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Annex to item 7 Information points: CEF Programme Support Action on Issues Log Book

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1. OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND

Boosting international rail freight is a long-term objective endorsed by the Commission, Member States and the railway sector itself.

To this end, the recently adopted amendment to CEF Multiannual Plan includes a Programme Support Action (PSA) for the Issues Log Book as activity eligible for funding, not only with regards to the priorities (Braking, Train Composition and Border checks: and Real time communication about train composition) but covering all items listed in the “Rail Technical Operational Issues Logbook” excel table available on the DG move website at the following address: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/rail/interoperability/interoperability/ope-tsi_en

The full description of the Activity 2 (Issues Log Book) “Support to improving rail interoperability with a view to achieve rail breakthroughs supporting TEN-T infrastructure policy” is available at the following link (from page 77): <https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/legislation/c2019-2743-annex.pdf>

EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION BY INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGERS

Infrastructure managers are strongly encouraged to work with each other, railway undertakings and their regulatory authorities, perhaps via the Rail Freight Corridors, in order to develop projects to address the issues logbook, and to apply to the call for interest, which will be launched by the Commission by July 2019. Potential beneficiaries of the PSA are IMs, NSAs, Ministries and RUs. Expected outputs are concrete solutions to the topics of the Issues Log Book, such as for instance pilot projects or development of IT tools aiming at results in 18-24 months. Solution must be in line with EU legal framework, in particular with Safety and Interoperability directive, TSIs and Common Safety Methods. Total budget is 2.700.000EUR to be divided by candidate projects. All issues can be subject to funding, and particular attention will be given to projects covering the priorities of the Logbook.

2. NEXT STEPS

Timeline foreseen: a call for interest will be launched by the Commission by July 2019 and projects should be submitted before the end of the year.

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