

Joint RFC RALP & NSM TAG Meeting, 21 June 2023, Liège Airport

Participants

Terminals and associations

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Executive Board

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1. Welcome & Introduction

- TAG Speaker 1 (P. Kronenberger): Happy to see you all in presence.
- TAG Speaker 2 (M. Bangen): Maybe we can do more joint TAG meetings in the future. Aiming to increase participation of terminals.
- Speaker of Liège Airport (B. Voneche): 1st cargo airport in Belgium, 5th Cargo Airport in Europe, 320 millions parcels (2022), 165.000 passengers (2022).
- Liège Port Authority (H. Thiébaud): 1st Belgium inland port; well connected to North Sea Port, Rotterdam, Antwerp thanks to Albert Canal; also strategic place due to Liège Airport, 15 % GDP of province of Liège, 4 trimodal ports
- Question TAG Speaker 1: Normally Air-truck, waterway-truck, but do you have direct connection Air-train or water – train?
 - Port: three trimodal platforms connected to rail
 - Airport: no connection rail-airport for goods, but potential for improvement of combined transport (also already area with rail connection available)

2. News on the corridors

- Common news: Merger both RFC's: New routes according to TEN-T regulation map. Merger will enter into force with regulation. Then 18 months' time. TAG members will be consulted regarding implementation plan. Entrance structure will prepare 2025/2026 TT, new corridor will be preparing latest TT2028.
 - Question: Is there the general idea of a new European system?
 - Guus d. M.: Yes, European (Commission) idea is about more European capacity management. But corridor structure will stay in some form for coordination (but not for capacity management). Everything is still a bit unclear.
- RFC NSM: 2022 requests, TT2024 draft TT in July. Punctuality below aimed target. Updated implementation plan until end of this year.
- RFC RALP: Also, unsatisfying punctuality values. The main problem is about insufficient capacity. Further information regarding TCRs, Hochleistungsnetz and the new Quality Core Group were mentioned.

3. R-CDM presentation by RNE

General overview und introduction to R-CDM: Refer to presentation slides.

Discussion:

- S. Meynhardt: What do we expect from contribution by TAG members?

- Develop openness to share data to be fed in some (closed) system. To predict when the train is going to arrive. We need a change of culture for that development.
- Participant: There have been similar projects ongoing, but no global / European system in place. We need to have one common approach.
 - S. Meynhardt.: This round can be understood as an invitation to participate and to exchange what already has been done. R-CDM is more about the (information) running process, not monitoring.
 - G. d. Mol.: R-CDM was strongly asked by DG Move with full support from ministries. The main idea is to get a more efficient use of the railway capacity learning from A-CDM. R-CDM also means not only to talk about punctuality but rather about predictability. Stop “burning” capacity because of missing information.

4. UIRR, RFP (Rail Facilities Portal)

- General overview: Refer to presentation slides
- Discussion about usability and demand for the tool for business; RFP was one of three options obligatory requested by European regulation for registration of data

5. Debrief discussion TAG chair NSM with ExBo

During the ExBo of RFC NSM on the 23rd of March, the TAG chairmen were asked to bring some discussion and attention points to the ExBo members. Following points were mentioned and discussed:

- Digitalisation: The TAG Speaker is promoting TIS for terminals. He will soon meet with some terminals (Interman, Combinant, Bettembourg) and RNE to discuss on the topic.
- Green Deal: TAG Speaker raised awareness on the difficulties already present for terminals, with prices rising due to i.e. energy crisis and inflation. Those difficulties risk to delay the completion of the Green Deal, as the investments are postponed.
- Recharging points: terminals are today more and more in cities. Therefore the power grid needed to implement the recharging points may be insufficient. Moreover, they will create a security and safety risk as people may be wandering around the terminal. It would therefore make more sense to have them outside of the terminals, in their vicinity, as terminals are not energy suppliers. There is also an additional risk related to the availability of the recharging points, as with the current rules lorries drivers would need to park their lorries during their pause at the recharging point, making it unavailable for a long period.
- Long trains: most terminals cannot today handle 740m trains. The works needed to allow them would need environmental assessments, which may hamper the current functioning of terminals (H24, 7/7) as rules may change.

In that regard, the Management Board and TAG chair asked in the ExBo that the chair of the ExBo prepares a presentation of the TAF TSI obligations that rest on terminals.

ExBo Chair C. Avaux prepared the presentation that was presented during the TAG meeting, refer to the slides presented during the meeting.

6. User Satisfaction Survey 2022/2023

The results of the User Satisfaction Survey (USS) 2022 are published on the respective websites of each RFC.

In future more qualitative in depth interviews are planned.

M. Maeselle and Ph. Hansel invites the terminals to participate to online interviews. They will address the invitees directly once the USS is launched.