

European Freight DAC Delivery Programme enabled by Europe's Rail

Moving European Rail Freight Forward

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The challenges for EU rail freight



Capacity

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

> from bottleneck to green backbone

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from manual intervention to automation

Quality



from paper to digital

Processes today – and tomorrow





freight wagon coupling



mechanical, pneumatical, energy & data coupling

Courtesy of DAC4EU consortium

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





Use cases: DAC Core system and DAC applications (Full Digital Freight Train Operations)

DAC Core system



benefits =

gains in the processes (time, system time, cost savings, capacity, reliability, quality, safety)

+ induced modal shift

- Automated coupling & manual uncoupling and digital backbone
- > Recording of train composition
- angle > $\$ Automatic (remote) uncoupling
- Heavier & longer trains (within existing infra limitations)
- Increased payload
- Increased speed via improved longitudinal forces

DAC train preparation



Automatic brake test & calculation of brake capacity Automated technical wagon inspection

DAC shunting



DAC train run



- Automated parking brake
- > Draining of auxiliary air tanks
- > Automated air valve
- > Rear view camera for train driver
- Proximity detection
- Sound signals when train in motion
- Tail light (train integrity prior OTI function)
- > Train end device (intermediate solution?)
- Vital on train integrity (OTI), enabling ETCS L3 moving block operations
- > Increased speed via better braking performance
- > Multiple loco traction and trains up to 1500m
- > Derailment detection

DAC telematics (wagon & goods monitoring)



- Predictive / preventive maintenance
- detection of cargo condition
- Cargo surveillance, intrusion alarm
- Wagon data & loading information on mobile device

DAC loading & unloading



- Automatic loading/unloading processes (replacement of hydr/pneum components, electro-mechanical actuators
 for bridge plates, automated cargo securing, heating elements for defrosting, ...) via ext. energy supply
- > illumination for worker's safety & interior



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

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DAC for Full Digital Freight Train Operations





Video Link: Digital Automatic Coupling - YouTube



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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

The DAC and automation benefits for EU





Implementation: DAC as employment booster





Indicative overall time plan







The main DAC migration challenge resides in the

Core Wagonload System (CWS) that cannot be operated in a mixed mode





The segments with dedicated wagon fleets may be migrated step-by-step based on different alternatives





DAC

A big bang migration facilitated by 3 "tricks" is the only operationally feasible option for the Core Wagonload System





The big bang retrofit and the creation of fixed pairs can be performed in mobile "DACcination" centers



- After vehicles have been made "DAC ready", the big bang retrofit needs to be as quick as possible
- Benefits of mobile DACcination centers:
 - Creation of temporary additional retrofit capacity
 - Retrofit close to customer/marshalling yard to reduce long transport times to/from the workshop
- Center can be used for building of fixed wagon pairs pre/post big bang and for big bang retrofit
- Demonstration/testing planned for this summer at DB Cargo
- approx. 150 locations required all over Europe

DAC migration/deployment: summary



Principles:

- > No compatibility between screw coupling and DAC
- > No hybrid couplers for wagons
- > Migration period as short as possible (2026-2030)
- Scope: in principle all wagons to be retrofitted (actual number considering productivity gains)
- Locos to be retrofitted before migration with hybrid loco couplers
- Preparatory measures for production of DAC and retrofitting capacities before migration
- Aligned and available funding / financing & regulation (e.g. TSI= for synchronised migration in Europe)

"Instruments"/methods/tools

to make migration/ deployment operationally/technically/ economically feasible:

- Block trains, closed systems, etc. : migration in continuous step-by-step approach
- Mixed/network traffic: migration in "Big Bang" approach (max. preparation, min. migration time)
- "DAC-ready": prepare wagons during regular maintenance and then DAC "plug and play conversion" during Big Bang
- Temporary fixed wagon pairs (to be turned inside out
 @ Big Bang)
- Large wagon pool for exchange wagons during workshop stay (funded)
- > Scrapping bonus



The overall migration path will be a serial migration of unit/block train Finabled by Europe fleets with a mixed/network system fleet big bang at the soonest possible point in time



WS: Core Wagonload System

are of SC wagons in CWS would strongly impact the economic viability of CWS operations and DAC business case benefits



DAC migration/deployment: outlook

Challenges/uncertainties:

- > Fleet data wagon & locos (type and size and technical status)
- > Foreseen actual fleet in use (productivity 2030)
- > Special types: Retrofit technically complex/not possible
- > Additional Operational costs
- > Limiting factors: capacity of industry, workshops, wagon availability and workforce (!)

Next steps

- > Draft migration roadmap for deployment until 2030: June 2022
- > Consultation of partners across Europe on migration roadmap
- > Create basis for development of migration plan (starting 2023)

support needed

>> gathering fleet data
>> analysing operations & WS capacities
>> promote "smart" & short migration



Implementation: DAC funding/financing to ensure business case

costs	benefits	business case	propositions
CAPEX OPEX	capacity productivity quality beneficiaries: RUs, IMs, WKs, socio-economic	<text></text>	 › 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





EDDP overview



EDDP since 09/20

Open European DAC Delivery Programme enabled by Europe's Rail

EDDP as of Q3/22

- For the successful and effective implementation of the Digital Automatic Coupler for European rail freight
- Offers a unique European platform for such cooperation and collaboration → Strong platform: 65 organizations, 230 participants, 19 countries
- Bringing all DAC related initiatives together

ERJU FA 5 and ERJU SP take over specific tasks

- ERJU FA5-FDFTO project (Full Digital Rail Freight Operations): development of technology, testing, demonstration
- ERJU (system pillar) : further activities regarding OPE procedures, standardization/TSI
- EDDP : focus on deployment plan based on migration scenarios and CBA as well the funding/financing needs
 - → remaining as the open platform for
 - → cost-benefit issues
 - \rightarrow migration
 - → increase acceptance and commitment by all actors involved

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.
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 and enabled by Shift2Rail. 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 respective 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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