

Framework of Cooperation between the Management Board and the Advisory Groups of Rail Freight Corridor Rhine-Danube

1. Establishment of the Advisory Groups

- I. The Management Board (hereinafter referred to as „MB”) of Rail Freight Corridor Rhine-Danube (hereinafter referred to as „RFC RHD”) sets up an Advisory Group for managers and owners of the terminals (hereinafter referred to as “TAG”), and another Advisory Group for railway undertakings interested in the use of RFC RHD (hereinafter referred to as “RAG”).
- II. Involvement of managers and owners of the terminals, and the railway undertakings in the TAG and RAG (hereinafter referred to as „RAG/TAG”) is voluntary.

2. Formulation and representation of the opinions of the RAG/TAG

- III. Any manager or owner of a terminal, or a railway undertaking or any other applicant interested in the use of RFC RHD may attend the RAG/TAG meetings. In case of the intention to attend RFC RHD RAG/TAG meetings the concerned manager or owner of a terminal, or a railway undertaking or an applicant shall indicate its will to the Permanent Management Office (hereinafter referred to as „PMO”) in written form, to the following email addresses:
 - Managing Director: jean-marc.hillenberg@oebb.at
 - Infrastructure Manager: ungvari.zsolt@mav.hu
- IV. The register of RAG/TAG attendees shall be handled and constantly updated by the PMO.
- V. Each Advisory Group nominates by mutual consent a spokesperson and informs the MB during the RAG/TAG meeting about his/her name and contact details. The spokespersons collect the opinions from their group, and communicate them to the MB via the PMO or at the RAG/TAG meetings.

3. Communication between MB and RAG/TAG

- VI.** Communication with MB members is done:
- directly at RAG/TAG meetings
 - via the PMO outside of RAG/TAG meetings or
 - in general through the Spokespersons.

The RAG/TAG should address the PMO in written form in case of sending the opinion of the AG, asking for clarifications, etc.

Every written initiative shall be answered with due diligence by the PMO in cooperation with the concerned MB-member(s).

- VII.** The RAG/TAG may issue an opinion on any proposal by the MB, which has direct consequences for the TAG and/or RAG. The MB shall take any of these opinions into account and discuss these at its meetings.
- VIII.** In case the MB cannot meet or fulfil the intentions expressed by the RAG/TAG, the MB provides detailed explanation to the RAG/TAG, and in parallel continues the consultation with the aim to reach a suitable solution for all stakeholders.
- IX.** In case no suitable solution can be found between the MB and RAG/TAG, the latter may refer the matter to the Executive Board, which shall act as an intermediary, and provide its opinion in due time.

4. RAG/TAG meetings

- X.** The meetings of the RAG/TAG are organised by the MB. Regular meetings of the RAG/TAG are held at least twice per year.
- XI.** The setting of the physical meetings may vary depending on the topics and could include interactive sessions (e.g. working in smaller groups).
- XII.** All parties commit themselves to use modern means of communication, such as telcos or Skype-meetings, if any need for discussion is seen at the request of either the RAG/TAG Speakers, MB or ExBo Chairpersons.
- XIII.** In case of raised issues at RAG/TAG meetings are outside of the competence of the MB, the PMO will forward these issues to the respective stakeholders and acts as an intermediary.



- XIV.** The participants shall arrange and finance their travels on their own.
- XV.** Pre-meetings of the RAG/TAG can be organised by the RAG/TAG with the organisational contribution of the PMO.
- XVI.** RAG/TAG-meetings can be attended by: representatives and experts of terminals and railway undertakings and other applicants, MB members and their experts, Executive Board members and their experts, and representatives of the European Commission may attend depending on the items on the agenda. Other parties may only take part upon invitation.