

ATLANTIC CORRIDOR RAG

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QUALITY CIRCLE OPERATION (QCO) ON BORDER SECTIONS

- Good structure / governance of QCO
- Works ongoing, pragmatic approach and good work to local solutions to treat local issues
- WG duplicated on other RFCs : Modane, Villa Opicina, RFC1
- Successful organisation to be deployed among other parts of the RFC 4 like **FR-SP**

⇒ **an early involvement of the Corridor would have helped to prevent FR-SP cross-border issues**

Solution => to work on a simultaneous translation pilot similar to the one developed in Forbach : steps to be taken, costs, requirements, the engagement from the parties involved, etc.

BORDER SECTION FORBACH-SAARBRÜCKEN

- Language Forbach – Saarbrücken
 - Derogation EPSF until Language Pilot successful completed
 - SNCF Réseau put project on hold?
- Extension SSC on border sections Forbach – Saarbrücken
 - E.g. inclusion of German stretch of Forbach – Saarbrücken line in EBA guideline

BORDER SECTION HENDAYE-IRUN

- Language Hendaye – Irun (and Cerbère – Port Bou)
 - EPSF required French B1 for Spanish RUs reaching Hendaye
 - RENFE proposed 2nd French speaking person in the cabin as mitigation measure (expensive)
 - After that derogation until end of January 2022 introduced. Required at least until TT2023
 - AESF introduced same limitation on Spanish side
 - Communication protocol exists between IMs that permit them to speak in their own language (simplified speech?)

**=> RUS NEED A CROSS BORDER EXEMPTION LIKE FOR FR-DE BORDER
(for DB Cargo drivers)**

- ADIF requiring Spanish tax number to French RUs

TEMPORARY CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS

- 15 weeks with >36h total closure on French side, total closure Pasaia – Irun (Spain) during one of the rare work free week-ends in France!

=> NO COORDINATION OF WORKS

- Works Bordeaux – Hendaye 2022-2023 no capacity (only 1 bandwidth per direction)

=> NO TTR IMPLEMENTATION

REQUESTS BY RUs:

- Long term prevision of TCRs (10 years) necessary for RUs to define strategy
- Effect of recovery fund on TCRs?
 - **French State Aid “surcoût travaux” to optimize planning of works?**
 - **Could also production costs by RUs for reroutings be covered by the recovery fund?**

PCS TRAININGS

- RFCs used to offer a PCS Trainings Offer on each Corridor
- RUs have no access to these trainings anymore

=> RELAUNCH THE PCS TRAINING DAYS

COORDINATION OF RAG MEETINGS

- **Consultation of RAG about the planned date necessary**
- **Coordination between dates of different RFCs necessary**
- **In future common events by multiple RFCs to have**
 - dedicated RAG meetings but also
 - common sessions on common topics and
 - networking possibilities