

MEETING OF THE RAILWAY UNDERTAKING ADVISORY GROUP

18th of September 2019, Paris (SNCR – Etoile du Nord)

Participants

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Vanbeveren, Thomas	Permanent team
Menguy, Marie-Anne	Permanent team
Maeselle, Matthieu	Permanent team

Welcome and expectations of the RAG

G. Confais-Morieux, Managing Director of the RFC NSM, welcomes the participants. This was his last RAG meeting as Managing Director of RFC NSM, he thanks the RAG members for the fruitful cooperation. He introduces and welcomes the new Managing Director from the 1st of October on, Yann Le Floc'h.

The [agenda](#) is proposed.

Arnaud Sohier of SNCF Réseau welcomes the RAG audience (point 1).

The RAG members expressed their expectations, discussed during the pre-RAG meeting (see point 3). A. Sohier answers to some questions of the participation RU's, all mentioned subject were discussed more in detail in the upcoming points.

Presentations

1. Welcome word by SNCF Réseau (Arnaud Sohier – oral presentation, see point above)

2. What's new on the corridor:

- See [Presentation 2](#) made by G. Confais-Morieux (GCM).
- On the point 'TCR Coordination': The list of TCRs on the corridor, with a new impact map has been published on our website, you can consult it by [clicking here](#);
- Also, the participating RU's had some news to mention:
 - o CFL MM mentions it has asked to be connected to RFC North Sea – Baltic with their Bettembourg terminal;
 - o The permanent team mentioned the process for extensions, common amongst all RFCs, published on our website, you can consult it [by clicking here](#);
 - o The participating RU's asked for a presence of RFC NSM to the Munich fair in 2021;
 - o On the P400: the RU's have launched a tender for a loading gauge study, the focus of the study will be the RFC NSM.

3. Expectations of the RAG based on input of the Pre-RAG

The RAG members expressed their expectations, discussed during the pre-RAG meeting. RAG Chair L. Goethals summed up following points to be addressed:

- On TTR: the RAG attendants are happy with the role of the RFC in the TTR pilot and the cooperation in the TTR pilot core team; They ask to share experiences on the pilot with the RAG in order to learn for other pilots and for further implementation of the project, which they fully support.
On PCS: The RU's ask for more information regarding the evolutions in PCS, and specifically the 'envelop concept'; More precisely, they stress the importance of the free RFC trainings.
- On the KPI punctuality: RU's ask that the Punctuality is officially included in the Action Plan RFC NSM
- On TPM: the participating RU's ask to discuss following topics on the next RU/IMs WG meeting:
 - o ETA state of play to be given by IMs;
 - o Punctuality analysis – bottom 10 trains to investigate ;
 - o Link-up : state of play by RU's (weight unlinked trains, ...).

Agreed is to further address the topics raised by the RAG in the action plan presented in Point 4 Action Plan as it is covered there, at the exception of the last 2 points.

4. Action plan following previous RAG

- See [Presentation 4](#) made by G. Confais-Morieux and Permanent team.
- **All details are in the presentation 3 given by the Permanent team.**

Additional comments, remarks and questions on the presented information:

Sector Priority 1: Following the Time Tabling Review project (TTR) implementation:

- T. Vanbeveren gave a state of play of:
- **Action 1**: give a regular feedback on the pilot Rotterdam – Antwerp on the RFC North Sea- Mediterranean lines;

Sector Priority 2: New concepts for capacity offer on RFC's:

- T. Vanbeveren presented actions 2 to 4.
- **On Action 2**: PaP as standard international rail freight product;
The permanent team stresses the importance of clients spreading the word in other RAGs in order to maximise PaP offers also on other RFCs.
- **On Action 3**: Regular feedback on field experience to the Corridor, including quality defects in the offer;
- **On Action 4**: Better integration of works in the PaP Catalogue:
The RFC decided to keep a TCR coordinator in charge of the the good coordination of the impact at the corridor level. RU's are asked to provide Feedback needed on usefulness TCR impact on published PaP's.

Sector Priority 3: Improving coordination on TCR:

- **On Action 5**: systematic implication of RU's in TCR presented by T. Vanbeveren;
- See presentation for further details.

Sector Priority 4: Enhance of the use of PCS:

- **On Action 6**: Enhance use of path coordination system (PCS) presented by T. Vanbeveren;
 - o Implementation of the 'Envelop concept'.
 The permanent team explains that PCS envelope concept will go live with most elements end of September, with an update mid-October. As this new version of PCS will contain quite considerable modifications compared to the previous version, an extensive training program has been developed,

for which the RFC trainings will remain to be a pillar. RFC NSM will organise a training in Brussels, together with the Mediterranean and Atlantic corridors, on the 30th and 31st of January.

Sector Priority 5 - Improving harmonization of processes at the borders:

- **On Action 7:** identify and prioritize cross-border issues presented by M-A. Menguy
- **On the exceptional transport announcement:** RU's had no news to announce; They acknowledge that there is no problem at borders of the corridor NSM.

Sector Priority 6 – Train tracking and Estimated Time of Arrival:

- **On Action 8:** Consider the application of the corridor to be one of the RNE pilot for the ETA program (at one corridor border).
- No additional news to announce

Sector Priority 7 - Monitoring and supporting rollout of the TEN T requirement:

- **On Action 9:** Longer trains in Belgium;
 - o No additional news to announce.

Action 14: contingency planning: a state of play was given by M-A. Menguy. A state of play was presented, you can consult it [by clicking here](#).

5. Presentation 'Update Performance report 1st Semester 2019':

- See [Presentation 5](#) prepared by T. Vanbeveren and M-A. Menguy.

6. New study by RU's consultant tender: some RU's plan to launch a socio-economic survey for P400 – explanation by the present RUs: announced orally by the RU's during the 'What's new on the Corridor (see point above).

7. Open Points and AOB:

- The RAG members agreed to hold **a doodle for next RAG meeting**. Exact timing and location will be send out by Matthieu Maeselle to the RAG members.