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EUROPEAN RAIL FREIGHT: MOVING FORWARD

Towards a Rail Freight Oriented Network

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Overview

- Why a Rail Freight Oriented Network?
- How to create it?

Who should act and at what level ?

What next?



Difficulties facing Rail Freight

- Fair access to infrastructure and ancillary services
- Infrastructure and ancillary services capacity
- Path allocation
- Information systems
- Cross-border operations







Objectives:

- » Increase commercial speed
- » Improve reliability
- » Increase capacity

Results:

- » Reduction of costs
- » Increased competitiveness

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A rail network giving priority to freight (1)

- A network composed of corridors giving a sufficient priority to freight (segmentation of the whole network)
- Better management of corridors thanks to a stronger cooperation between Infrastructure Managers and Member States concerning
 - Investment planning
 - Development of interoperability
 - Path allocation processes and rules
 - Priority rules for traffic management
 - Planning and management of terminals
 - Regulation



A rail network giving priority to freight (2)

- Exemplary corridors for freight in terms of transparency:
 - Complete and transparent information concerning the conditions of use of the infrastructure and the ancillary services
 - An efficient monitoring of the quality of the services on the corridor

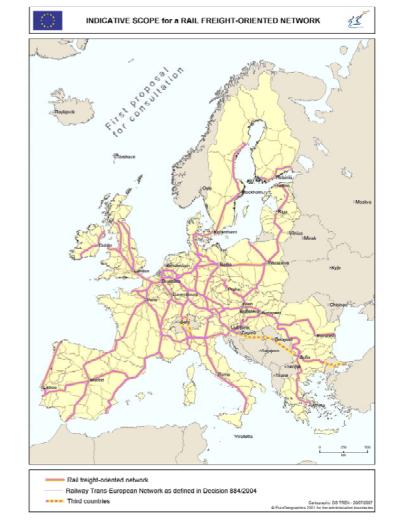




- A rail network giving priority to freight (3)
 - Modalities of the creation of a freight-oriented corridor
 - » Legal definition and rules
 - » At least one corridor per Member State by 2012
 - » Examine possible sources of finance within existing programmes

A rail network giving priority to freight (4)

- A network consistent with TEN-T and EU-RTD projects, defined with the following criteria:
 - Cohesion (min. 1 link between each Member State).
 - » Core network for step-by-step approach.
 - » Routes with high business potential.
 - » Potential connections with neighbouring countries.





Who should act and at what level?

- Community
- Member States
- Regulatory Bodies
- Infrastructure Managers
- Railways undertakings



Next steps

- Legislative measures proposed by Commission (end-2008)
- Negotiations on transport treaty to be concluded mid 2009

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General

- Directive entered into force on 21 June 2004.
- It had to be transposed and implemented within 2 years after adoption, i.e. by 30 April 2006.
- By and large, much progress has been made since adoption of directives in 2004.



- Notification of national safety rules
- Was due by 2006, but according to our analysis notified rules were not complete.
- 2 Member States have not notified rules as of Nov 2008
- New IT tool for notification of national safety rules will be put in operation by April 2009





- Safety certificate and safety authority
- Safety authority has to be independent from any railway undertaking:
- As regards railway undertakings, safety certificate was introduced and is now a separate document from the license.





Railway accidents

ERA joins accident investigation bodies in analysing accidents

ERA maintains databank of accident reports.

Classification of accidents is ready





- Safety management systems:
 Draft mandate of the Commission to CEN is now ready. Eventually, this should lead to a CEN standard for safety management systems.
- Common safety methods:
 First draft is ready, adoption by early 2009
- Common safety targets
 Safety indicators are under preparation.



- Coming up next:
- ERA's report on "Railway Safety Performance in the EU in 2008"
- Commission Communication on "Implementation of Interoperability and safety directive" (May 2009)

