

**Decision of the Executive board of Rail Freight Corridor Rhine
Alpine**

approving the update of the Implementation plan of the Rail Freight
Corridor Rhine Alpine

The executive board of the railway freight corridor Rhine Alpine

02 December 2021

Final

Having regard to

Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 as modified by regulation (EU) 1316/2013 Annex 1 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight and in particular Article 9(2)

Whereas:

- The European Commission has published the evaluation of the rail freight corridor regulation 2 June 2021 SWD(2021) 134 final.
- The Ministers adopted the establishment agreement of railway freight corridor Rhine Alpine at the 8th October 2014;
- The Implementation Plan is an update of the initial Implementation Plan of Rail Freight Corridor Rhine-Alpine, adopted by the Executive Board decision on 5 December 2013, updated on 28 November 2016 with the extension of the corridor to the port of Vlissingen, and on 20 November 2018
- The Executive board adopted its framework for the allocation of the infrastructure capacity on the freight corridor in accordance with article 14(1) of Regulation 913/2010/EU by a decision signed on 20 November 2018. Switzerland is in the process of replicating Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 in its national law;
- The Implementation Plan takes into account the recommendations 1,2 and 3 of the Network of Executive Boards of the EU Rail Freight Corridors on Estimated Time of Arrival from 7 February 2018, Key Performance Indicators from 7 February 2018 and harmonized framework for capacity allocation from 19 November 2018;
- The draft version of the Implementation was put into consultation with stakeholders from 22 October till 3 November 2021;
- The Implementation Plan close aligned with the orientations set up within the Rotterdam declaration of EU plus Norway and Switzerland Ministers from 21 June 2016 “Rail freight corridors to boost international freight”, the connected sector statement “Boosting international rail freight”, and the Berlin declaration from 21 September 2020” Rail Freight Corridors: The Future of Rail Freight in Europe”;
- The Implementation Plan is close aligned with the orientations set up within the Leipzig declaration of Ministers from the railway freight corridors North Sea Mediterranean and Rhine Alpine on contingency management from 23 May 2018;
- The European Deployment Plan on ERTMS (2017/6/EU) and the connected national Implementation Plans for ERTMS give a framework for the deployment of ERTMS on TEN T core network corridor Rhine Alpine (Rotterdam / Antwerp – Cologne - Basel - Genoa) and is relevant for the deployment of ERTMS along the railway freight corridor Rhine Alpine;
- The technical pillar of the fourth railway package and in particular directive (EU)2016/797 as published 26 May 2016 gives the European framework for ERTMS trackside and On Board Units approval procedures;
- Having regard to the 2019 cooperation agreements between National Safety Authorities and the EU Agency for Railways (ERA) to i.e. facilitate the ERTMS track site approval and On Board systems;
- The draft corridor implementation plan has been sent to the Executive board by 11 November 2021.

Decide to:

1. Approve the update of the implementation plan of Rail Freight Corridor Rhine Alpine, annexed to the present Decision as proposed by the management board;
2. Notice that, following the approval of the implementation plan, the framework for the allocation of the infrastructure capacity on the freight corridor adopted on 20 November 2018, will apply on the categories and specified lines of Rail Freight Corridor Rhine Alpine, as defined in the corridor Information Document Book 2;
3. Take consideration of the annual report 2020 of the Executive board of Rail Freight Corridor Rhine Alpine;
4. Welcome the indicative investment plan of Rail Freight Corridor Rhine Alpine including its financing, but insist that each Member State remains responsible for its own infrastructure decisions and financing;
5. Welcome the updated ERTMS roll out plan for the corridor lines and the information relevant for the migration of ERTMS On Board systems;
6. Ask the Management board to report to the Executive board on progress on the execution of the implementation plan including the harmonized set of Key Performance Indicators along all railway freight corridors in the annual reports;
7. Request the Management board to cooperate closely with other railway freight corridors to continue the work on implementation of the Rotterdam sector statement “Boosting international freight”

Signed during circulation, on the indicated dates, in English
The present decision takes effect the day following the date of its signing.

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Yours sincerely,

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