

## PRESS RELEASE

### **INTERRAIL ANNOUNCED AS MOBILITY PARTNER IN EU *MOVE2LEARN, LEARN2MOVE* INITIATIVE**

***More young people given opportunity to travel in Europe for sake of cross-cultural learning on milestone anniversary of European Union***

**UTRECHT, the Netherlands, 28 March 2017** – On the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Rome and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Erasmus+ programme, Interrail is honoured to be announced as a partner in the European Commission's *Move2Learn, Learn2Move* initiative aimed at offering opportunities for young people to travel in Europe, gain invaluable educational experiences, and reinforce their sense of European spirit.

Eurail and Interrail rail passes, for non-European and European residents respectively, were founded on the value of European unification and demonstrate the essence of a shared European co-operation, with borderless, unlimited rail travel across in up to 30 European countries.

“Our Pass concept was first established in 1959, only two years after the foundations were laid for the European Union, with the same aims to foster mobility of travellers, peace, and greater intercultural understanding”, says Carlo Boselli, General Manager of Eurail Group G.I.E. “It’s encouraging to see that almost 60 years later, the emphasis European officials place on travel in constructing an enhanced sense of European identity still holds strong.”

The [Move2Learn, Learn2Move initiative announced](#) this week will see at least 5,000 young people aged 16 and older involved in [eTwinning](#) educational projects travel to meet, exchange, and learn from their European peers.

“Interrail is proud to be involved in the innovative *Move2Learn, Learn2Move* programme. Actively supporting youth mobility and cross-cultural learning will only have positive repercussions for the prosperity of Europe in the future”, adds Mr. Boselli.

“With this in mind, we welcome the discussions at the European Parliament level regarding the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday Interrail Pass for young Europeans as a means to enable mobility amongst youth and contribute to the strengthening of unity and harmony in Europe – founding principles on which the European Union was created”, said Mr. Boselli.

Each year, over 250,000 European residents of all ages use the Interrail Pass to travel to new and unique destinations in Europe, interact with people from alternative cultures, and learn more about the diversity and history that helps define Europe, in turn fostering an intensified European identity and shared understanding.

Further details about the *Move2Learn, Learn2Move* initiative can be found [online](#). For more information about Interrail visit [www.interrail.eu](http://www.interrail.eu).

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**About Eurail Group G.I.E.**

For over 40 years Interrail has been connecting countries and travellers across Europe, giving explorers the opportunity and freedom to discover new cultures, history and the sights of Europe at an affordable rate. Created as a unique train travel pass designed specifically for youth, the Interrail Pass is now used by more than 250,000 European travellers of all ages to access unlimited travel in 30 different countries in Europe annually.

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