



# ATLANTIC CORRIDOR RAG

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# SUMMARY

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

CHRISTIAN OTTMANN RETIREMENT

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# FUTURE RAG: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

According to the new TEN-T regulation (EU) 2024/1679 article 8, the Management Board (MaBo) shall set up an advisory group made up of railway undertaking interested in the use of the freight corridor. This group may issue an opinion on any proposal by the MaBo which has consequences for these undertakings ... amongst other things

RAG members have worked together on a proposal for how this advisory group could work.

This proposal must be accepted by RAG members because, in joining in a RAG, the RUs accept the conditions of the MoU.

# MoU: MAIN POINTS

**RAG Members:** Licensed freight railway undertakings\* interested in the use of the Rail Freight Corridor (RFC).

## **AIM/Tasks of the RAG:**

- Develop a common position amongst the participating RUs operating freight trains, on any specific topic regarding the RFC.
- Advising IMs, Ministries and EU Coordinator
- Providing opinion on proposals by Management Board or consultations on the draft implementation plan or infrastructure development and investment.
- Other Tasks out of TEN-T regulation (EU) 2024/1679
- Cooperation with European Coordinator in monitoring administrative, operational and interoperability aspects of freight traffic on the rail freight lines of the European Transport Corridors.
- Additional topics addressed by the RAG (TCR, harmonization, interoperability, etc.)

## **Involvement of RU:**

- Incentivize the participation of RU in the RAG Groups by collaborating with IM and the Corridor to make visible the RAG (via IM website, Network Statements, etc), its functions and facilitating the information need to be a member of the RAG.

# MoU: MAIN POINTS

## Organisation/Meetings:

- All member RUs are invited to RU-internal RAG-Meetings at least once a year
- QCO, regional working groups, and any other meeting according to demand.
- Meetings shall be organized either online or in hybrid form (with online and physical participation) to facilitate participation and reduce participation costs.
- Decisions are taken in the meetings or in a written process with a minimum two-week deadline
- No reaction of an RU means abstention

## Voting rights:

- One vote per Railway Undertaking – not weighted per size of the undertaking
- Votes are possible for every member present in the meeting or reacting within the deadline in a written form
- Decisions are taken by simple majority
- Quorum: a minimum number of three votes of independent companies is required for the vote to be valid.

*\* Independent company is: A company not connected in any way to another member of the RAG, either through shareholding, legally or managerially.*

# MoU: MAIN POINTS

## **RAG Speaker role:**

- RAG speaker represents the opinion of all Member-RUs. In case of minority opinions those shall be mentioned as well. If the RAG speaker represents his/her own RU he/she will emphasize this explicitly.
- In general, there is one RAG speaker and one deputy per RFC. Alternatively, two co-speakers can be implemented to share the work or to better cover the geographical differences along corridors
- RAG Speakers are elected for a term of two years.

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## CHRISTIAN OTTMANN RETIREMENT

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By the end of the year, Christian will retire and he will no longer be co-speaker.

Based on this year's experience, we believe that this formula improves the representation of the RU and extend the reach of the RAG Speaker as we were able to cover different issues throughout the Atlantic Corridor thanks to the knowledge provided by both speakers.



**NEW CO-SPEAKER NEEDED**

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