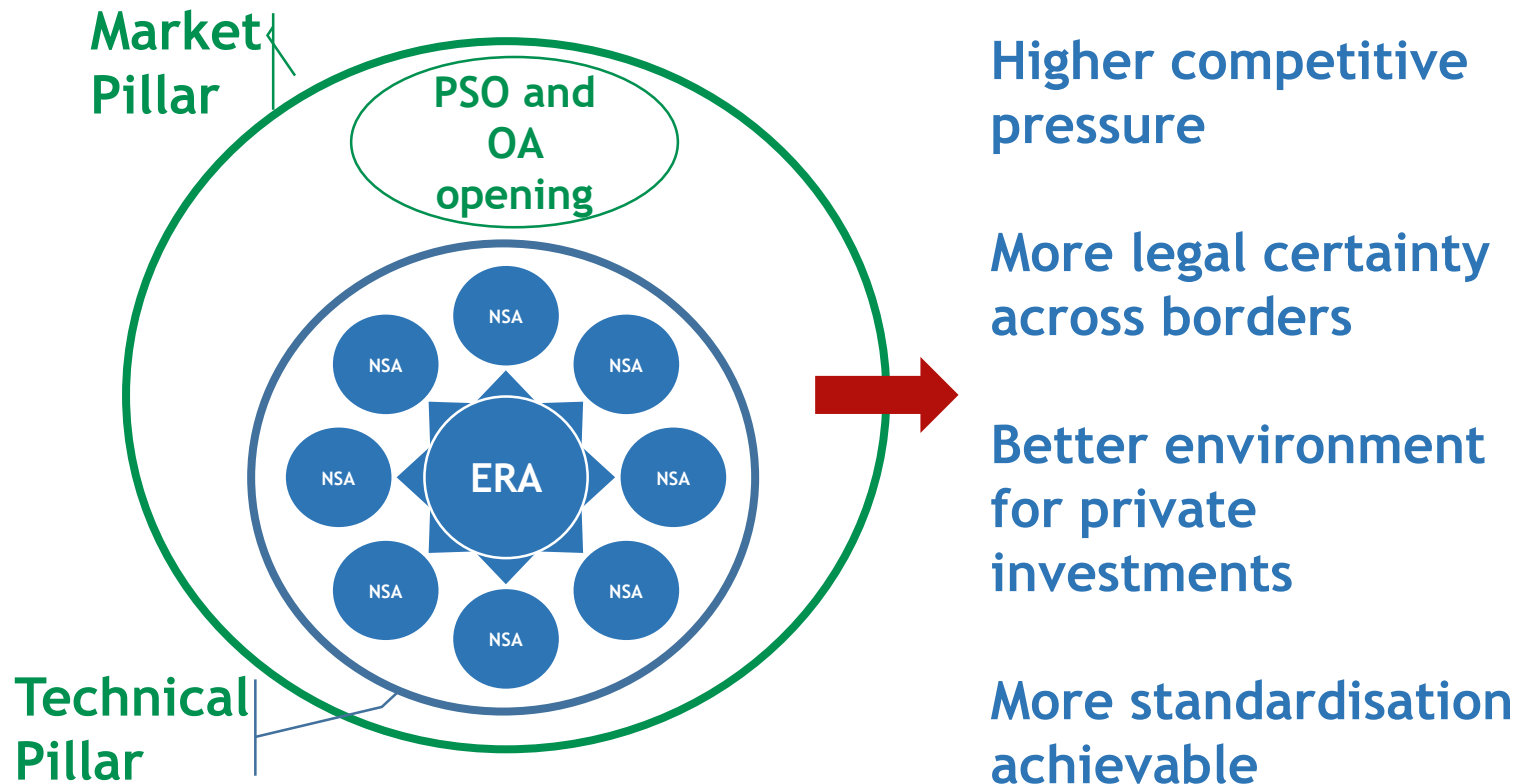
More effective separation between infrastructure management and rail service provision

Strong Regulatory Bodies ("market authorities")

Strong EU Agency for Railways ("system authority")

More interoperability and improved safety

# Essential step - 4RP: technical harmonisation and market opening



➔ Higher system efficiency



# The new technical regulatory framework for international services



- The Agency is driving the **technical harmonisation** of the European railway network
- The European institutions (EC & ERA) and the MS are working on the **reduction of national rules**
- Long term goal: Achieving a **single technically harmonized system** for SERA

# The sector input is vital!

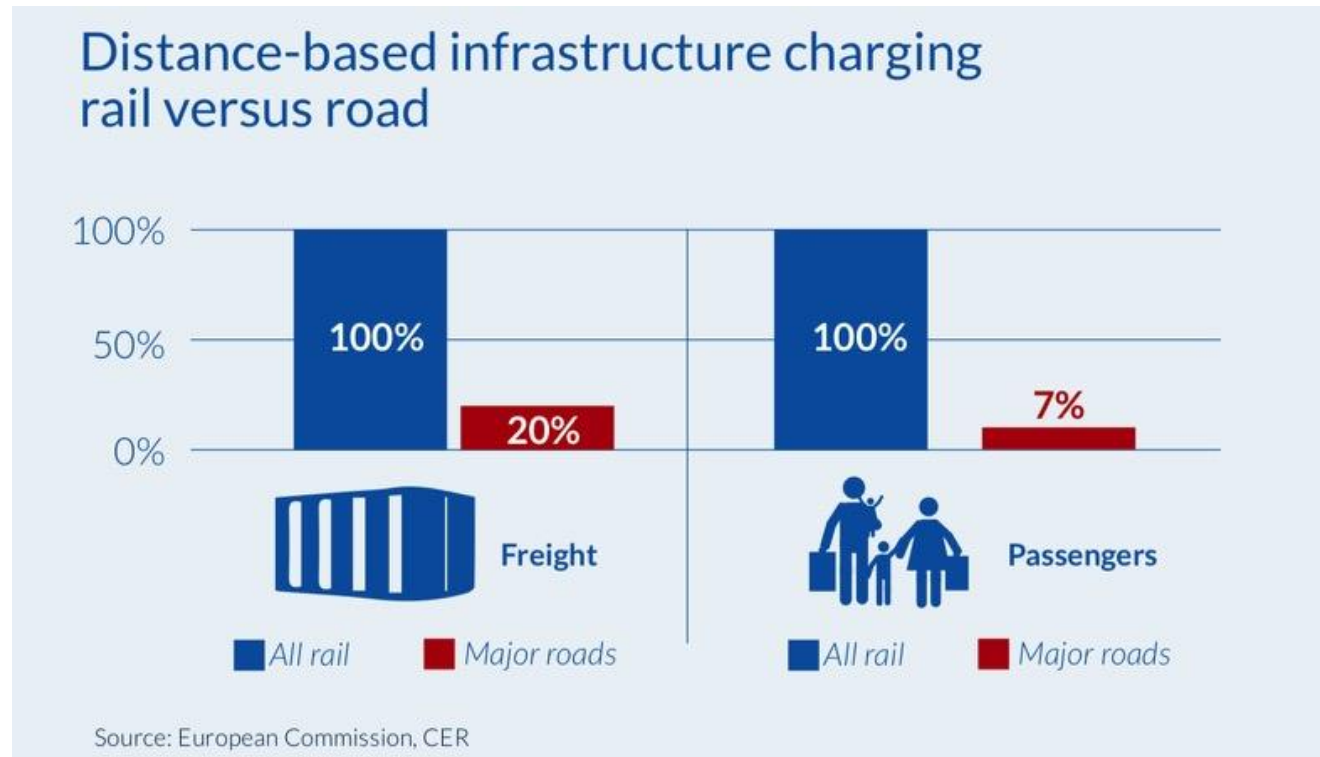
- Further digitalization
- A more personalized service
- Sustainability as a driver for modal choice
- Sustainable financing models for railways
- Embracing new market opportunities

# Anything missing?

## Intermodal level playing field!

### CER proposes:

1. Make **distance-based charging** mandatory on all major roads
2. Promote **external-cost charging**
3. Earmark available external-cost charging revenue
4. Ensure **direct-cost coverage**



# Key elements of the sustainable rail development?



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