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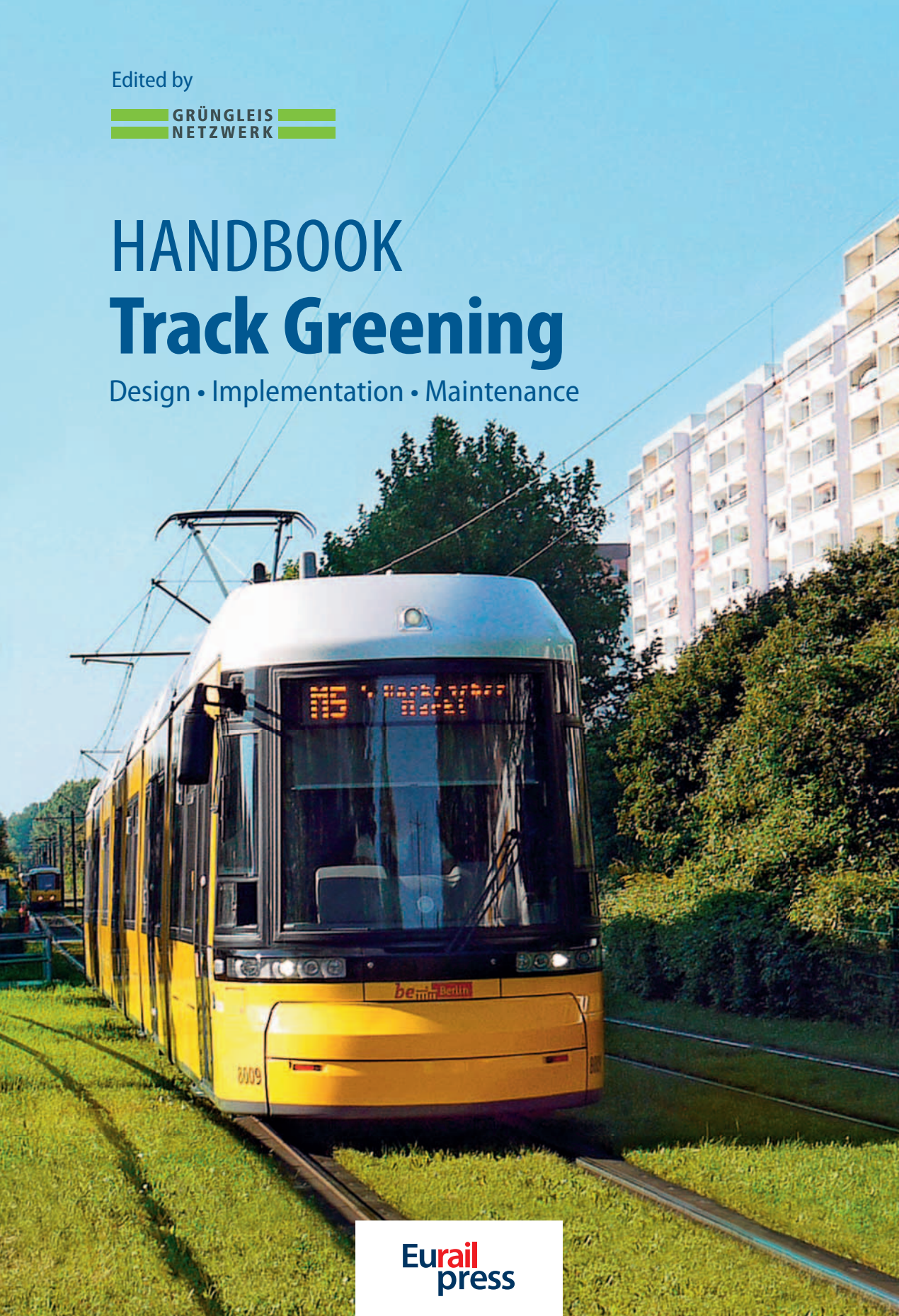

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1 Preface

The successful delivery of Green Tram Track requires the integration of knowledge and experience from rail track engineering and horticultural science.

The handbook for track greening provides recommendations and guidance for the design, implementation and maintenance of Green Track for light rail and tram schemes. It is primarily aimed at transit authorities, planning and design consultancies, contractors and at city planners. It has been developed particularly for light rail and tram schemes which are operated in accordance with the German BOStrab (Ordinance on the Construction and Operation of Street Railways) regulations.

In the German context approvals according to BOStrab have to be requested from the competent technical supervisory authority.

Applications for railway lines which are operated in accordance with EBO (Ordinance on the Construction and Operation of Railways) have to be determined on an individual case basis and be inspected and approved by the competent supervisory authority.

The statements made in this book are based on current legislation and guidelines as well as the knowledge and experience of the authors. They are intended as recommendations for professional work under normal circumstances. Individual projects may require further detailed specification.

The application of the designs and management regimes described in this book relate to the applications currently used in Germany, which are compliant with German standards as noted.