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ERIK EVTIMOV studied law at the Universities of Sofia and Bern. He was awarded a Master of European Law (LL.M. Eur.) following post graduate studies in European law at European Institute of the University of Saarland. Erik qualified as a lawyer in Sofia. A doctorate (Dr. iur.) was conferred on him by the University of Bern in 2003 with the distinction "magna cum laude". He has worked as a Senior Legal Adviser in the General Secretariat of the International Rail Transport Committee (CIT) since 2004. Erik was elected as Deputy Secretary General in 2011. He is chairman of the CIT/OSJD CIM/SMGS Legal and Expert Group and of the CIT Working group on Multimodality. He was chairman of the UNECE Informal Group of Experts on Unified Railway Law and is a member of various working groups and committees of the CIT, of the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) in Brussels, of the International Union of Railways (UIC) in Paris and of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) in Bern.

He was formerly a lawyer in the legal department of Caritas Schweiz having been an academic assistant at the Institute for European and International Economic Law at the University of Bern and a Project Manager at the World Trade Institute in Bern. He led projects for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in the Central Asian Republics and for the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe (SPSEE) in the countries of South-Eastern Europe. In 2004, he was an intern in the Cabinet of the Advocate General Juliane Kokott in the European Court of Justice (ECJ).

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