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Annex 9

“Draft Work Programme 2016”

From: Co-chairs

- For Discussion and Decision -

Context

In 2015, PRIME activities were focused on the following issues: Benchmarking, Implementing Acts (framework agreements), Digitalisation, Safety Culture, Financing and Cooperation with Regulatory Bodies. Building on the work done so far, the following Working Priorities are proposed for 2016:

Working Priorities 2016

In 2016, PRIME will continue to be a forum for discussing strategic challenges of rail infrastructure management having the potential to shape rail business of the future. The work of the different PRIME subgroups is essential both for supporting these discussions with evidence as well as for effective implementation of agreed priorities.

For the following topics the work will be supported by subgroups:

- ✓ **Performance indicators and benchmarking:** finalisation of the work initiated by the sub-group in 2014: identification and definition of indicators for remaining categories of KPIs and testing the approach via a series of pilot exercises; benchmarking is planned to start in 2017; new potential areas of work (to be discussed): cooperation with regulators and RU Dialogue.
- ✓ **Digitalisation:** taking forward the work initiated in 2015; continuation of the exchange of best practices, identification of concrete priorities, organisation of a digital fair.
- ✓ **Implementing acts:** continue the work on the pending key implementing act (service facilities); additional topics will be added after the adoption of the 4th Railway Package.

- ✓ **Safety Culture:** taking forward the work initiated under HLIM in 2014: enhance the understanding of the culture of the industry and of how to achieve a shift towards just culture by continuing discussions, supporting this shift through developing best practice across Europe and implementing the twinning programme for safety professionals, promote data sharing and preparing the ground for occurrence reporting.
- ✓ **Financing:** taking forward the work launched in 2015: understanding investors' key concerns for the railways sector, identification of pilot projects suitable for innovative financing, assisting with project development and financial structuring in cooperation with EIB; comparison of risk-sharing, credit enhancement and guarantee schemes.

For the following topics, regular updates from ERA and EC and contributions from PRIME are foreseen:

- ✓ **ERTMS/ Galileo:** work of the deployment management team, including deployment strategies, business and financing models; exchanges with ERTMS Development Board, including stabilisation of specification, GSM-R and interference issues; cost of components.
- ✓ **Security:** Provide industry members with an opportunity to exchange best practices and EC to inform them on current initiatives.
- ✓ **Promoting rail freight:** contribute to EC strategy to revitalise rail freight.
- ✓ **Reduction of national rules:** contribution to the of ERA/ECs strategy for reduction of national rules.

PRIME as a platform will cooperate with:

- ✓ **Regulatory Bodies:** topics of major interest to include: implementation of the Recast Directive, including charging principles; monitoring indicators; framework agreements and contractual agreements; and different aspects of facilitation of international traffic, including coordination of maintenance works, traffic management, time-tabling and harmonisation of network statements.
- ✓ **RU Dialogue:** cooperation on certain pre-identified topics that could include for example: identification of infrastructure investment priorities, digitalisation, passenger and freight cross-border cooperation, KPIs for customer satisfaction, promotion of rail freight.

PRIME membership: expand PRIME to embrace all IMs

Communication: open the PRIME website.

➔ PRIME members are asked to **discuss** the proposal and **agree** on the Working Priorities for 2016.