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Annex 6e

Debrief of the PRIME-ENRRB Cooperation

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Context

The joint session of PRIME and European Network of Rail Regulatory Bodies (ENRRB) was hosted by the UK Office of Rail and Road in London on 18th September 2015.

The meeting was held in 2 sessions. Separate preparatory meetings in the morning allowed PRIME and ENRRB members to discuss their respective position on the items of the agenda. This was followed by the joint meeting in the afternoon. Chairing of the PRIME-ENRRB meetings will rotate between Commission, Regulators and IMs. The first meeting was chaired by the Commission.

Participants

EC: Single European Rail Unit
Regulators: AT, BE, CH, CZ, DE, ES, FI, FR, IT, LV, NL, PL, SE, UK
PRIME: CER, EIM, HS1, Infrabel, IrishRail, NetworkRail, ProRail, RNE, SNCF Réseau.

Overview of discussions

A number of areas for exchange between infrastructure managers and regulatory bodies were identified, focussing mainly on the implementation of the Recast Directive (2012/34/EU) and facilitation of international rail traffic.

The afternoon session was kicked off by overview presentations of PRIME, ENRRB and RNE as regards their main activities; and EC presentation on the crucial points for cooperation and ways to facilitate the implementation of the Recast Directive. RNE, having an important role in coordinating the operational aspects of international rail traffic, underlined its interest in working together with regulators.

Principles of cooperation

The following principles of cooperation between IMs and Regulators emerged as a result of discussions:

- ✓ Sharing information has great value, allows work to be coordinated, not duplicated.
- ✓ The goal is not necessarily to find agreements, but rather to be aware and informed about the concerns of both sides.
- ✓ These fora do not have decision-making competency.

Results

A number of concrete areas for exchange between IMs and Regulatory Bodies were identified and follow-up meetings and actions on specific topics were planned for 2016 as outlined below. Further topics of interest, to be followed up later, included coordination of maintenance works that affect international traffic, traffic management, network statement harmonisation, framework agreements and contractual agreements.

Next steps

- ✓ January 2016 RNE will host a meeting to present work of RNE and discuss operational aspects of international traffic (suggested date 28 January, TBC);
- ✓ EC and the chairs of IRG Rail Market Monitoring Working Group and Prime KPI Subgroup shall discuss how to ensure coherent approach to the definitions of essential statistical indicators.
- ✓ An extended RNE network statement working group meeting shall be organised in 2016 to discuss the publication of information on service facilities in network statements
- ✓ ARAF and SNCF Réseau will host a meeting in early 2016 on charging principles (in particular definition of market segments and mark-ups).
- ✓ Reconvene a joint PRIME/ENRRB plenary meeting in September 2016, to be hosted by a regulator (IRG will propose it later).