



TT2019 / CAPACITY OFFER PUBLICATION

From the beginning of the RFC implementation, PCS, the European tool provided by RailNetEurope, is the single tool used for publishing, requesting and receiving capacity on the RFCs.

This tool is still in need of further improvement in order to serve the purpose for which it has been designed. One of the flaws that still exist is the lack of proper functioning interfaces with the national IT tool of some Infrastructure Managers, in order to provide the same information in both systems at draft and final offer.

In order to improve the performance of the capacity offer provided at X-5 ("draft offer") and X-3,5 ("final offer"), it was decided to implement the Empty Envelope concept and the new PaP guidelines in PCS from TT 2020.

As an interim solution for TT 2019 and fully in line with the provisions of the Regulation 913/2010, the following procedure will be implemented in order to simplify the process of placing a corridor capacity request via PCS and to give, most notably, SNCF Réseau the opportunity to assure that its interface between PCS and GESICO functions following PCS development, to avoid the problems of previous years faced by our customers:

- the PaP offer will be published for the full timetable (365 days, except for specific PaPs connecting some countries) with the disclaimer "PaP may be affected by works";
- after checking the request received from the applicants at X-8 and resolving potential conflicts, the C-OSS will pre-book capacity;
- for the French part of the RFCs (and for other countries as agreed at each Management Board level), each C-OSS will forward the request in PCS as "tailor made" to SNCF Réseau and other interested IMs. To be able to include tailor made solutions for the days on which the PaP is not available, PCS obligates the C-OSS to send the request as tailor made to the IMs in question.

This procedure would allow all paths and variants offered by SNCF Réseau available at the draft and final offer to be automatically rerouted from GESICO to PCS. The paths will be shown identically in GESICO and PCS and they will be completely readable for the customers and neighboring IMs via PCS in a comprehensible manner.

Yours faithfully,

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