

Terminal & Railway undertaking Advisory Groups meeting

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Minutes

Participants

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1. Welcome

By Claire Hamoniau, EEIG Corridor Atlantic

The participants are welcomed to the meeting and a tour de table enables all participants to introduce themselves.

2. Presentation by the railway undertakings

By Andrea Marco Penso, RAG speaker (replacing Gaëlle Vantalou in this meeting)

[See presentation](#)

- Spanish/French border section: the RUs would like a Quality Circle Operation (QCO) to be deployed on the Spanish/French border of the corridor and a simultaneous translation tool to be implemented. They also request a derogation in order not to have to speak B1 on the border section (same for Cerbère-Portbou).
- French/German border: the RUs are satisfied with the QCO. They would like the language derogation to be postponed until the translation tool is implemented. They would also like to use the French safety certificate up to Saarbrücken.
- Coordination of works: the RUs request better coordination on the corridor. They give the example of the Pasaia – Irun works which take place during a week-end which is free of works in France. They regret that due to the many French works in 2022-2023, Only one TTR bandwidth will be available. They would also like to have an information on works 10 years ahead in order for them to define their strategy.
- PCS: the RUs would like the PCS trainings to be relaunched
- Organisation of TAG-RAG meeting: the RUs would like them to be better coordinated amongst RFCs

Main answers by the EEIG Atlantic Corridor:

- A QCO on the border Hendaye-Irun will be implemented and will tackle issues described by the RAG speaker
- The TCR coordination should indeed be improved. Nevertheless it was important for ADIF to perform these works during Spanish bank holidays;
- TTR is gradually being implemented in France, knowing that freeing commercial capacity from works is a long term task, as works are planned at least 5 years ahead;
- PCS trainings will be relaunched;
- The RFC Network will coordinate the dates of the TAG RAG meetings.

The EEIG asks if one or two terminal managers would like to be the Terminal Advisory Group speaker(s). The work would consist in organizing two meetings with the terminals before the TAG-RAG meetings. The speaker would also be invited by the European Commission to attend the SERAC working group on RFCs.

See [presentation](#) (topics 3 to 7)

3. Updates on the corridor

By Maria Cuadrado, Claire Hamoniau, Christian Minge and Rita da Veiga, EEIG Corridor Atlantic

- The RUs have been asked to answer a satisfaction survey by 1st October;
- The transport market study was finalized last March. It is published on the website. The forecasts are presented;
- A study on the feasibility of ERTMS on the section Vitoria-Bordeaux is presented. It is published on the corridor's website;
- The state of play of the French-German language simultaneous translation tool is presented and a short video illustrates the German-French translation by radio.
- Train Information Systems developments are presented.
Train Information System (TIS) enables IMs, terminals and RUs to follow a train in real time, including information related to the Train TT, Train Run, Train Delay, Causes for Delay and Train Composition Message. The connection to TIS has to be requested to RNE (josef.stahl@rne.eu), with copy to the managing team.

4. Capacity offer for timetable 2022 and temporary capacity restrictions (TCRs) on the corridor

By Felix Bartolome, the Corridor One stop-shop

The results of the 2022 timetable allocation are presented. As there is no time to present the main TCRs for 2022:2023, the participants can contact Felix for any question on this topic.

5. Train performance management (TPM)

By Antonio Filipe, TPM working group leader, EEIG Corridor Atlantic

TPM results and works are presented.

The East group (France – Germany) faces a lack of interest from the RUs in maintaining periodic meetings with the TPM WG. The RUs from the West group seem to prefer dealing directly with the IMs.

Consequently, the EEIG asks the RUs to provide the management board their expectations towards the TPM activities.

6. Quality Circle Operation (Forbach-Saarbrücken & Hendaye-Irun)

By Christian Minge and Manuel Beistero, EEIG Corridor Atlantic

○ **Forbach-Saarbrücken**

The state of play of the Forbach-Saarbrücken QCO is presented. The current projects concern:

- train path coordination of ad-hoc timetables via chat translation tool Assistify
- TIS Train Linking Pilot;
- The implementation of 740 m trains running via Forbach / Saarbücken;
- The implementation of Dwelling Time Report.

○ **Hendaye-Irun**

A new QCO will be implemented on the French-Spanish border of the corridor. The management team of the EEIG will prepare this QCO end of September, with visits planned with the main stakeholders of the border.

7. EU funding period 2021-2027

By Claire Hamoniau and Rita da Veiga, EEIG Corridor Atlantic

Information is provided on the next EU funding period and on projects that the EEIG foresees for funding.

The EEIG presented the TAG-RAG members the Scope of the activities they intend to develop under the above-mentioned grants:

- Quality Circle Operation:** including Cross-border harmonization and reduction of dwelling time
- Closer cooperation with Terminals:** including integration of TIS information with Multimodal IT platforms (e.g. JUL, Simple, Nexus)
- Support to international traffic operations:** International Ad-hoc requests, ICM handbook, TCRs coordination, TTR deployment

Consequently, the EEIG asks the RAG-TAG members to reflect on the proposed activity scope and provide the RFC Atlantic feedback on their interest in:

- Having the RFC Atlantic take on these or **other subjects** (TAG-RAG members should propose **other subjects**); and
- Partnering with the RFC Atlantic on any of the projects proposed by the RFC.

The TAG RAG members can contact one of the managing team of the corridor with their feedback in these two points.

In addition, and in line with previous grant applications, the EEIG offers cooperation and support to the TAG RAG members who wish to apply for funding for joint projects.

Joost Overduikink suggested that any last mile project to be proposed by the RFC should be coordinated with the ongoing last mile projects in the EU. The RFC Network is also coordinating the projects for which RFCs are willing to request funding.