

The European & rail sector's perspective: an increased interest for Climate Change Adaptation

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- April 2009: White Paper “Adapting to climate change: Towards a European framework for action” (COM (2009)147/7)
 - Sept 2009: set up an Impact and Adaptation Steering Group to step up cooperation on adaptation 2009-2012: review each policy area to integrate adaptation, assessing 1) the potential impact of climate change in the sector, 2) the costs of action/inaction, 3) impact of proposed measures on other sectors
 - From 2013 on: implement that EU strategy.

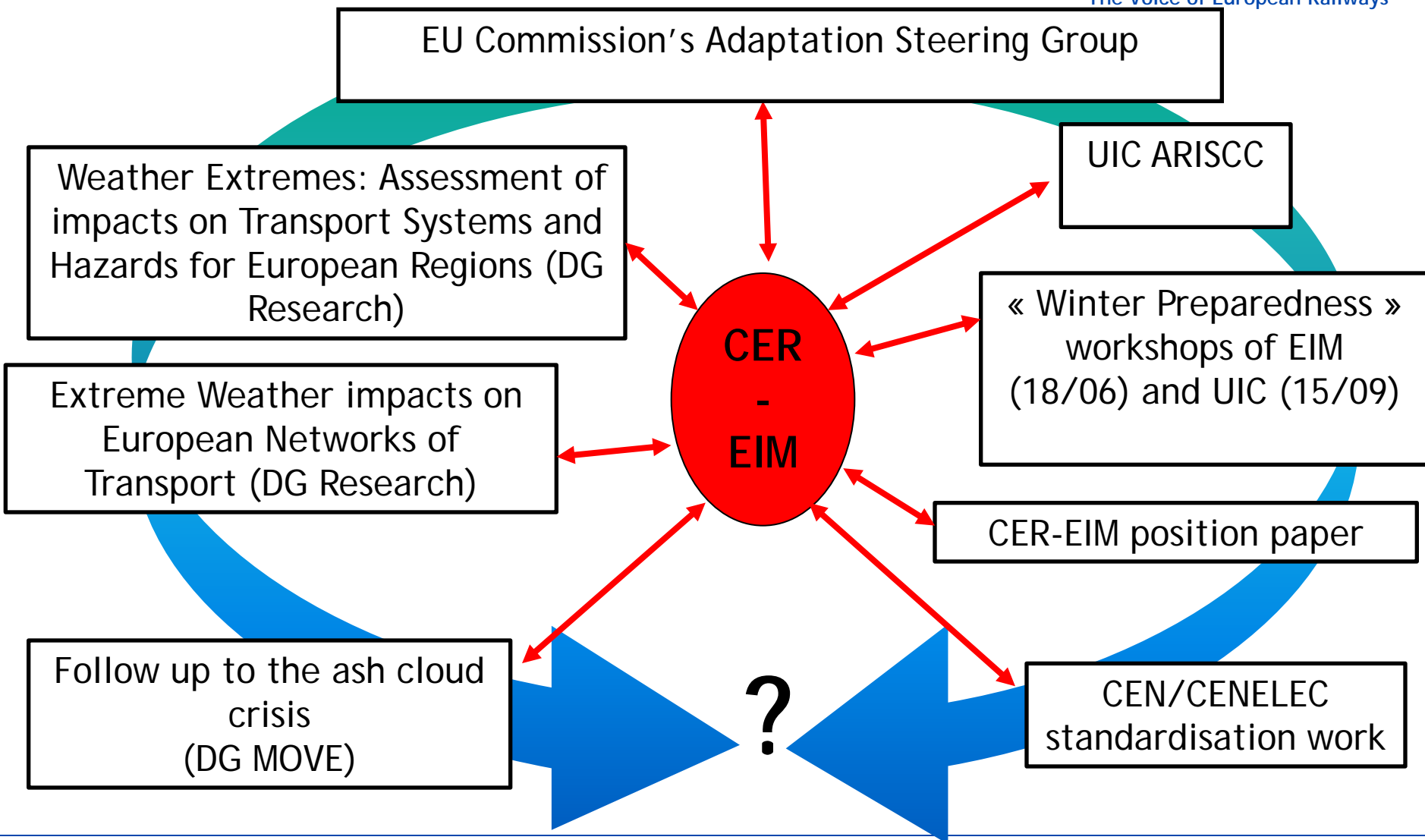
- Focus put on agriculture, health, water.

- One reference to transport infrastructure: *Infrastructure projects which receive EU funding should take climate-proofing into account*

- European Parliament voted in June 2010 on the 2009 White paper: :
 - Give more emphasis on transport: transport infrastructure is much affected by climate change
 - Need for mitigation measures and modal shift:
 - polluter pays principle
 - internalisation of external costs (Eurovignette)
 - EU existing funds are not enough

... Towards a European adaptation fund?

Link ongoing activities on extreme weather events!



UIC provides input on vulnerability and adaptation costs:

- ARISCC work
- Winter preparedness work
- Standardisation works
- ...?

CER and/or EIM feeds EU work with UIC input:

- Member of the EU Commission's Adaptation Steering Group
- Interested parties in EU Research projects (EWENT, WEATHER)
- Consulted stakeholder for the ash cloud crisis' follow-up

Thank you for your attention!



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