

**PRIME Meeting no 10**  
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**Annex to item 8 – Subgroups and meetings – feedback and plans**  
**Digitalisation Subgroup**

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**– For discussion and decision –**

**Context**

The PRIME digitalisation Sub Group was created in 2015. Thanks to the strong commitment of Bettina Wunsch-Zemmler (DB Netz), this group led to three main achievements:

- 1) A strategic report “*Disruptive impact of digitalisation on Rail Infrastructure Managers*”;
- 2) An list of digitalisation projects that the sub group recommended for future cooperation between rail IMs;
- 3) A proposal for the implementation of an “e-catalog” for already existing projects/tools as a platform for exchange and best practice.

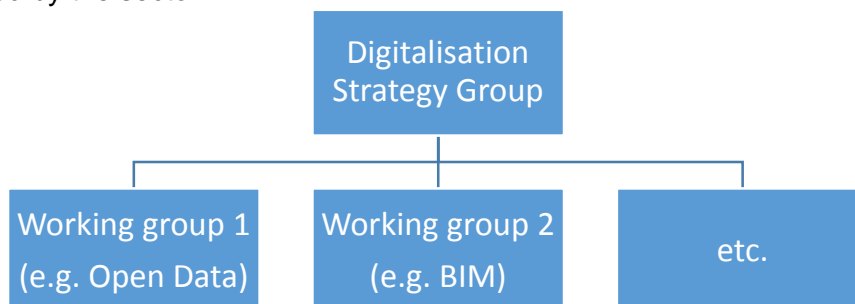
For the last few months, PRIME co-chairs have discussed with the sector organisations and other stakeholders about the future of this Sub Group. Some aspirations have transpired.

First, the definition and the implementation of a digitalisation strategy within a rail IM appear to be challenging from a technical, organisational and even cultural standpoint. This is why CEOs would appreciate that the PRIME sub group provides them with suggestions and best practices about the best way to implement digitalisation within their company.

That being said, stakeholders also consider that digitalisation should not been perceived as a monolithic theme but rather as a combination of complementary projects. In that respect, it was felt that the strategic thinking mentioned above needs to be supported by IM cooperation on a small list of digitisation projects that must or deserve to be designed at the European level. Specifically, a lot of interest was expressed about Open Data (possibly in cooperation with RU dialogue) and Building Information Modelling (BIM).

## Proposal for decision

The following structure is proposed for the newly defined digitalisation sub group to address the aspirations raised by the sector.



- The **Digitalisation Strategy Group** would work as the umbrella group of the sub group. It would ideally be composed of the European Commission and the Head of Digitalisation of each IM. Its purpose would be to provide guidance to IM CEOs on the best way to implement a digitalisation strategy in their company. Mr Arjen Boersma from ProRail would lead this group.
  - The digitalisation strategy group would be invited to propose to PRIME co-chairs the creation of a small number of **working groups** which would appropriately help it for its own work. Open Data and BIM could be interesting examples of such working groups. This list of working groups could be updated from time to time with the prior approval of PRIME co-chairs.
- **PRIME members are asked to discuss the proposal and decide on the re-launch of the work of the Digitalisation Strategy Group and its working groups, as relevant.**