

October 2015 | NEWS FROM THE FIELD OF RAILWAY TIMETABLING IN EUROPE

Redesign of the International Timetabling Process

Last year, RNE and FTE agreed on the need to reform international timetabling. They are working intensively to make this happen as sponsors of the joint project ‘Redesign of the International Timetabling Process’ (TTR), together with the European timetabling community and with the support of ERFA (European Rail Freight Association). The objectives are: clear market orientation, greater reliability, improved commitment to the international timetabling process, greater efficiency and best use of existing track capacity.

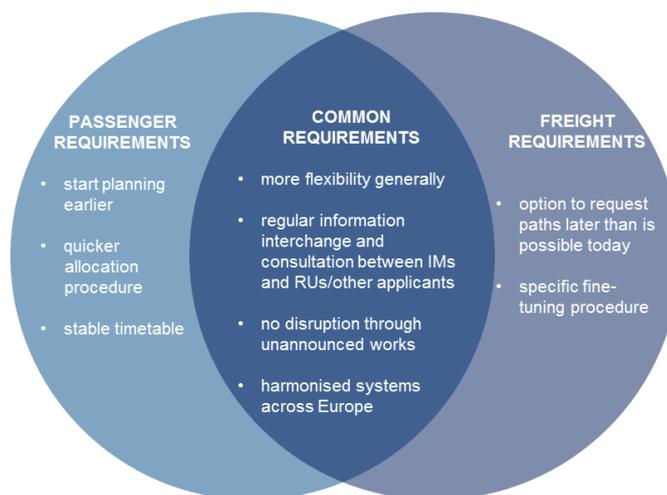
For a general project overview, please see the [May issue](#) of this newsletter.

First phase nearly concluded – key market requirements identified

The first phase of this ambitious project gave a prominent role to Railway Undertakings and other applicants, who expressed their points of view and defined their needs in detail. Market requirements revolve around four main topics, presented in the thematic overview below.

	INNOVATION	FLEXIBILITY	STABILITY	HARMONISATION
Examples	Capacity products	The process must enable the RUs to adapt to market changes	Supply of stable train paths thanks to intern. coordination of works and possessions	Common rules to request and process rail capacity
More examples	You will find more details here .			

When we talk about market requirements, we include both passengers and freight. Some common requirements exist across both markets, others differ, as pictured below.



General overview of requirements

The requirements in greater detail can be found [here](#).

Second phase – creation of the new timetabling process – has started

This new project phase is working out innovative solutions to the matters raised during the first phase – in an interactive way within the rail community. The IMs are drafting a process based on market requirements considered as feasible and a concrete proposal will be made in spring 2016.

You will find more details on the second project phase [here](#).

All facets of timetabling

The redesign of international timetabling strives to improve the attractiveness of the whole railway system. We are investigating all relevant aspects of rail capacity management as we encounter them during project work.

Next events where the project is to be presented

- » Sales and Timetabling High Level Group, 28 October, RNE JO, Vienna
- » Rail Freight Day, joint RNE-European Commission event, 4 Dec. 2015, Vienna
- » FTE A, Coordination Conference for Passenger Traffic, 11-14 January 2016, Ljubljana
- » WMGS/OSJD Coordination Conference for Freight Traffic, February 2016, Romania

Keeping you informed

If you would like to know more about this joint RNE-FTE project and what it could mean for your company, please consult the dedicated webpages:

www.rne.eu/ttrproject.html

www.forumtraineurope.eu/services/ttr-projekt/