

European Freight DAC Delivery Programme enabled by Europe's Rail

Moving European Rail Freight Forward

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Key Benefits

- Increasing infrastructure capacity
- > Increasing rail freight efficiency
- Make modal shift possible:
 +50% by 2030, +100% by 2050
- > Delivering the European Green Deal

Aim

- Selection of an open, fully functional, operationally tested, safe, sustainable European DAC open model ready for industrialization and deployment (assessments of available solutions, testing and demos)
- Deliver final open design of the selected model by the end of 2021 of which interoperability and safety requirements to be incorporated to TSI, Green Deal & Digitalization Package 2022
- > Identify necessary add-on automation components and integrate them
- Identify migration and business plans compatible across Europe as well as the necessary resources to match them
- > communication and dissemination to facilitate DAC deployment in Europe

Enabler

This work is enabled by **Europe's Rail** to ensure technology and oversight independence, with a major role for the railway operating community as major future customer of the operational changes introduced, **to meet final logistic customer expectations**.

Development of freight volume road and rail in mn tkm in a representative MS

- Rail increased 35% (1999-2019)
- but needs to increase 60% (2019-2039) in order to meet the green deal objectives



The challenges for EU rail freight



Capacity

+ 50% rail freight - 55% GHG emissions by 2030

> from bottleneck to green backbone

Productivity



from manual intervention to automation

Quality



from paper to digital

Processes today – and tomorrow







DAC = Digital + Automation + Coupling

this is a major transformation project

- push EU rail freight operations from heavily relying on human factor to 21st century world benchmark
- rail freight automation with DAC is *the* chance for Europe and *the* offer to European policy makers



DAC for Full Digital Freight Train Operations



- DAC is more than just a coupler >
- DAC is a key and unique **enabler for** > numerous applications
- DAC is not a stand-alone technology but > the backbone for "full digital freight train operations" to achieve the ambitious transformation in European rail freight
- > This will allow the DAC to enable even more **use cases** and to **generate** a max. possible **benefit**





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The DAC and automation benefits for EU



rail freight sectoral			society & environment		
Capacity	Productivity	Quality	worker's & rail safety	Economics & employment	Green Deal
Smart capacity, more efficient than conventional extension & much faster	Reduction of time/efforts (€), increase of system speed and asset efficiency	Increased flexibility and reliability, innovative customer services and information	Automation of manual processes, invest in human capital	10+ bn EUR value creation in Europe better work- places in rail	- 10 to -20 mn tons CO _{2 equiv.} p. a.
Increasing Infrastructure Capacity	Increasing Rail Freight Efficiency Competitiveness new markets and growth		SAFETY FIRST	JUIS	Delivering the European Green Deal

DAC lays the basis for the logistics challenges of the future – and for rail freight growth





pictures source: RCA Group

The apps for the customer's logistics and for the future





additional displays, information polling, deep integration into IT systems



telematics and goods monitoring with highest reliability add customer value



optional signals and workplace illumination increase work safety

interfaces to customer systems support customer digitalisation activities



Surveillance of high value goods opens new markets



data analysis for condition-based maintenance increases productivity further



opportunities for digitalisation add real value to customer's and shipper's logistics processes

pictures source: DB Mediathek

Implementation: DAC and automation use cases



Benefit allocation to process steps

	Functionality (DAC/automation use case)	Basis	additional automation component		Shun- ting	Train prep	Train run	Mainte- nance
1	Automated coupling + manual uncoupling	DAC*	-		х			
2	2 Automatic brake test & calculation of braking capacity		automatic braking test device			х		
3	3 Recording of train composition + abandon of rear signal		-			х		
4	Heavier trains & longer trains (within existing infra limitations)	DAC*	-				Х	
5	Increased payload		(elimination of buffers, modified new vehicle design)				Х	X
6	Train integrity (for moving block operations)	DAC*	train integrity system (+ ETCS level 3)	_	_		х	
7	Increased speed via improved longitudinal forces	DAC*	- Bene for d	efits asses: lifferent	sed		Х	
8	Increased speed via better braking performance	DAC*	electro-pneumatic brake	eholder gr IMs	oups	х	х	
9	Wagon condition/performance info (incl. derailment detection)	DAC*	wagon telematics	RUs WKs			х	х
10	Telematics for customers	DAC*	wagon telematics		_		Х	
11	Automated parking brake	DAC*	automated parking brake system		х	х		
12	Automatic uncoupling (remote)	DAC*	actuator + automated parking brake system		х	х		
13	Automated technical wagon inspection	DAC*	wagon telematics + video gate + infra check points			х		
14	Longer trains up to 1500m	DAC*	(infrastructural adaptations +) ep-brake/distributed pow	ver			Х	
	Future automation use cases							
15	Dynamic coupling and uncoupling	DAC*	actuator + dynamic coupling system				х	
		* incl. infr	astructural adaptions for safe DAC operation (e.g. buffer stops,)					

1. Cost-benefit assessment for all use cases

2. Selection of use cases and linked technology packaging for roll-out to be defined based on CBA results

benefits = gains in process (time, system time, cost savings, capacity, reliability, quality, safety + induced modal shift)

Indicative overall time plan





Implementation: DAC as employment booster





Implementation: DAC funding/financing to ensure business case



costs	benefits	business case	propositions
dimensions: CAPEX OPEX	capacity productivity quality beneficiaries: RUs, IMs, WKs, socio-economic	huge benefits but small margin business benefits do not yet lead to business case by itself safeguarding a good balance between funding/financing	 > Observation time for return on cost <10 years > CAPEX funding > Additional OPEX funding > distribution of costs/benefits between actors









The EDDP structure







EU DAC Governance – programme and WPs





On-going connected activities



DAC4EU BMVI	Project officially started after receiving € 13mn from German Government in June 2020 [DB / DB Cargo, SBB Cargo, Rail Cargo Group, Ermewa, GATX Rail Europe, VTG]. Couplers from four different manufacturers under DAC mechanical, pneumatic, electrical and communication tests, implying a freight train formation of 12 wagons coupled with DACs. Dynamic testing until July 2021. Demonstrator train in Europe (24 wagons) with selected DAC type in phase 2. Certified DAC as output until Dec. 2022.
DAC Winter Tests	All DACs are tested under winter conditions, including telematics in winter 2020/21, organized by Trafikverket with the aid of Green Cargo. A train formation will be tested in marshalling yards and in circulation through different places in Sweden. Possible phase 2 is industrial business case in a real environment.
IP5 Shift2Rail	FR8RAIL II DAC Type 4 Prototype final Test Bench Tests completed. FR8RAIL IV under study and pre-approved, will support DAC Trafikverket tests.
ERA	Has started the TWG – Freight for the TSI Revision 2022. Sector is expected to deliver the necessary input to ERA for the adoption of the DAC in the necessary TSIs that regulate interoperability and railway approvals / authorizations in EU.
CEN	WG for developing a new standard for "Automatic Coupler for Freight"
	Political supports: Berlin declaration ministries of transport, MoU of major Freight operators & keepers

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Any questions?



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