



# RAIL FACILITIES PORTAL

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# — RFP – Concept Based on Market and Legal Requirements

## EU Legal Requirements

- *Directive 2012/34 (single European railway area): publication of information about access to service facilities in the network statements*
- *Implementing Regulation 2017/2177 (access to service facilities): publication of mandatory service facility information by all service facility operators, as one of the options, directly in the RFP*
- *Regulation 913/2010 (Rail Freight Corridor): publication of list and characteristics of terminals in the Corridor Information Documents*
- *Regulation 1305/2014 (TAF/TAP-TSI)*

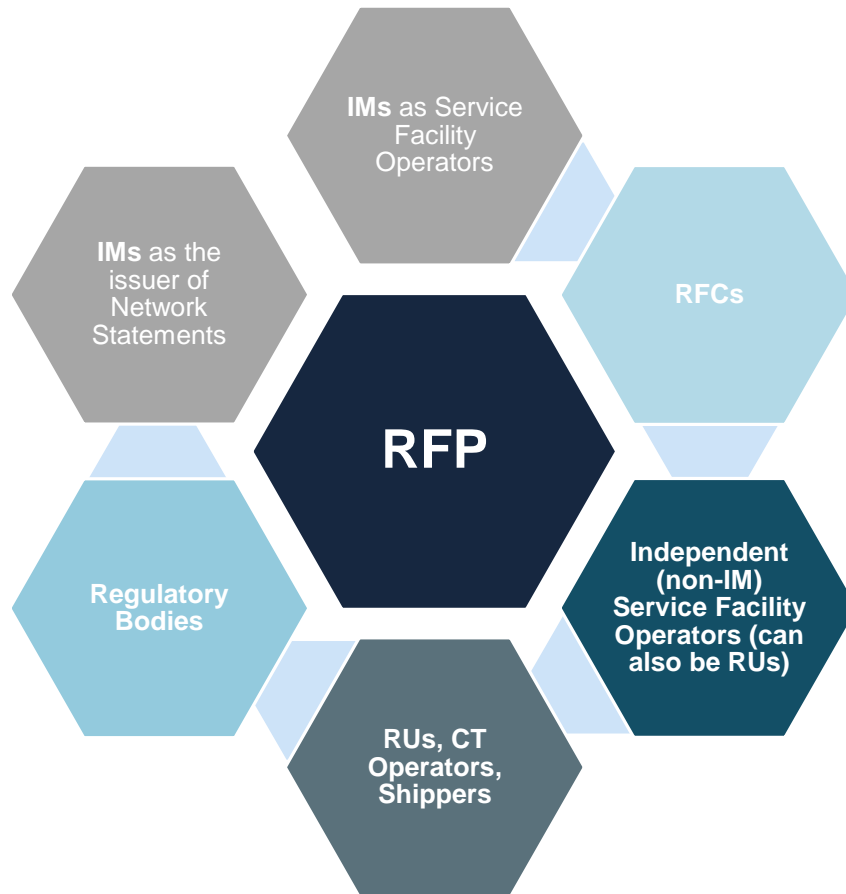
## Market Requirements - Freight

- *Modal shift*
- *Key target groups (e.g. rail freight operators)*
- *Information needs on access to service facilities and rail-related services therein*

## Market Requirements – Passenger

- *Promotion of smart passenger mobility*
- *Key target groups (e.g. multimodal transport providers incl. rail passenger operators)*
- *Information needs: all multimodal interchange points, e.g. rail passenger stations*

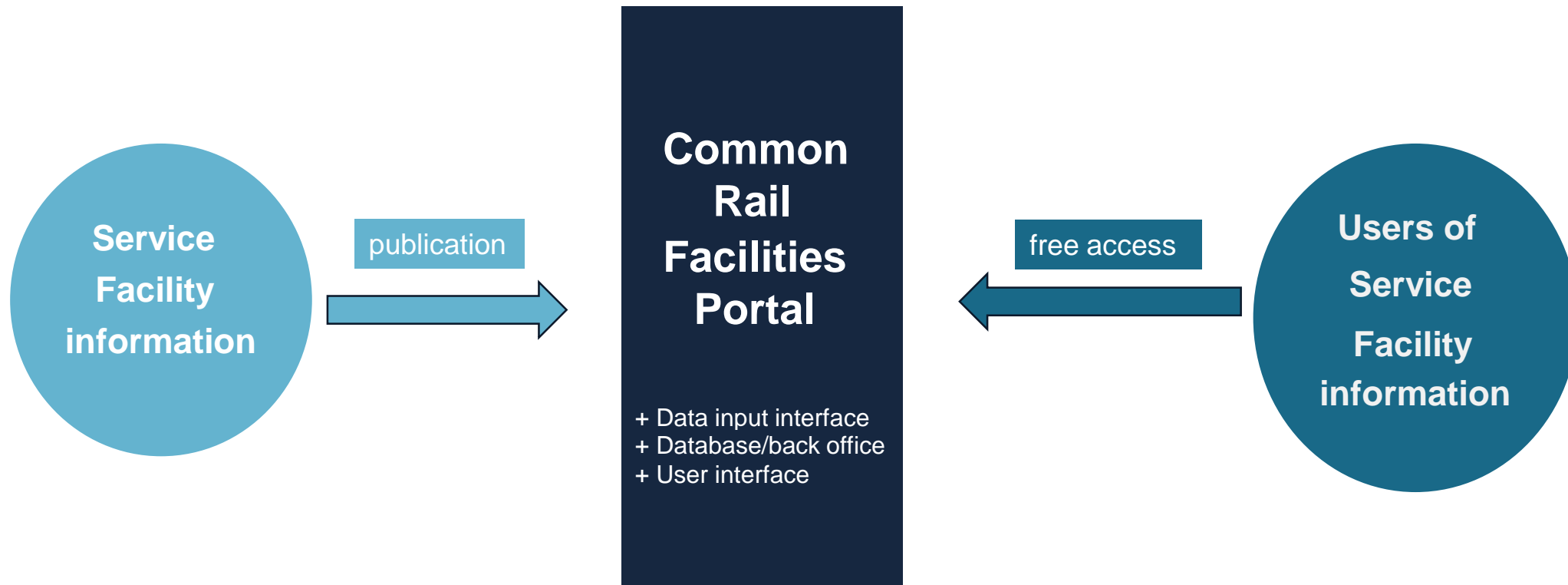
# — RFP – Multitude of Involved Stakeholders



## Numerous stakeholders:

- **Feeding the RFP** ('data providers'): present their facilities and services and fulfil legal obligations
- **Using the information** ('data users'): to facilitate efficient planning of transport and logistics chains for freight operators, as well as assist efficient enforcement (for RBs)

# — RFP – The Single European Platform and Business Tool for Rail-Related Service Facilities



**PUBLISHED ONCE = AVAILABILITY FOR ALL USERS**



# — RFP – Benefits 1/2

- **For all Service Facility Operators**

- **Promotion tool** of services, even for planned new facilities and new services
- **Cheaper and more effective** than alternative solutions: creating an own website, creating/using local/regional portals
- **Compliance tool** ensuring completeness of legally mandatory information
- **Standardized** structure ensuring not only compliance but also reflecting **market needs** of customers

- **For Infrastructure Managers**

- **Convenient, standardized data input** for all large-scale facility managers
- **Full digitalization** of the content of the section including service facility information in the network statements
- Creating a single European platform for service facility information can **further promote the international cooperation** between infrastructure managers towards a single European railway area



# — RFP – Benefits 2/2

- **For Railway Undertakings and CT operators**

- **Easily accessible, digitalized and standardized source of information supporting the planning of their services**
- **Full range** of all commercial and technical access information to service facilities
- **More user-friendly and more efficient than** searching in various other portals and documents
- Data/information quality management ensuring **reliability**

- **For Rail Freight Corridors**

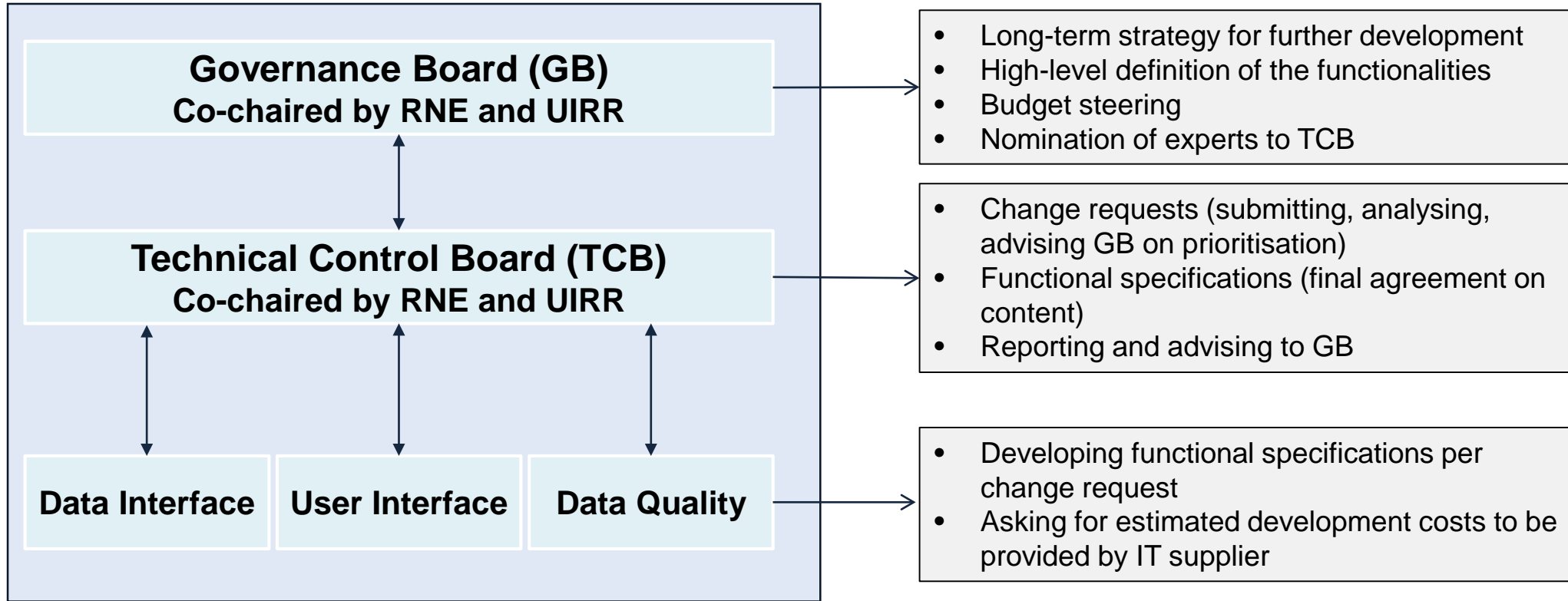
- Contributing to the **achievement of RFCs' objectives**
- Tool **facilitating** the legally mandatory provision of **terminal information**

- **For Regulatory Bodies**

- **Added transparency** to help create an effective marketplace
- Convenient tool supporting **monitoring and enforcement of legal obligations**



# — RFP – Governance Structure







# — RFP – Portal Management Structure

 Co-financed by the Connecting Europe Facility of the European Union



 *To coordinate service facilities operated by its Members*

 *To coordinate all other service facilities*

## Portal Management

### System Manager

- Hardware
- System
- Interfaces

### Content Manager

- Data quality management
- User support
- Training

### Administration

- Organising meetings of GB and TCB
- Contracting
- Reporting

### Promotion

- Events
- PR Materials



# — RFP – Main Functionalities

**1 MAIN MENU**

**2 ACTION PANEL**

- Find Facilities
  - Search
  - Filter
- Select a filter to find facilities.
- Facility type
- Area type
- Services
- Postal code search
- Location on Rail Freight Corridor
- Facility operation status
- Facility opening days
- Equipment
- Public accessibility
- Infrastructure access
- Loading unit acceptance
- Cargo type
- Available capacity
- Show advanced filters

**3 FACILITY MAP**

- Display of search / filter results
- Navigation tools
- Different background maps/layers

**4 FACILITY LIST**

- Display of search / filter results
- Synchronised with FACILITY MAP

**5 LEGEND**

- Facility symbols
- Background maps

**Functionalities including**  
publishing, editing and searching service facility information

**Includes all types of rail service facilities (SF)**  
according to Directive 2012/34 (EU)

**Serves different purposes and user groups**

- Managing/Publishing SF information (both IM and non-IM)
- Easy access to SF information (RUs, other rail transport operators)

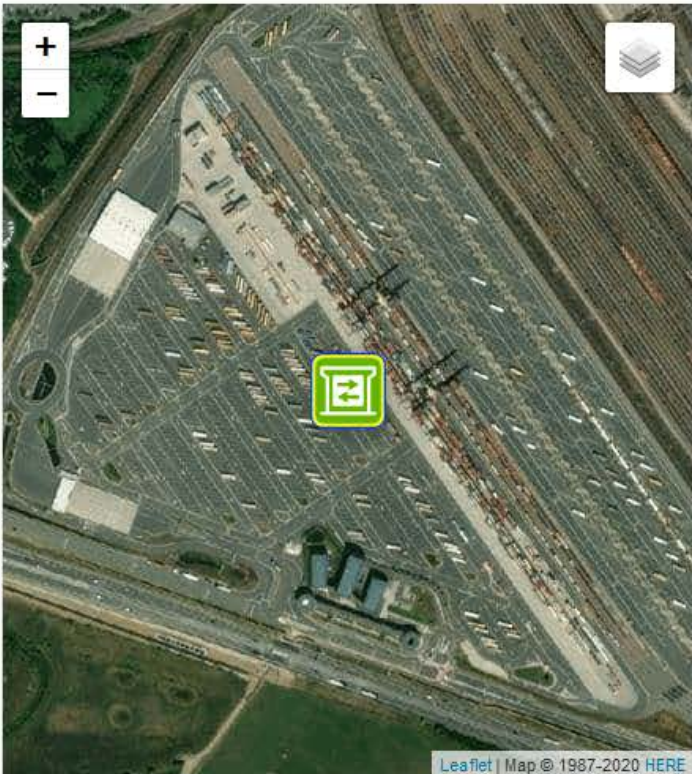
**Compliant with EU legislation**  
Directive 2012/34 (EU), Reg. 2017/2177, Reg. 913/2010

# — RFP – Facility Details – Under Full Resp. of SF Operator

Terminal Intermodal Dudelange **SF NAME** EDIT SEND FEEDBACK CLOSE

GENERAL INFORMATION SERVICES SF DESCRIPTION CHARGES ACCESS CONDITIONS CAPACITY ALLOCATION LINKS AND DOCUMENTS **STRUCTURE OF SF INFORMATION**

| DATA FIELDS   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Introduction</b>   |  |
| Facility name:  | Terminal Intermodal Dudelange                          |
| Facility type:  | Intermodal terminal                                    |
| Facility/operator exempted according Reg. (EU) 2017/2177, Art. 2: | No   |
| Purpose of this SF description:                                   | <a href="#">Download document</a>                      |
| Facility located in:  | Seaport: -<br>Inland port: Yes<br>Freight village: Yes |
| Presentation of the Service Facility:                             | <a href="#">Download document</a>                      |
| Link where additional documents are published:                    |  |
| <b>Service facility operator and owner</b>                        |  |
| Facility operator:  | CFL Terminals s.a.                                     |
| UIC company code (RIGS):  | 3759   |
| Operator type:  | Integrated company                                     |



DATA AS PROVIDED BY THE SERVICE FACILITY OPERATOR

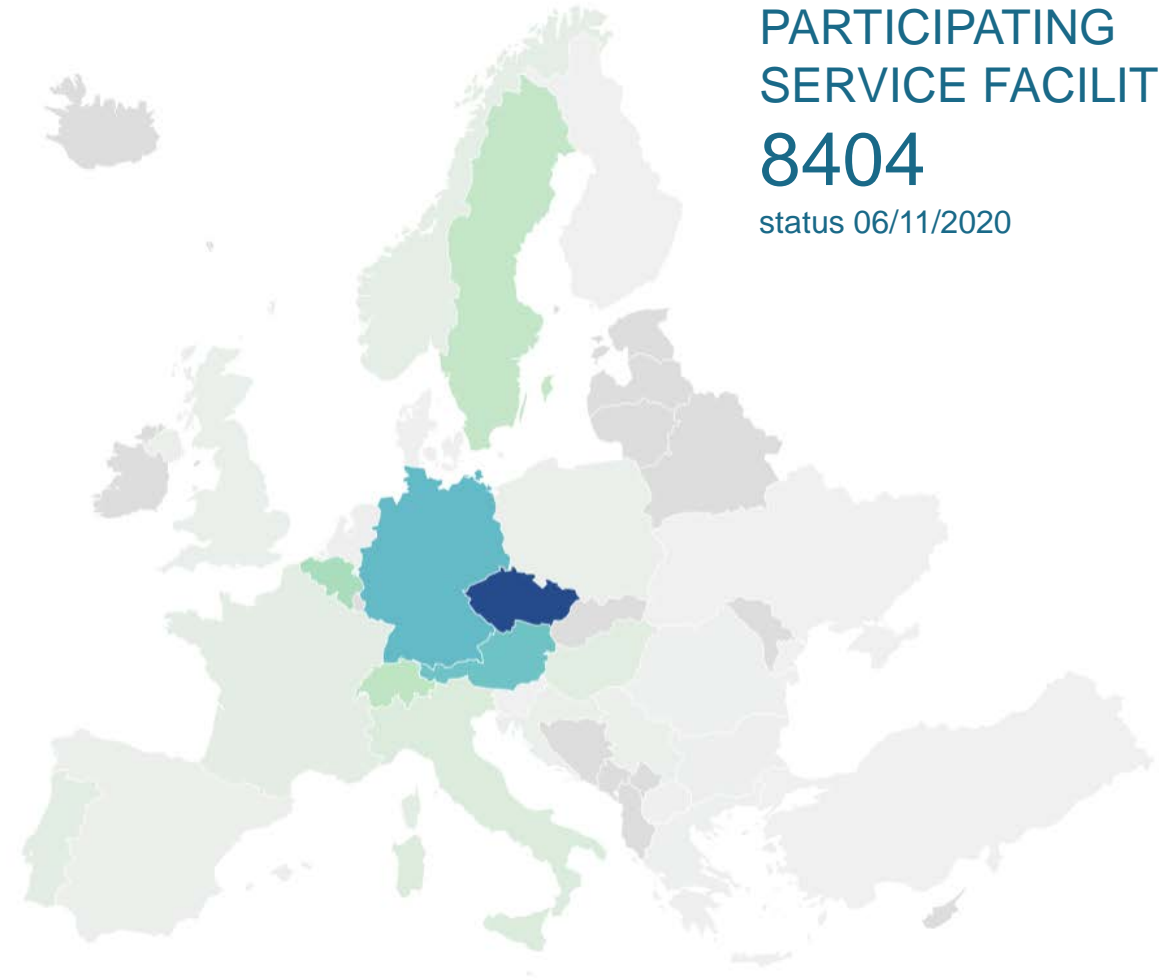
# — Number of Facilities per country



TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING SERVICE FACILITIES:  
**8404**  
status 06/11/2020

## Top 10 Countries

|     |                    |             |
|-----|--------------------|-------------|
| 1.  | <b>Czech Rep.</b>  | <b>3062</b> |
| 2.  | <b>Germany</b>     | <b>1256</b> |
| 3.  | <b>Austria</b>     | <b>1112</b> |
| 4.  | <b>Belgium</b>     | <b>628</b>  |
| 5.  | <b>Switzerland</b> | <b>447</b>  |
| 6.  | <b>Sweden</b>      | <b>399</b>  |
| 7.  | <b>Italy</b>       | <b>193</b>  |
| 8.  | <b>Hungary</b>     | <b>144</b>  |
| 9.  | <b>Portugal</b>    | <b>128</b>  |
| 10. | <b>France</b>      | <b>120</b>  |

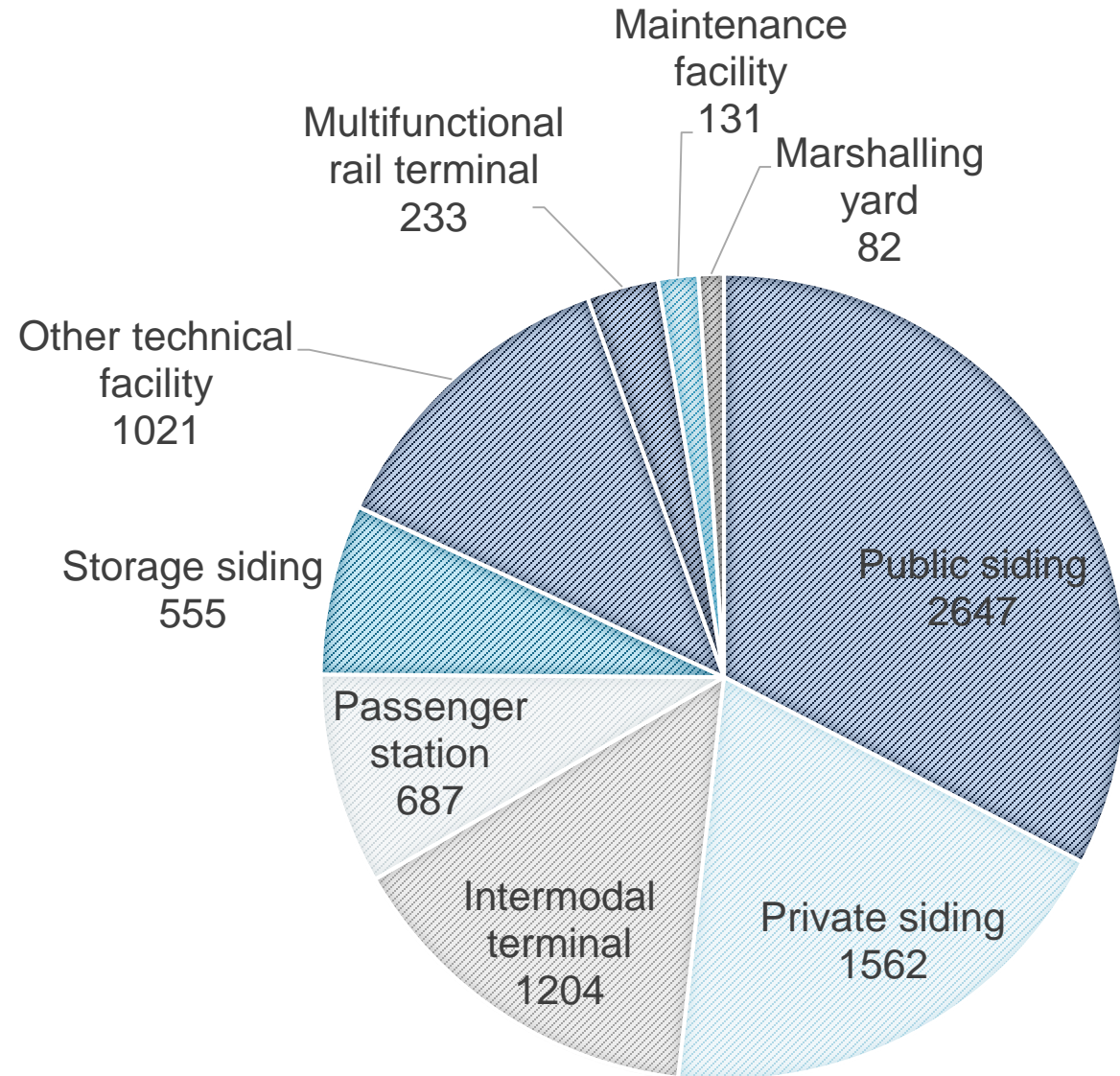


## — RFP – Key Figures (2)

# Number of facilities per facility type

### Top 6 facility types

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. Public siding            | 2647 |
| 2. Private siding           | 1562 |
| 3. Intermodal terminal      | 1204 |
| 4. Other technical facility | 1021 |
| 5. Passenger station        | 687  |
| 6. Storage siding           | 555  |



# — RFP – Key Figures (4)

## Usage figures (March – August 2020)

- Around 400 users/month


| Country           | % Users |
|-------------------|---------|
| 1.  Belgium       | 28.76%  |
| 2.  Germany       | 13.12%  |
| 3.  Switzerland   | 6.25%   |
| 4.  Austria       | 5.21%   |
| 5.  Italy         | 4.99%   |
| 6.  United States | 4.54%   |
| 7.  France        | 4.13%   |
| 8.  Netherlands   | 3.33%   |
| 9.  Czechia       | 3.01%   |
| 10.  Slovakia     | 2.74%   |


# – Usage: Search & Filters Use

## March – August 2020

Almost **10.000** searches in 6 months

- Intermodal terminal (1700)
- Multifunctional rail terminal (829)
- Maintenance facility (812)
- Marshalling yard (537)
- Public siding (511)
- Other technical facility (433)
- Passenger station (328)

Find Facilities 

Search facilities 



# — RFP – Update on recent developments

- **CIP interface development**

- Technical specification by February 2021
- A functioning interface by June 2021

- **Number of terminal records verified**

- Satisfying the RFC Regulation requirements
- Compliance with the Implementing Regulation on Rail Service Facilities
- presently little over 1%, however work is under way to launch verification process in Q1.2021 – after which gradual progress is planned

- **Progress Reporting**

- In 2021: quarterly reports will be delivered
- User and administrator reporting surfaces will be functional by end 2021 – suitable for regular reporting

With the **COM contract in place** and the **management structures functioning** gradual progress is **guaranteed**



# RFP – Endorsements



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

The Director-General

Brussels  
MOVE.DDG.2.C.3/VZ

TO RAIL STAKEHOLDERS

Subject: European Rail Facilities Portal

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is my pleasure to inform you of the positive developments of one of the digital projects that the Commission initiated in the rail sector.

As you may know, the Commission funded the development and deployment of the European Rail Facilities Portal (<https://railfacilitiesportal.eu>). The Portal became operational in 2019. It was recently taken over by RailNetEurope, who plan to work intensively on its development, in cooperation with all rail stakeholders and with the expert support of the International Union for Road-Rail Combined Transport (UIRR).

The project is an example of the ever-growing cooperation between rail stakeholders and of the digitalisation of the sector. The Portal is a digital tool that supports the efforts of the Commission to promote competition in the transport sector by ensuring access to information on rail facilities. The Commission has put forward rules that require rail service facility operators to make publicly available the service facility description free of charge. Now the Portal makes access to this information much easier.

I should point out that all stakeholders are providing input for the development of the Portal. The Commission has allocated EU funding through the Connecting Europe Facility. Business associations including several kinds of stakeholders of the sector, such as Allrail, CEFIC, CER, EIM, ERFA, ESPO, Feport, UIC, UIP, UIRR and UNIFE have been involved for over a year in the work on developing the Portal into a common European business tool. Economic operators and rail regulators have been contributing as well.

I would like to invite all rail transport stakeholders to use the Portal and to explore its functionalities. I also call for supporting this initiative in any way possible and in particular by contributing to the development of the tool by actively participating in and

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Control Board and Governance Board  
regarding service facility information

Yours faithfully,

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Brussels, 25 November 2020

Subject: IRG-Rail welcomes the initiative of a common portal for rail facilities

Dear Sirs, Dear Madam,

The Independent Regulators' Group – Rail supports initiatives improving the providing of information to rail services users and the development of common European tools for the rail sector when the access to those tools is non-discriminatory. IRG-Rail is convinced that such tools are helpful for the completion of the Single European Railway Area.

In this context, IRG-Rail welcomes the initiative of a common portal for rail facilities and looks forward to continuing the exchange with RNE and UIRR about the specificities of this common tool.

Yours sincerely,

Serge Drugmand  
IRG-Rail Chairman

25 November 2020

Letter for the Implementation of the European Rail Facilities Portal

Service Facility Operators,

As you know that the European Rail Facilities Portal (RFP) has recently been taken over by RailNetEurope, the management of the Portal is now carried out jointly with UIRR.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to share our support of the objectives of RFP project. Undersigned on behalf of the Governance and Technical Control Boards of the RFP and are closely involved in the implementation of the project. In particular, in our view:

The widespread usage by service facility operators, in the coming years the RFP may become an important source of information allowing to identify relevant SFs for the planning of rail transport

The availability of SF information is an important step to ensure further simplification and efficiency. The way of providing information by using predefined, common data fields for relevant information can facilitate the searching for information about SFs in various countries Europe-wide.

We would like to inform you that RFP can be accessed at the following webpage: [railfacilitiesportal.eu](https://railfacilitiesportal.eu).

We would like to affirm that we are committed to continue supporting the further development of the RFP by the Control Board and the Governance Board by actively participating in them and providing input.

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ESPO - European Sea Ports Organisation



# — RFP – Outlook

- **Additional software developments (Q1-2021 - tbd)**
  - Finalisation of all technical specifications by the TCB
  - Provision of the cost estimations by IT supplier
  - Final approval by the GB
  - EU grant agreement to be signed for further software developments
- **Intensive promotion activities by RNE / UIRR (Q3-2020 - tbd)**
  - Focused dissemination activities by target group
  - Development of various communication channels and materials
- **Development of adequate business model (tbd)**

**Increase of  
(1) the number of  
participating service  
facilities and (2) the  
number of end-users**



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