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**Sector Statement “Digital Automatic Coupling”**

Dear Commissioner, dear Ms Vălean,

Rail freight automation and digitalisation is an important enabler for the transport sector to meet the EU greening target and to create more modern and safer work environments. They are key to the viability and long-term prospects of this sustainable mode of transport in Europe.

Therefore, we fully support the Sector Statement for the Digital Automatic Coupler (DAC).

We call on the European Commission and Member States to jointly start work on shaping the political, budgetary and legal framework conditions for a coordinated European deployment of DAC and its automation and digital technology.

With our parliamentary [motion on the automation and digitalisation of rail freight transport](#) we have also triggered this process in Switzerland and are in the midst of preparing a legal proposal for the Swiss Federal Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

**VAP**



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