



## Statement from the ETF Rail Steering Committee on the Extreme Weather and Flooding in Central and Eastern Europe

The ETF Railways Steering Committee stands in solidarity with the people of Central and Eastern Europe who have been deeply affected by the extreme weather conditions and devastating floods. Our thoughts are with the communities in Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia, where homes, livelihoods, and essential infrastructure, including railways, have suffered extensive damage.

The destruction of railway infrastructure across these regions has severely disrupted transport networks that are vital for the movement of goods, passengers, and emergency services. This damage adds to the immense challenges these countries are already facing in the wake of such severe weather.

We particularly commend the dedication and professionalism of railway workers who, even in the face of these overwhelming conditions, continue to work tirelessly to repair and restore these critical rail systems. Their commitment to maintaining and rebuilding these essential lifelines is vital not only to the recovery of the affected areas but also to the safety and well-being of millions of people who depend on these services.

In solidarity,

ETF Railways Steering Committee