



MINUTES OF THE 9TH TAG – RAG MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPING FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN CORRIDOR-RFC6

Date : 26.01.2017, from 9.00 to 16:30

**Location: Milano (Italy), Garibaldi station, Piazza Sigmund Freud, 20124
Sala Diamante, lower level, direction S-Line - Passante underground railway**

PT	Topic	Speaker	Timing
	Registration-Welcome Coffee		9:00 9:30
1	Pre-meetings RUs and TMs;	RUs/TMs	9:30 10:00
2	Chairman Welcome;	Chairman	10:00 10:15
3	Corridor State of Play;	Managing Director	10.15 10:45
4	Implementation Plan consultation phase; Feedback TAG RAG's comments;	Deputy Director	10:45 11:45
5	TAG/RAG spokesmen feed back (Feedback about pre-meeting, experiences running on RFC 6, ECCO etc.);	TAG/RAG representatives	11:45 12:40
6	Sector Declaration Action list feedback and discussions;	Managing Director	12:40 13:00
	Lunch Break		13:00 14:00
7	OSS presentation	COSS Leader	14:00





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reserve Capacity 2017; ➤ TT 2018; ➤ Results 2017; ➤ PCS Training; 		14:45
8	TPM presentation;	Deputy Director	14:45 15:00
9	New Implementation Plan and CID;	Deputy Director	15:00 15:30
10	Customer Satisfaction Survey;	Deputy Director	15:30 15:50
11	Corridor Conference;	Managing Director	15:50 16:00
12	Next meetings;	Managing Director	16:00 16:10
13	Any Other Business;	Managing Director	16:10 16:30
End of the meeting			16:30

1 Pre-meetings RUs and TMs

The meeting started with a first session where Rus and TMS were gathering questions and remarks to be presented later on by the speakers and representatives of the Mediterranean Corridor AG.

2 Chairman Welcome (Managing Director)

The Managing Director welcomed the participants who joined the meeting.

3 Corridor State of Play

The Managing Director made a presentation related to the state of play of the Mediterranean Corridor – RFC 6 with a focus on the extension to Croatia also illustrating the governance changes occurred in 2017 which were necessary to include in the Executive Board the Croatian MS representative and in the General Assembly/Management Board the representative of the Croatian Infrastructure manager. The Managing Director confirmed that the Last Mile Study is ongoing. He reminded that within this study a “train experience” part is foreseen with the involvement of RUs and TMs. As already illustrated at the previous TAG RAG, RUs and TMs has been invited to take part to this initiative. For the time being one RU joined the initiative.

4 Implementation Plan consultation phase; Feedback TAG RAG’s comments

The Deputy Director made a presentation related to the consultation phase of the Implementation Plan that was initiated at the previous TAG RAG meeting held in Montpellier, May 2016. By the end of September 2016 the EEIG received some letters including comments, requests of clarification and amendment. Whenever possible the amendments have already been incorporated in the Implementation Plan. All the requests for which the involvement of Member States were necessary have been forwarded to the Executive Board that will be dealing with them at the next meeting foreseen in May. The Mediterranean Corridor, will provide a feed back to the TAG RAG members at the following meeting foreseen in Autumn.

5 TAG/RAG spokesmen feed back (Feedback about pre-meeting, experiences running on RFC 6, ECCO etc.)

The Managing Director of the Corridor invited Sandra Géhénot, newly appointed UIC Freight Director, to present the latest developments of the UIC project ECCO. In the context of this 9th RAG6 meeting, ECCO presented mainly (refer "UIC eNews" Nr. 533):

- The work conducted on the issue of KPIs, which now involve ERFA, UIRR, Clecat and ESC, and informed that an expert workshop to discuss the feasibility of implementing those KPIs had been agreed with RNE and is due to take place in Vienna on 2 March;





- The ECCO harmonisation proposal for the Corridor one-stop-shop (C-OSS) for which the continuation of the initial cooperation with the C-OSS community was reiterated; The work conducted in the area of coordination;
- The work undertaken under the umbrella of the CEO Task Force to assess the feasibility of longer trains on the current infrastructure;
- The CEO Task Force is an initiative of 11 freight CEOs (ASTOC, BLS, B Logistics, DB Cargo, Hungrail, MRCE, Rail Cargo Group, SBB, SNCF, Mercitalia Rail and VDV) who, with the support of UIC and CER, grounded a task force dedicated to give high level support to issues of key importance to the competitiveness of rail freight;

Mr. Blass (Mercitalia Rail) acting RAG Spokesperson presented to the Corridor management the most pressing issues to be addressed from the RU point of view.

MR. Juan Amoros FERMED made a presentation related to FERMED organization and the expectations of the stakeholders he's representing about the development of the Mediterranean Corridor.

Issues and inputs from the RUs :

1. PaPs quality/quantity to be improved;
2. Harmonization of parameters, national and international to be improved;
3. One system for booking capacity to be strengthened;
4. Major integration of PAPs with cross border terminals (ex, Modane) to be reached.
5. ERTMS state of play and existing implementation plan to be better described in the Implementation Plan;
6. National Processes and National IM takes decision on internal planning shows all the necessary information;
7. TCR to have as less impact as possible;
8. Feeders and outflow to be included in the offer;

Request and inputs from TAG group

1. This is a strange corridor meaning that more corridors merged within the Mediterranean Corridor so there are no direct trains from Spain to Hungary for example therefore different approaches could be needed for the different parts of the Corridor;
2. The TAG representative have the feeling that there is no direct added value to keep being involved. It is important to improve the participation of terminals and drawing the attention of the Corridor to their necessities;
3. UIRR asked for a common information to be provided by the corridors about all the terminals;
4. Last mile issues are very crucial to the terminal and Rus;
5. DB: The corridor should be better exploited, the utilization of the corridor needs to be strengthened. It is less used compared to the other corridors.
6. The corridor offer should include harmonized fares;

6 Sector Declaration Action list feedback and discussions

Skipped.

7 OSS presentation

The OSS leader presented the activity of the Corridor and results in relation to:

- Reserve Capacity 2017;
- TT 2018;
- Results 2017;
- PCS Training;

The OSS manager illustrated the basic elements of the upcoming collection of needs aimed at the preparation of the TT 2019. Moreover, the upcoming PCS training jointly organized with RFC 2 and 4 to be held in Milan on the 22nd and 23rd of February was presented.

8 TPM presentation

The DD presented the state of play of the TPM activity of the Corridor.





9 New Implementation Plan and CID

The DD presented the state of play of the CID publication with the new features arising from the new RNE guidelines.

10 Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS)

The Mediterranean Corridor - RFC6 thanked the participation of the Rus, and TMs to the Customer Satisfaction Survey 2016. The DD presented the results of the CSS for 2016 pointing out the new indicators that have been included (like the overall corridor performance assessment) and the new procedures that have been put in place. The CSS 2016 is available in the Mediterranean Corridor Web Site.

11 Corridor Conference

The MD informed that on the 23rd of May, the Corridor Conference "Extension to Croatia" will take place in Zagreb. This Conference is mainly aimed at introducing the Corridor Activity, functioning and features to the Croatian Stakeholders. High level representatives of Croatian Institutions and Croatian Infrastructure Manager will attend the conference.

12 Next meeting

The next TAG RAG will take place in autumn. The date will be communicated right after the summer.

13 Any Other Business

Skipped

The Managing Director

The Secretary

