



Corridor Information Document

-

Book 1

-

Generalities for Timetable 2021



RFCs Rhine – Alpine, North Sea – Med, Atlantic and North Sea – Baltic are co-financed by the European Union's CEF.

The sole responsibility of this publication lies with the author. The European Union is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information contained therein.

Version Control

Version	Chapter changed	Changes compared to the previously published version	X marks which part in the chapter concerned has been changed	
			Common part	Corridor-specific part
13/01/2020		Initial publication version.		
24/08/2020	10.2	TIS User agreement with RNE	X	
11/09/2020	5	RFC North Sea - Med C-OSS name and contact updated		X
11/09/2020	5	RFC Rhine-Alpine C-OSS contact updated		X

Table of Contents

GLOSSARY	4
1. INTRODUCTION	4
2. STRUCTURE OF THE CID	6
3. CORRIDOR DESCRIPTION	7
4. CORRIDOR ORGANISATION	8
5. CONTACTS	13
6. LEGAL FRAMEWORK	15
6.1 EU LEGAL FRAMEWORK (EXCERPT)	15
6.2 FRAMEWORK FOR CAPACITY ALLOCATION	16
6.3 OTHER	17
7. LEGAL STATUS	17
8. VALIDITY PERIOD AND UPDATING PROCESS	17
8.1 VALIDITY PERIOD	17
8.2 UPDATING PROCESS.....	17
9. PUBLISHING	18
10. IT-TOOLS	18
10.1 PATH COORDINATION SYSTEM (PCS).....	18
10.2 TRAIN INFORMATION SYSTEM (TIS).....	19
10.3 CHARGING INFORMATION SYSTEM (CIS)	19
10.4 CUSTOMER INFORMATION PLATFORM (CIP)	20
11. CORRIDOR LANGUAGE	20

This Book 1 is harmonised across all corridors. Also, this book 1 in particular, is common to the corridors Rhine – Alpine, North Sea – Med, Atlantic and North Sea – Baltic. For ease of understanding and in order to respect the particularities of some corridors, common procedures are always written at the beginning of a chapter. The particularities of the Corridors are placed below the common texts and marked as follows:

Corridor [Corridor Name] Specificities
The corridor-specific parts are displayed in this frame.

Glossary

A general glossary, which is harmonised over all RFCs, is available on the website of RailNetEurope (RNE) under the following link:

http://rne.eu/wp-content/uploads/RNE_NS_CID_Glossary_2019_final.xlsx

1. Introduction

Regulation (EU) 913/2010 of 22 September 2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight (hereinafter: Regulation) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 20 October 2010 and entered into force on 9 November 2010.

The purpose of the Regulation is to create a competitive European rail network composed of international freight corridors with a high level of performance. It addresses topics such as governance, investment planning, capacity allocation, traffic management and quality of service and introduces the concept of Corridor One-Stop-Shops. According to the Annex of the Regulation, initially nine corridors were defined. In addition, Commission Decisions were issued about the establishment of two additional corridors. The schematic overview of the corridor network is displayed below.



Rail Freight Corridors (RFCs) map TT 2020
Including extensions expected from TT 2021 as indicated by the RFCs



Any use without modifications of this map in electronic or printed publications is permitted with the explicit reference to RNE as the author and holder of the copyright.

©2019 RNE



Rail Freight Corridor
North Sea – Baltic

Corridor North Sea – Baltic

On the 12th of October 2020 the RFC North Sea – Baltic will be extended to Riga and Tallinn, according to Regulation (EU) 913/2010.

The modifications related to this Book 1 will be published in January 2021 within the regular updating process of Book 1 for TT2022.

The corridors commit to fulfil their intended role of increasing the competitiveness of international rail freight, unlocking the tremendous growth potential for long-distance freight traffic and promoting rail's key role in a sustainable transport system. The improved marketability of the corridors is key to maintaining and winning over end-customers to the rail solution.

In accordance with the Regulation, each corridor has set up a governance structure consisting of two levels: an Executive Board (composed of representatives of the ministries of the Member States) and a Management Board (composed of representatives of the Infrastructure Managers (IMs) and Allocation Bodies (ABs)). The corridors also set up two Advisory Groups (AGs): one consisting of representatives of terminal owners and managers, the other one consisting of representatives of Railway Undertakings (RUs).

The corridors have designated or set up Corridor One-Stop-Shops (C-OSS) for allocating certain types of international freight capacity (Pre-arranged Paths (PaPs) and Reserve Capacity (RC)) on the corridor.

More details about the Corridor structure are described in Chapter 4 of this Book 1.

A corridor is a complex project that follows a new set of rules and procedures. For this reason, the Corridor Information Document (CID) was created to provide all corridor-related information and to guide all applicants and other interested parties through the workings of the corridor in line with Article 18 of the Regulation. Together with RailNetEurope (RNE), the corridors have harmonised the structure and most of the texts to allow easier access to and understanding of this information.

In order to achieve a stronger harmonisation of the corridors' various implementation approaches, RNE provides a coordination platform for the corridors to jointly develop harmonised processes and tools, to the benefit of the applicants, as well as IMs and ABs that are part of several corridors.

2. Structure of the CID

The CID applies the RNE CID Common Texts and Structure so that all applicants can access similar documents for different corridors and in principle, as in the case of the national Network Statements, find the same information in the same place in each one.

The CID is divided into five books to clarify the specificity and independence of the key content of the document, and to facilitate the organisation and updating of information. The corridors, together with RNE, developed harmonised texts for all corridors valid for Book 1, Book 2 and Book 4.

The five books of the CID are as follows:

➤ **Book 1: Generalities**

The key purpose of Book 1 is to provide the reader with an introduction to the corridor concept and an efficient guide to the consultation of CID information. Book 1 is the only one not directly referred to in the Regulation.

➤ **Book 2: Network Statement Excerpts**

Book 2 gives an overview of all information published in the national NSs of the IMs/ABs of the Corridor for the corresponding timetable year. These documents follow an identical structure on the basis of the RNE NS Common Structure, allowing for a set of links to the NSs concerned.

➤ **Book 3: Terminal Description**

Book 3 provides information about the designated corridor terminals.

➤ Book 4: Procedures for Capacity and Traffic Management

Book 4 describes the procedures for capacity allocation by the C-OSS, planned Temporary Capacity Restrictions, Traffic Management and Train Performance Management. All conditions concerning applicants, the use of the C-OSS and its products (PaPs and RC) and how to order them are explained here.

➤ Book 5: Implementation Plan

As specified in the Regulation, Book 5 covers the following topics:

- Description of the characteristics of the Corridor,
- Essential elements of the TMS,
- Objectives and performance of the Corridor,
- Indicative investment plan,
- Measures to implement Article 12 to 19 of the Regulation.

During the drafting of the Implementation Plan, the input of the stakeholders is taken into account following a consultation phase. The Implementation Plan is approved by the Executive Board of the Corridor before publication.

The CID is a single document and therefore all five books should be considered as integrated. However, the five books may have different updating needs.

3. Corridor Description

The railway lines of the Corridor are divided into:

- **Principal routes:** on which PaPs are offered,
- **Diversions routes:** on which PaPs may be considered temporarily in case of disturbances, e.g. long-lasting major construction works on the principal lines,
- **Connecting lines:** lines connecting the corridor lines to a terminal (on which PaPs may be offered but without an obligation to do so).
- **Expected lines:** Expected lines can be found in Chapter 2 of the Book 5.

The detailed description, including the type of corridor lines – as described above - can be found in the [Customer Information Platform \(CIP\)](#).

4. Corridor Organisation

In accordance with Article 8 of the Regulation, the governance structure of the Corridor assembles the following entities:

- Executive Board (ExBo): composed of the representatives of the Ministries of Transport along the Corridor.

Member State	Ministry				
BE	Federal Public Service Mobility and Transport	X	X		X
CH	Federal Office of Transport	X	X		
CZ	Ministry of Transport				X
DE	Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure	X		X	X
ES	Ministerio de Fomento			X	
FR	Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire		X	X	
IT	Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport	X			
LT	Ministry of Transport and Communications				X
LU	Ministère de la Mobilité et des Travaux publics		X		
NL	Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management	X	X		X
PL	Ministry of Infrastructure				X

PT	Instituto da Mobilidade e dos Transportes (IMT, I.P.)			X	
UK	Department for Transport		X		

- Management Board (MB): composed of representatives of the IMs and (where applicable) ABs along the Corridor which are responsible for the implementation of the Corridor within their home organisations. The Management Board is the decision-making body of the Corridor.

Member State	Infrastructure Manager – Allocating body				
BE	Infrabel INFRABEL	X	X		X
CH	SBB Infrastruktur SBB CFF FFS	X	X		
CH	BLS Netz 	X			
CH	Trasse Schweiz 	X	X		
CZ	SŽDC SPRÁVA ŽELEZNIČNÍ DOPRAVNÍ CESTY				X
DE	DB Netz AG 	X		X	X
ES	ADIF 			X	
FR	SNCF Réseau 		X	X	
FR/UK	Eurotunnel/Get link 		X		
IT	RFI RETE FERROVIARIA ITALIANA GRUPPO FERROVIE DELLO STATO ITALIANE	X			

LU	ACF			X		
LT	LGI					X
LU	CFL			X		
NL	ProRail		X	X		X
PL	PKP PLK S.A.					X
PT	Infraestruturas de Portugal				X	
UK	Network Rail			X		

- Railway Undertaking Advisory Group (RAG): composed of RUs interested in the use of the Corridor,

Any interested RU and non-RU applicants are kindly invited to participate in the RAG Meetings. Please contact the Office to be included in the member list (see Chapter 5).


- Terminal Advisory Group (TAG): composed of managers and owners of the terminals of the Corridor including, where necessary, sea and inland waterway ports.

Any interested managers and owners of the terminals are kindly invited to participate in the TAG Meetings. Please contact the Office to be included in the member list (see Chapter 5).


The Corridor organisation is based on a contractual agreement between the IMs and (where applicable) ABs along the Corridor.

For the execution of the common tasks the MB has decided to build up the following structure:


 Corridor Rhine - Alpine
Organisation of RFC Rhine-Alpine: https://www.corridor-rhine-alpine.eu/organisation.html

 Corridor North Sea - Mediterranean
Details about the organisation can be found on the website: https://www.rfc-northsea-med.eu/en/page/organisation

 Corridor Atlantic
Atlantic Corridor structure has a legal form as a European Economic Interest Grouping. Details about the organisation can be found on the website: http://www.atlantic-corridor.eu/corridor-en/organisation-en

 Corridor North Sea – Baltic
Details about the organisation can be found on the website: http://rfc8.eu/corridor/organization/ .

To fulfil the tasks described in Article 13 of the Regulation, a Corridor One-Stop-Shop (C-OSS) was established as a single point of contact for requesting and receiving answers regarding infrastructure capacity for freight trains crossing at least one border along the Corridor. For contact details see Chapter 5 of this Book 1 and Chapter 2.2 of Book 4.

 Corridor Rhine - Alpine
The working groups and their tasks are described on the Corridor website: https://www.corridor-rhine-alpine.eu/organisation.html



Corridor North Sea - Mediterranean

The working groups and their tasks are described on the Corridor website:

<https://www.rfc-northsea-med.eu/en/page/organisation>



Corridor Atlantic

In order to facilitate the work regarding the implementation of the Corridor, several permanent and/or temporary working groups were formed consisting of experts in specific fields delegated by the IMs.

Details can be found on the website: <http://www.atlantic-corridor.eu/corridor-en/organisation-en>



Corridor North Sea - Baltic


Several permanent and temporary working groups are working on the Corridor consisting of experts on specific fields delegated by the IMs

Details can be found on the website: <http://rfc8.eu/corridor/organization/>.

5. Contacts

Applicants and any other interested parties wishing to obtain further information can contact the following persons:

 Corridor Rhine - Alpine
C-OSS RFC Rhine-Alpine Stephanie Bscheid Mainzer Landstraße 203 D-60326 Frankfurt am Main Phone: +49 69 265 26771 Mobile: +49 160 97467534 e-mail: oss@corridor-rhine-alpine.eu
EEIG Corridor Rhine-Alpine EWIV Programme Management Office Kleyerstr. 25 D-60326 Frankfurt am Main Phone: + 49 69 265 45441 e-mail: info@corridor-rhine-alpine.eu
Further contacts are published on the website under the following link: https://www.corridor-rhine-alpine.eu/contact.html

 Corridor North Sea - Mediterranean
C-OSS RFC North Sea - Mediterranean Jean Quaeyhaegens 10-30 I-CBE.31 Avenue Fonsny 13 B-1060 Bruxelles e-mail: oss@rfc2.eu Phone: +32 490 47 15 22

EEIG Rail Freight Corridor North Sea – Mediterranean**Legal address**

EEIG RFC North Sea-Mediterranean

9, place de la Gare

L-1616 Luxemburg

Further contacts are published on the website under the following link:

<https://www.rfc-northsea-med.eu/en/page/contact>ATLANTIC
CORRIDOR**Corridor Atlantic****C-OSS RFC Atlantic**

Félix BARTOLOME

Administrador de Infraestructuras Ferroviarias (ADIF)

C/ Agustín de Foxá nº 56. Edificio 22

28036 MADRID - SPAIN

Phone: +34 91 774 47 74

e-mail: OSS@atlantic-corridor.eu**EEIG Atlantic Corridor**

174, avenue de France

75013 PARIS Cedex 13

phone: +33 153 94 74 11

e-mail: sabrina.gonzalez@reseau.sncf.frFurther contacts are published on the website under the following link: <http://www.atlantic-corridor.eu/contacts-en/contacts-en-3>Rail Freight Corridor
North Sea – Baltic**Corridor North Sea - Baltic****C-OSS RFC North Sea - Baltic**

Felicia Riedl

Mainzer Landstraße 203

D-60326 Frankfurt am Main

phone: +49 69 265 26778

Mobile: +49 160 9745 7524

e-mail: coss@rfc8.eu

EEIG Rail Freight Corridor North Sea - Baltic EZIG

74 Targowa Str.

PL-03-734 Warsaw

phone: +48 22 473 23 20

e-mail: info@rfc8.eu

Further contacts are published on the website under the following link:

<http://rfc8.eu/contact-us/>

6. Legal Framework

This CID complies with the current legal framework.

6.1 EU legal framework (excerpt)

- Regulation (EU) 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight,
- Directive 2012/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 establishing a single European railway area (Recast),
- Directive (EU) 2016/2370 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 amending Directive 2012/34/EU as regards the opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail and the governance of the railway infrastructure,
- Regulation (EU) 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No. 661/2010/EU,
- Regulation amending Regulation No 913/2010:
 - Regulation (EU) 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) 67/2010,

- Decisions under Article 5(6) of Regulation No 913/2010 (new corridors and corridor extensions):
 - Commission Implementing Decision 2015/1111 of 7 July 2015 on the compliance of the joint proposal submitted by the Member States concerned for the extension of the North Sea-Baltic rail freight corridor with Article 5 of the Regulation 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a European rail network for competitive freight,
 - Commission Implementing Decision 2017/177 of 31 January 2017 on the compliance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the joint proposal to establish the 'Amber' rail freight corridor,
 - Commission Implementing Decision 2017/178 of 31 January 2017 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1111 on the compliance of the joint proposal of the Member States concerned to extend the North Sea-Baltic rail freight corridor with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a European rail network for competitive freight,
 - Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/300 of 11 January 2018 on the compliance of the joint proposal submitted by the Member States concerned for the extension of the Atlantic rail freight corridor with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council,
 - Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/491 of 21 March 2018 on the compliance of the joint proposal submitted by the Member States concerned for the extension of the North Sea Mediterranean rail freight corridor with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council,
 - Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/500 of 22 March 2018 on the compliance of the proposal to establish the Alpine-Western Balkan rail freight corridor with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

6.2 Framework for capacity allocation

Referring to Article 14.1 of the Regulation, the Executive Board of the Corridor adopted the 'Framework for Capacity Allocation (FCA)' which is relevant for the allocation of train paths executed by the C-OSS. This FCA has been developed jointly by the ministries of transport on all corridors. The respective link is available in Chapter 3.1 and Annex 4.A of Book 4.

6.3 Other

The applicable national legislation is listed in the NSs of the respective IMs (and, if applicable, ABs). The respective links are available in Chapter 1 and Chapter 3 of Book 2.

7. Legal Status

This CID is drawn up, regularly updated, and published in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation 913/2010 regarding information on the conditions of use of the freight corridor. By applying for capacity on the corridor the applicants accept the provisions of Book 4 of CID. Parts of this CID may be incorporated into contractual documents. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is complete, correct and valid. The involved IMs/ABs accept no liability for direct or indirect damages suffered as a result of obvious defects or misprints in this CID or other documents. Moreover, all responsibility for the content of the national Network Statements or any external sites referred to by this publication (links) is declined.

8. Validity period and updating process

8.1 Validity period

This CID is valid for timetable year 2021 and all associated capacity allocation processes related to this timetable year.

8.2 Updating process


The CID is published for each timetable year on the 2nd Monday of January of the previous timetable year.

All Books of the CID can be updated when necessary according to:


- changes in the rules and deadlines of the capacity allocation process,
- changes in the railway infrastructure of the member states,
- changes in services provided by the involved IMs/ABs,
- changes in charges set by the member states,
- etc.


9. Publishing

The CID is available free of charge in electronic format.

 Corridor Rhine - Alpine
The CID of Corridor Rhine-Alpine is available on CIP under “Information Documents”.

 Corridor North Sea – Mediterranean
All information is published on the website .

 Corridor Atlantic
The CID of Atlantic Corridor is available in the CIP and on the website .

 Corridor North Sea - Baltic
The CID of the Corridor North Sea - Baltic is available on the website and in CIP under „Information documents“.

10. IT-Tools

All here described Corridors use the following common IT tools provided by RNE in order to facilitate fast and easy access to the corridor infrastructure / capacity and corridor-related information for the applicants.

10.1 Path Coordination System (PCS)

PCS is the single tool for publishing the binding PaP and RC offer and for managing international path requests on the Corridor. The advantage of this solution is that the displayed data for a PaP or RC may be used for creating a path request dossier – without any manual copying. Furthermore, this method simplifies the presentation and management of the paths,

which remain in the catalogue for allocation as ad-hoc paths during the running timetable period.

Access to PCS is free of charge. A user account can be requested via the RNE PCS Support: support.pcs@rne.eu.

More information can be found in Book 4 Chapter 2.5 of this CID and via <http://pcs.rne.eu>.

10.2 Train Information System (TIS)

TIS is a web-based application that supports international train management by delivering real-time train data concerning international trains. The relevant data are obtained directly from the IMs' systems. The IMs send data to TIS, where all the information from the different IMs is combined into one train run from departure or origin to final destination. In this manner, a train can be monitored from start to end across borders. TIS also provides support to the Corridor Train Performance Management by providing information for punctuality, delay and quality analysis.

   
All IMs, except Eurotunnel/Getlink, on the here described corridors participate in TIS.

RUs and terminal operators may also be granted access to TIS by signing the TIS User Agreement with RNE. By signing this agreement, the TIS user agrees to RNE sharing train information with cooperating TIS users. The TIS user shall have access to the data relating to his/her own trains, as well as to the trains of other TIS users if cooperating in the same train run (i.e. data sharing by default).

Access to TIS is free of charge. A user account can be requested via the RNE TIS Support: support.tis@rne.eu.

For more information please visit the RNE TIS website: <http://tis.rne.eu>.

10.3 Charging Information System (CIS)

The CIS is an infrastructure charging information system for applicants provided by IMs and ABs. The web-based application provides fast information on indicative charges related to the use of European rail infrastructure and estimates the price for the use of international train paths. It is an umbrella application for the various national rail infrastructure charging systems. The CIS also enables an RFC routing-based calculation of infrastructure charge estimates. It means that besides the conventional method, which is independent of RFC routing, the users can now define on which RFC(s) and which of their path segments they would like to make a query for a charge estimate.

Access to CIS is free of charge without user registration.

For more information please visit the RNE CIS website <http://cis.rne.eu> or contact the RNE CIS Support: support.cis@rne.eu.

10.4 Customer Information Platform (CIP)

The CIP is an interactive, internet-based information tool. Access to the CIP is free of charge and without user registration. For accessing the application, as well as for further information, use the following link: <http://info-cip.rne.eu/>

By means of a Graphical User Interface (GUI), CIP provides precise information on the routing, infrastructure investment project as well as information on terminals and basic track properties of the concerned corridors. It is being investigated to possibly include Temporary Capacity Restrictions (TCRs). All essential corridor-related information documents, such as this CID, capacity offer and TCRs are also accessible via the CIP.

11. Corridor Language

The common working language on all described Corridors, as well as the original version of the CID, is English.

In case of inconsistencies between the English and the translated version, if existent, the English version of the CID always prevails. Any deviations from the above will be indicated separately.

The language used in operations is determined by national law.