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To the Belgian ETF affiliates

Dear colleagues,

The ETF has learnt about the railway accident that took place on Sunday evening at Hermalle-sous-Huy in Belgium. It is with sadness that we learnt that 3 people died and 9 are wounded. One of the 3 dead is the driver of one of the trains.

At the moment there are no clear elements about the possible causes of the violent collision between the passengers and the freight trains. Anyhow this accident shows once more how important it is to fight for railway safety and to make sure that no cuts and no saves are done in this domain.

The whole ETF stands for railway safety as the first priority and the railway workers of all Europe, who are the ones who in practice operate and deliver the railway services, are in the forefront of the fight to defend and improve safety.

We would like to express our solidarity to all the Belgian railway workers in this difficult moment and we kindly ask you to pass our condolences to the family and friends of the victims of this tragic accident.

With our best regards,

Sabine Trier
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