

MEETING OF THE RAILWAY UNDERTAKING ADVISORY GROUP

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Participants

Railway Undertakings and associations

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Welcome and expectations of the RAG

G. Confais-Morieux, Managing Director of the RFC NSM, welcomes the participants. The [agenda](#) is proposed.

Jean Ghedira, Directeur général adjoint Clients et Services at SNCF Réseau and host of the venue in Paris, welcomes the participants with an opening speech presenting SNCF Réseau ([Point 1 of the agenda](#)).

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

Presentations

2. What's new on the corridor:

- See [Presentation 2](#) made by G. Confais-Morieux (GCM).
- On the point 'The final offer of timetable 2019 catalogue is published': all information has been published on our website.
- On the point 'TTR pilot': an update will be presented in point 4 update of the action plan.
- On the point 'Loading gauge': SNCF Réseau launched a Coopere workgroup, more explanation will be presented in point 4 update of the action plan.
- On the point 'CEF Financing': RFC NSM will draft a letter of support to DG Move, mentioning projects that are submitted by the stakeholders. The permanent team asks to send all requests for mentioning in the letter by Friday 28 September COB.
- On the point 'Customer satisfaction survey 2018': The new campaign has been launched, the members of the RAG are kindly invited to participate to the CSS.
- On the point 'Language use on the French and German border: the delay for B1 language exemptions requests has been prolonged until December 2018, all details on our website [by clicking here](#).
- The Management Board of RFC NSM welcomed a new chairman in May, being Michaël Dierickx who attended the present RAG.

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 and N. Corbeel (replacing L. Goethals as chair for the pre-rag meeting) summed up following points to be addressed:

- Better coordination of infrastructure works, especially between Belgium and France considering the impact of the modification of the use of the S460 rule;
- Experiment on the RFC Scanmed: TCR Committee;
- Participation RU's to Coopere: fair composition of the Coopere:
 - o All requests concerning Coopere can be addressed to C.Hamoniau that will transfer it to the chair of the workgroup within SNCF Réseau;
- Brexit: Quid Channel traffic: See AOB.
- Quid investments: Co-financing by EC (CEF) and the use of the 'military envelope' with 'dual purpose' of the financing. RUs suggest that this envelope is asked by the IMs with the aim to enhance the infrastructure profile. After short discussion, it was decided to stop the discussion as long there is no clear purpose of the financing.

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.
- **All details are in the presentation 4 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:
 - o A workshop to be planned in 2018 with all interested RU of the corridor, with participation of the two other pilots where IM of the Corridor are participating to (RFC Atlantic & ScanMed).
 - o On the pilot, focus for TT2020 lies on implementation of rolling planning for international freight trains between the Netherlands and Belgium, with a possibility for multiannual requests. The PaPs on the pilot lines will be integrated in the TTR pilot, with a foreseen big role for the C-OSS, in line with the PaP approach applied on these lines for TT2019. A Pilot Information Document describing the specifics to order capacity will be published in December, together with the publication of the capacity model, displaying the available capacity for national and international passenger and freight trains, and the capacity foreseen for TCRs and maintenance.

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:
 - o According to the evaluation, implementation of improved procedures and evaluation of the corridor capacity portfolio for TT2020
 - o With the RU's: Proactively participate in the upgrade of PCS and use the tool for all international capacity requests
- **On Action 3:** Proactively participate in the upgrade of PCS and use the tool for all international capacity requests:
 - o With the RU's: 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:
 - o Next steps are: Evaluation process TT2019, According to the evaluation, implementation of improved procedures for TT2020, Implementation of Annex 7 in each of the IMs processes;
 - o RU's ask for regular feedback.

Sector Priority 3: Improving coordination on TCR:

- **On Action 5:** systematic implication of RU's in TCR presented by M. Salimène;
- TCR recommendations for border were published in June 2018;
- RUs ask the permanent team to have a look at the organisation and the TTR process set by RFC3, with the steering of meetings with the participation of TCR and timetabling teams, for more effectiveness. RUs welcome the openness of the RFC team and the regular participation of RUs in the working group, and ask for even more ad hoc meetings for TCR: bilateral or trilateral meetings with the involved IMs (mainly SNCF R, Infrabel, and CFL / ACF) (today they are only invited in a general meeting with all IMs).

Sector Priority 4: Enhance of the use of PCS:

- **On Action 6:** Enhance use of path coordination system (PCS) presented by T. Vanbeveren;

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

- **On Action 7:** identify and prioritize cross-border issues presented by M. Salimène

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).
- See also [presentation 4.1. Train linking in TIS](#)

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

- **On Action 9:** Longer trains in Belgium;
 - o State of play has been given by the Infrabel MB member M. Geubelle.

Action 14: contingency planning: a full state of play in [presentation 4.2. ICM State of play](#) given by M. Salimène:

The permanent team is formalizing the RFC NSM re-routing scenarios as RFC RALP did. The document will be sent to the RUs by the end of October and they will be asked to give their feedback on the document within 15 days. G. Confais-Morieux proposes to organise a Conference Call to have all the comments received during this discussion.

5. Presentation 'Update of the Performance report 1st semester 2018':

- See [presentation 5](#) made by T. Vanbeveren.
- N. Corbeel noted that the commercial speed on the Artère N-E in Northern France to his feeling was better than the figures shown. T. Vanbeveren indicated that the average speed is decreasing because 2 years ago the offer only contained 1 PaP per direction, with no stops, while now the offer is much higher, with PaPs with stops and without. The commercial speed also depends largely on the need for any commercial stops of a particular client. The feeling of N. Corbeel is thus not necessarily in contradiction with the figures displayed.

6. Demo Customer Information Platform Multi Corridor View:

- Presentation is cancelled due to timing reasons;
- A web conference will organised the coming weeks;
- M. Maeselle will send an invitation for an online presentation to the RAG members in the coming weeks.

7. Open Points and AOB:

- G. Vantalou-Korovitch asks that RFC NSM pass the message for balanced commercial conditions on TTR, especially with DB Netz. L. Goethals will pass this message during the RFC NSM Executive Board meeting where he is invited.
- F. Coart raised the question of Brexit: Lord Berkeley of RFG told the audience that in the actual political state of play, it is very difficult to foresee the impact on the Channel traffic.
- Remark E. Guenther: The loading gauge is discussed in other instances held by RUs and the UIC. RFC NSM MB asks that the results of the investigations made by UIC and the RUs are presented in the COOPERE Loading Gauge Working Group.
- The RAG members agree to send out a doodle for the next RAG in spring 2019. M. Maeselle will send out to the RAG members.