

MEETING OF THE RAILWAY UNDERTAKING ADVISORY GROUP

30th of March 2022, Online (Teams meeting)

Participants

Railway Undertakings and associations

Lambert, Eric	CFL MM (Vice-chair of the RAG)
Oelschläger, Dirk	DB Cargo
Flesch, André	Hupac
Goethals, Lieven	Lineas (Chair of the RAG)
Corbeel, Nicolas	Lineas
Vantalon-Korovitch, Gaëlle	SNCF Fret
Overdijkink, Joost	UIC
Penso, Andrea-Marco	DB Cargo (Dedicated webinar PM)

Executive Board

Avaux, Caroline	SPF Mobilité & Transport, MoT Belgium (representing the chair of the ExBo)
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Management Board – IMs & ABs – Permanent Team

Dierickx, Michaël	Chair of the Management Board
Pelte, Kathleen	ACF (MB member)
Mahowald, Claude	ACF
Schreiner, Britta	CFL IM (MB member)
Geubelle, Michel	Infrabel (MB member)
Van Crombruggen, Kris	Infrabel
De Mol, Guus	ProRail (MB member)
Norgay, Tenzin	SBB (proxy MB member)
Haltner, Daniel	TVS (MB Member)
Stauffer, Floraine	TVS (proxy MB member)
Hamoniau, Claire	SNCF Réseau (MB member)
De Martel, Anne	SNCF Réseau
Thomas, Sylvain	SNCF Réseau (P400 Vosges tunnel topic)
Le Floc'h, Yann (YLF)	Permanent team – Managing Director
Menguy, Marie-Anne (MAM)	Permanent team – Operations & Investments Manager
Quaeyhaegens, Jean (JQ)	Permanent team – Capacity Manager – C-OSS

Welcome and expectations of the RAG

Y. Le Floc'h, Managing Director of the RFC NSM and L. Goethals, chair of the RAG, welcome the participants.

The agenda is proposed.

This RAG meeting is split in 2 parts:

- Morning session is organized as a regular RAG meeting;
- The afternoon session is organized as a dedicated webinar on O/D representation.

The RAG members expressed their expectations, discussed during the pre-RAG meeting (see point 3).

Morning Session: Regular RAG

1. Welcome word by the Managing Director and Chair of the RAG

2. What's new on the corridor:

- News of the RFC and IM/AB members:
 - o ACF: Mr. Claude Lambert took his well deserved retirement, and was succeeded by Mrs. Kathleen Pelte. Also, the ACF director, Mr. Marc Oestriecher, retired as well, and was succeeded by Mr. Claude Mahowald, who joined the RAG meeting to present himself.
 - o SBB: Mrs. Tenzin Norgay represents SBB as our MB member Mr. Rudi Achermann is on his way to retirement.
 - o SNCF Réseau: Mrs. Anne De Martel joined the RAG meeting. Mrs. De Martel is Freight marketing manager at SNCF Réseau, and in this regard interested to participate to the coming RAG meetings.
- News from the RU's:
 - o Lineas: Mr. Geert Pauwels left Lineas as CEO and was succeeded by Mr. Bernard Gustin. New organizational changes are expected the coming months.

3. Expectations of the RAG:

The RAG members expressed their expectations, discussed during the pre-RAG meeting.

Related to that, RAG Chair L. Goethals summed up following points to be addressed in the morning session:

- The RU's would like to open the discussion around ICM handling;
- A discussion is asked regarding the concerns about raising energy prices and its impact on the RU's;

4. State of play Investments on the RFC:

- State of play 'P400' for the Vosges tunnels (by SNCF R, S. Thomas):
 - o See presentation given by SNCF Réseau;

- The EU financing requests are not only for design studies on the tunnels, but also completed with concept studies on the capacity, especially on: the south of Strasbourg, the Metz Junction, the Conflans deviation.
 - SNCF Réseau will request the RU's for their input when the studies are launched, this was welcomed by the RU's who commit to participate to this dedicated WG that will be organized once the financing of the studies granted and the studies itself kicked-off. Also, the will to have a more regular and long-term dialogue with the RU's is expressed by SNCF R.
- State of play 'Long trains (by Infrabel, M. Geubelle):
 - See presentation given by Infrabel;
 - Following elements were mentioned.

5. Tour de table War in Ukraine and raising energy prices:

- CFL MM:
 - Mentions the difficulty to have a clear view on the (Belo)-Russian companies and goods who are blacklisted, this begins to impact the day-to-day business of RU's;
 - CFL MM representative mentions the raise of energy prices as a major concern, precision that this is not only related to the Ukraine war;
 - DB Netz stopped freight trains, reasons not clear.
- Lineas: Mentions that the cars traffic is still at low level, not only of the shortage of raw materials, but also the shortage of microchips. This will probably continue to impact in a negative way the recovery of car traffics.
- Hupac: No consequences at the moment, but they are expected in one way or another, especially on the 2 trains to Russia.
- DB Cargo: Mentions the 'Rail bridge' with aid supplies to Ukraine. Fret SNCF is also partnering with DB Cargo for this 'Rail bridge'. Also, a negative impact, especially on Eurasian trains, is already to be mentioned.
- ProRail: mentions that the shortage and raise in price of rail related materials could lead to the slow down of stopping of renovation and investments projects in the (near) future.

6. Overview RFC activities:

- State of play Catalog 2023:
 - Will be completed by Jean;
 - No further comments were mentioned during the meeting.
- First results, key findings and discussion on the Performance report 2021:
 - The performance report is [published on our website](#);
 - No further comments were mentioned during the meeting.
- State of play QCO Lyon-Bettembourg:
 - The QCO is intensifying its activities:
 - Daily measure of the punctuality at arrival since 1 year;
 - Local governance in Lyon and Bettembourg with all stakeholders;
 - Reference process mapping established, and that will allow to follow-up the performance at departure;
 - Common quantified objectives;
 - High level governance where all stakeholders commit to.
 - The RFC is thinking to extend this QCO approach to few other traffics.
- State of play follow-up study Capacity Intelligence (SMA):
 - as intro also for the dedicated workshop, see part II;

- The RFC has done a 'Proof of concept' in 2021, that has showed all the interest in developing a process for analysing capacity data and presenting the outcome information to help executives to make informed capacity decisions;
- In the context of TTR, the RFC has done a EU subsidy in the CEF II, in a consortium with RNE, with the aim to study the deployment of the approach. The study, if financing granted, could run from end of 2022 and in 2023;
- The RU's could be asked to participate into a 'Mirror group' in order to receive their feedback on the deliverables and the method, and this in 2023.

7. Perspectives on the merger to RFC North Sea-Alpine:

- The RU's mention that they are in favour of the merger, nevertheless, are asking for the IM's point of view;
- IM's answered that they have not yet discussed nor formulated a formal point of view on the EU commissions proposal;
- Agreed was to further discuss the topic, once more mature to discuss among the RAG community.

8. State of play TCR DB Netz Rhine valley:

- Presentation of the SMA study ordered by Hupac for the line Lauterbourg-Strasbourg (by Hupac representative), see [full study](#) and [see presentation](#);
- Tour de table of the RU's, asking them a state of play about the common 'Navette' they intend to organise (by concerned RU's);
- DB Cargo representative mentions the importance of the Line and its potential upgrade;
- SNCF R recalls that the line will be transferred to the Region Grand-Est, and that this implies that all further discussions regarding any enhancements of the line will have to be conducted with the Regional Authorities.

9. Open Points and AOB:

- No open points were mentioned;
- Following 'Save the dates' for 2022:
 - Dedicated webinar.

Afternoon Session: dedicated webinar on O/D representation

See presentation during given during the webinar.