

Meeting - RAG Action plan Update - RFC NSM

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Participants :

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Belgium Regulatory Body

- Allison Lizin

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- Reinhard Haller
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RAG participants

- Eric Lambert – CFL MM
- Lieven Goethals - Lineas
- Nicolas Corbeel - Lineas
- Eva Eckert – DB Cargo
- André Flesch – Hupac

RFC NSM

- Guillaume Confais-Morieux – RFC NSM
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- Daniel Thull – CFL Infra
- Claire Hamoniau – SNCF R
- Rudi Achermann – SBB Infra
- Michel Geubelle – Infrabel

Action plan discussion, main remarks received from the customers

- Action 1/TTR: SNCF R already organized a meeting for the pilot RFC4. RUs ask that a similar meeting is organized by the involved IMs for RFC2. GCM answered that the workshop planned in 2018 will answer this demand.
- Action 2/PaP as standard RFC product: the RUs and especially DBC emphasizes the need to improve the dialog with RUs in the preconstruction phase (dissatisfaction on the SNCF Réseau offer). RFC NSM committed to include all RUs in the discussion phases of the capacity WG. RUs are also invited to participate in the working groups steered by RNE to improve the RFCs offer (high level task force, PCS user group...)
- Action 3 & 4: (quality of the offer & integration of works in the PaP catalogue)
 - o PaP modifications due to works is problematic for RUs, even if PaP are still harmonized after modification. It imposes for RUs reorganizing its production.

- Therefore an harmonized PaP is needed, but it should not be considered as the final answer expected from the IMs
- RUs are asking MoT to give a better view on the works and their ability to finance it, so the IMs can make a better planification.
 - The vision given by the corridor and IMs should be focused on the available capacity after works, but not only on works impact as it is done today.
- Action 5: quid simulation game. RUs are interested in this simulation game and would like to receive detailed information on it. GCM answered that this simulation game will be organized in 2019, and the rerouting catalogue be published by end 2018 (this action being planned as “action 14” in the action plan)
 - Action 7: RFC NSM will send to the RUs the issue log priority list communicated to European Commission
 - Action 8 (ETA): RUs doubt on the feasibility to reach such an ambitious objective in doing the linkup for all trains crossing one border point. RUs asked that a demo of the RNE tool is given during the next RAG meeting.
 - Action 9: (operate more frequently longer trains in Belgium)
 - Suggestion Eric Lambert to steer a taskforce to develop the possibility to operate longer trains
 - An investigation is needed. Michel Geubelle reminds that 2/3 of the path catalogue in Belgium is proposed with 700 m trains. The workgroup to be created could investigate if this offer is adapted in term of quantity and quality to the RU needs.
 - Action 10: (profile)
 - SNCF Réseau announced that the loading gauge discussion will be made within the COOPERE WG.
 - RUs, if welcoming that the topic is taken into account by France, consider this governance point as not acceptable. The “arrêté du 26 août 2017” with the composition of COOPERE group does not reflect the adaptation of the coopere composition with the needs for a profile strategy for international rail freight traffic. They wish that the RFC (including stakeholders) is well represented in this working group
 - RFN NSM and SNCF Réseau will give a feedback to the RUs on how it is intended to organize this working group.
 - Action 11: (ERTMS)
 - Some RUs highlight the risk is that UK may implement an ERTMS version not compatible with European standards. RFC NSM will send an alert to the participant of the discussion, and reminds that multilateral discussions are already taking place between Network Rail, Eurotunnel, SNCF Réseau & Infrabel. A message will be given to the participants to this discussion.
 - Action 12 (KPIs)
 - RUs asked that the results of the KPIs are sent before the RAG meetings, so it can be discussed more efficiently during the meetings, and that the publication is not made before the discussion with RUs. RFC NSM accepted this demand.

- Action 13 (CID)
 - o RU welcome the initiative of a common CID

- Action 14
 - o RUs ask that the contingency planning includes the strikes events, and that the feasibility for a minimum service for freight is evaluated, like it is done for passengers. RFC NSM accepted to study the feasibility of this demand, but all participants agreed that this is maybe not the good timing to open this topic right now.

- **Any other businesses**
 - o RUs ask that a better coordination for RAG Meetings is made between RFCs. (RAG meeting of RFC 2, 4 & 6 made in the same week)
 - o Some RUs indicated a huge problem with last mile in Rotterdam. A written description from the RU is welcome. RFC NSM proposed that based on this document it is discussed during the RAG window of the ExBo of RFC NSM on 6 June
 - o SNCF announced that the ERTMS implementation is deferred form 2020 to 2022

- **Next RFC North Sea – Med RAG meeting will take place on 24 September – 1 to 5 pm**