

Summary of the 11th meeting with the RFC 8 North Sea – Baltic RAG & TAG.

Date **27th of September 2017**
Venue **Scandic Hotel**
 Podwale Grodzkie 9, Gdansk
 Poland

1. Welcome and introduction address.

Weronika Karbowskiak (Managing Director of the RFC NS-B) welcomed the participants and opened the 11th meeting with the RFC NS – B RAG&TAG Meeting agenda was adopted with a change in topic order: Terminal Information in Book 3 was moved under point 3 due to changed travel arrangements.

2. Introduction of a new RAG and TAG Spokespersons.

As there was no candidate for RAG speaker's position as a replacement for Dirk Oelschläger the proposal was made that RAG vice-speaker Lieven Goethals from Lineas will take over the tasks until a new candidate emerges. The proposal was accepted. Friedrich Stuhmann from Eurogate was elected as new TAG Speaker.

3. Terminal Information in Book 3.

WK informed that according to the draft implementing act on rail related service terminals will be obliged to deliver and update relevant information in IMs Network Statements. DG MOVE presented the topic of the role of the terminals according to RFC Regulation in the light of the legal framework of Directive 2012/34/EU and the draft implementing act, including:

- RFC Regulation – specific provisions for terminals;
- RFC Regulation - Specific rules on publication of information on terminals;
- Access to service facilities – recast;
- Draft implementing act: Rules on publication of information on service facilities;
- Recast - Rules on publication of information on service facilities;
- Draft implementing act - Rules on publication of information on service facilities;
- Additional provisions on access to service facilities – recast and draft implementing act.

DG MOVE concluded that:

- New legal framework for service facility operators under the recast applies to all terminals, incl. RFC terminals.
- Obligations for terminal operators stemming from recast and draft implementing regulation are broader than those set out in the RFC Regulation.
- Being a RFC terminal does not mean being subject to stricter rules than other terminals.

The participants discussed the topic. Friedrich Stuhmann questioned when the document will be in power. DG MOVE stated that 20 days after publication and informed that the implementing act is being voted same day as RAG&TAG meeting. Guus de Mol (RFC NS-B GA Member) asked how the information provided by terminals can be found by customers. DG MOVE said that according to article 4 & 5 publication can be done by the Service Facility

Operator on its own website, a common web portal (in both cases a link has to be inserted in the IM's network statement) or by providing the info to the IM, which in turn has to include it in the network statement. She stated that the obligation on keeping the information up to date is the responsibility of the Service Facility.

Sebastian Wind (HHLA) asked what is meant in the draft by self-supply Friedrich Stuhmann stated that self-service is quite often impossible. He also pointed out that in Germany there are templates for providing the information which are reviewed yearly by German authorities, he suggested that maybe EC could harmonize template on the basis of this example. DG MOVE informed that a common template for provision of that information should be developed in 2018 by the sector in cooperation with regulatory bodies.

Guus de Mol pointed out that data for train running is known only until the last station before the terminal but for the terminal it is interesting to know the timing of the train arrival to the terminal itself. Input for the last mile should come from the shunting RU. This can only be possible if all information is public.

Weronika Karbowskiak thanked DG MOVE for her participation and the explanation provided regarding terminals duties. As a result of the discussion it was stated that the topic will be tackled during the upcoming RAG&TAG meeting to have a follow up about the elaboration of common template.

4. Capacity offer for TT 2019.

Florian Müller gave the presentation which included information about:

- Capacity Offer for TT2019: number of PaPs for TT 2019 on RFC North Sea – Baltic and new line Knappenrode/Horka opening
- Evaluation of allocation results TT2018 (KPIs);
- Improvements for TT2019;
- „Expression of Capacity Needs“ table sent to C-OSS by applicants.
- Number of RC Slots for TT 2018 on RFC North Sea – Baltic which will be published in October.

The presentation is attached to the minutes as Annex 3 Capacity offer for TT 2019.

Regarding the Improvements for TT2019 Florian Müller summarized expectations regarding the corridor offer given by the customers:

- More suitable parameters (e.g. weight and length on some sections);
- Better running times;
- Alternative offer for Infrastructure works directly in PaPs;
- Harmonization of PaPs between RFCs;
- Operational Advantages of PaPs.

RFC NS-B C-OSS informed that while constructing the offer for TT2019 expectations listed in Expression of Capacity Needs for TT2019 will be taken into account by IMs. Florian Müller stated that this year the number of responses to expression of capacity needs was quite low.

Florian Müller asked the participants which steps should be taken to convince them to place more orders. Eva Eckert (DB Cargo AG) pointed out that PaPs are too expensive, and alleged that in PKP PLK S.A. cancellation fee was 100% of the price. The cancellation fee in Poland was later during the meeting clarified by Krzysztof Jamrozik (PKP PLK S.A. Member of RFC NS-B GA). He stated that in case of RUs the fees for not using/cancelling the requested capacity did

not exceed 25% of the price, neither in TT 2017 nor in TT2018, and were usually lower depending on when the cancellation was done: the earlier the cancellation the lower the fee and that detailed information was available on the corridor website in CID Book 2. It was agreed that the overview of relevant provisions will be annexed to the summary.

Lieven Goethals (Lineas) asked if it is possible to publish Reserved Capacity in different way, not only indicating a timeslot. Florian Muller will check if a better overview could be published.

Florian Müller also summarized the next steps for TT2019 he stated that:

- PaPs will be constructed and published on 8th of January 2018 together with CID, where the description of relevant processes is provided in Book 4;
- Customer visits are planned for time between January and April;
- PCS Training will be provided in February and an invitation will be sent to all customers;
- Deadline for PaP-requests is 9th of April 2018.

5. RFC NS-B implementation of 10 Sector Priorities and UIC ECCO proposal – state of play.

Guus de Mol presented the topic according to the Annex 4 10 sector priorities RFC NS-B which is attached to the summary. He stated that not only RFCs but all the sector organizations are working together in order to implement 10 sector priorities. While elaborating on RFC NS-B view and its input to sector priorities some juridical issues were mentioned, such as language issue on the borders, as well juridical obstacle to share the data in ELETA project. Eva Eckert (DB Cargo AG) supported this opinion stating that the law doesn't allow to make the transport more fluent and easier, also in terms of language.

One of the most important things seen for the improvement is planning and coordination process of TCRs.

As a result of the discussion Guus de Mol proposed that after the next RAG&TAG meeting an operational workshop will be organized with focus on operational rules for border crossings.

6. Information about RFC User Satisfaction Survey 2017.

Weronika Karbowskiak presented the topic according to the Annex 5 Information about RFC User Satisfaction Survey 2017. She informed that On the basis of customer feedback the questionnaire was changed with the aim to make it shorter and less time consuming for respondents but comparable to the results from the previous years. Weronika Karbowskiak informed that in order to avoid multiple invitations the survey has been sent only to one person per company. This person can choose the topic(s) he/she is competent in, and answer only the questions related to these topics. The rest of the topics should be forwarded by the survey recipient to competent colleague(s) who can give answers on these topics. Deadline for completing online questionnaire is 13th of October 2017.

Eva Eckert (DB Cargo AG) informed that employees from DB Cargo who received the survey stated that the idea and content of it is really good.

7. Customer Information Platform – presentation of Multi Corridor View.

Patrycja Urbańska (RFC NS-B Office), presented the topic according to the Annex 6 Customer Information Platform – presentation of Multi Corridor View, which is attached to the minutes. She informed that new functionality in the Customer Information Platform was developed and is available online. Multi-corridor view makes it possible to display information for several

RFCs at the same time. The multi-corridor view has been implemented for both main elements of the CIP:

- The Interactive Map;
- The Information Documents;

Patrycja Urbańska also run a live presentation and informed about possibility to leave feedback regarding the CIP which is really valuable as the development of the CIP is ongoing.

8. Future role of RFC North Sea – Baltic in the traffic between Europe and China.

Lieven Goethals (Lineas) stated the there is a potential in traffic to China as it is expected that 2500 trains per year will run to/from China and rail corridor may be an important axis to compete with other mode of transport. He explained that the intention was to discuss how RFC would see its role in this traffic.

Marcel Tijs (RFC NS-B ExBo Member from NL MoT) pointed out that there is a big interest in this topic in Netherlands and Ministry is interested in this development. Lieven Goethals stated that the topic should be discuss further during the upcoming meetings.

9. AOB:

- **ERTMS Deployment Action Plan – role of RAG;**

Weronika Karbowskiak informed that ERTMS Deployment Action Plan is no being elaborated where corridors are seen as a platform for exchanging information with the active role of RAG.

- **Meeting calendar 2018;**

Guus de Mol informed that the RFC NS-B MB proposed to keep RAG/TAG meetings in Germany or Poland. RAG/TAG Members agreed pointing out that it is important for places to be easily accessible with direct flights from the main EU cities.

WK proposed the dates for the upcoming meetings, it was agreed that meetings will take place:

1st of March – Frankfurt am Main or Berlin;

11th of October 2018 - Warsaw (changed from Poznan).

Weronika Karbowskiak thanked the participants for taking the part in the meeting.

List of annexes:

All the presentations and annexes are available on the RFC NS-B website in [Downloads area](#) .

- 1) Annex 1 Final agenda for RFC NS-B RAG-TAG meeting 27.09.2017.
- 2) Annex 2 Presentation Access to service facilities.
- 3) Annex 3 Capacity offer for TT 2019.
- 4) Annex 4 10 sector priorities RFC NS-B
- 5) Annex 5 Information about RFC User Satisfaction Survey 2017
- 6) Annex 6 Customer Information Platform – presentation of Multi Corridor View
- 7) Annex 7 Cancellation fees in Poland