



**DAC Delivery Programme  
SUPERVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting 17 December 2020  
14h00 – 16h00**

DRAFT MoM

Conference call

<b>14h00</b>	<p><b>1. Introduction</b></p> <p>a. Welcome, adoption of the Agenda [EC]</p> <p>The meeting conducted with Webex was chaired by the EC and co-chaired by the S2R JU.</p> <p>It was attended by the appointed representatives from DG MOVE (Keir Fitch and Leonardo Dongiovanni) S2R JU (Carlo Borghini, Giorgio Travaini and Manuel Alarcon Espinosa), EIM (Bardo Schettini), ERFA (Sophia Krügel), CER (Enno Wiebe), SNCF (Gilles Quesnel), UIP (Gilles Peterhans), UNIFE (Philippe Citroën and David Kupfer), as observer ERA (Olivier Piron) and UIC (Christian Chavanel), as Programme Managers Mark Topal with Peter Buchas (OBB) and Jens Engelmann (independent advisor).</p> <p>Keir Fitch representing DG MOVE and chairing the meeting welcomed the participants, and welcomed Mark Topal and Jens Engelmann as Programme Managers. Furthermore, the Chair informed about the new <a href="#">Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy</a> and the increase role of rail freight foreseen in the strategy. The Chair highlighted that the SB meetings will be used to monitor the timeline of the projects as well as the interfaces and stressed the importance of the PB to deliver input for the TSI 2022 revision in due time (June 2021).</p> <p>The agenda was adopted without further modifications.</p> <p>UIC requested whether the amendment send to the draft minutes of last meeting was taken into account and S2R confirmed that they have been received and a final version will be distributed to all SB members.</p>
<b>14h10</b>	<p><b>2. New Members/experts in the Delivery Programme</b></p> <p>The Chair informed the SB about the 5 new entities who asked to join the DAC PB, including : LTG Lithuanian Railways, ALE - European Autonomous Train Drivers Union, SWK Infrastruktur GbRfds, Amsted Rail, and HARTING Electric and welcomed them.</p> <p>S2R informed the SB about the discussion taking place in the last PB meeting about</p>

the procedure to review new member's submissions, which included the wish to not include many sleeping partners/ solely observers in the DP, and to geographical coverage (considering knowledge transfer) and that a light review procedure will be proposed to the SB. Also a few matrixes were drafted on request of the PB to show the allocation of experts per company to the different WPs (please see presentation slides 4 - 8)

EIM and UIP supported the idea for this light procedure process to evaluate submissions of interest and to focus on recruiting active members, but not to close the door to companies wanting to join but having few resources to allocate, as it is supposed to be an open encompassing initiative.

EIM also stressed the need to have a small paper about the business case of the DAC to be used for support building among the more hesitating Infrastructure Managers. PM affirmed that they are working with the WP leaders to consolidate this list of use cases and appreciate EIM's effort to attract IMs.

CER stressed the need to expand membership and outreach to S/E-EU countries (specifically Baltic States) for deployment reasons and also if that means bringing on board less active members. CER also informed that Gilles Quesnel (present today) and Ralf Marxen will be CER's rotating experts.

PM agreed with CER that indeed everyone is welcome, and stressed that we need to find a proper format to include them without tempering the timely process to reach targets and deliverables.

S2R JU concluded to take all the comments into account and informed that on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October a MoU was signed with the Western Balkan Transport Community and suggested that that road show events could be organised highlighting the EDDP participation advantages and current results reached in order to further bring on-board missing operators from specific regions.

**It was agreed that the JU will submit the draft procedure for the next meeting of the EDDP SB.**

### **3. Report from the Programme Board on the programme implementation**

PM provided an overview, which includes to focus on one type of coupler choice and manage risks of over-complexifying and for the SB to focus not only on the technical aspects of evaluation of the DAC Type, but also on the business case without forgetting the regulatory aspects (TSI 2022 revision).

#### **4. PM report on**

##### **a. Tasks repartition with the PM support**

The Programme Manager provided an overview of the work done with the WPs. To answer the request of the SB, the PM shared an overview of the divisions of tasks between Mark and Jens, as well as the PB and the SB (*see slide 12 of the presentation*).

##### **b. Status overview of EDDP WPs + PM**

The PM stressed the need to first agree with the WPs as well as PB/SB which preliminary work done in will be our basis to finalise the WP deliverables and list of decisions (point e) (such as work done in CEN/CENELEC, ERA TWG, S2R IP5 tech. requirements and testing, DAC Winter Tests etc.).

The Chair asked whether these discussions can be done very quickly and the PM responded that this should be done by the next SB meeting and informed that for some external factors, such as the results from DAC4EU and Winter Tests, will also

need to include some flexibility in the programme pending on the results of their ongoing tests.  
The PM provided an overview of the main findings of the WP and the identified priority issues: 1. consolidating of the target picture (including the overall use case list, indicative migration scenario's and indicative costs); 2. Defining the selection procedure for the coupler mechanical and energy specifications by February latest; 3. Defining the digital use cases.

A discussion followed on how to ensure that all stakeholders share the same common objective/EU wide approach, and the PM flagged an initial possible idea to create a user group. The SB expressed its doubt, but agreed as a first step to organise workshops aligned around the milestones of the programme and to organise a first open workshop in the beginning of 2021 to attract new users, as initially proposed by the S2R ED, and for now to not create an extra body.

**The PM will reach out to the associations to further conceptualise the companies and level we would like to target for these open workshops.**

UIC asked how the elements of the target picture will be decided upon considering the tight schedule (due by mid-Jan) and the PM informed that this will be discussed by the core group of WP (co-) leaders and a draft will be send to the PB and SB for internal consultation and further successive decision.

#### c. **WP interface alignment**

PM stressed that special attention is devoted to the mechanical/electricity and communications specifications, and to avoid making decisions now that will hinder new innovations.

UIP flagged that we should not focus too much on the criteria for the operational conditions, but that we will do the testing based on some normalisation considering the tight time schedule.

PM reminded the lessons learned from the past, and we will reflect on the operational conditions too and the Chair also highlighted that the Winter Tests results will also help the EDDP further in this regard.

#### d. **current priority issues**

PM provided an overview of the current priority issues per WP and informed that the WPs are requested to provide a one-page on the type of expertise they are missing to communicate this, which will be shared to the PB and SB.

CER proposed to get particular the operational experts group of CER/EIM to interface with the EDDP and relevant WPs.

**Chair also expressed its support for reaching out to existing RU's experts group to the EDDP and asked the PM to follow this up.**

#### e. **Draft decision making plan (main next points)**

PM are working on a more detailed plan and will be presented to the SB in mid-January.

### 5. **S2R report on status of State Representative Group**

S2R JU provided an update that 7 MS expressed interest and that **a first national meeting – alongside with the European year of Rail initiative – will be held in January**, back to back to the extraordinary SRG meeting, or soon after; **to be investigated with the PM if connected to the user workshops.**

	<p>Chair also hoped that the SB members will engage and for the organisation of national meetings share organisational costs and UIP and CER expressed their support.</p> <p><b>6. Next steps</b></p> <p>S2R JU thanked all the work done and informed the SB that, in accordance with its Annual Work Plans 2020 and 2021, <b>S2R will launch a Call for Senior Experts in December 2020</b> and that we will continue outreach activities.</p> <p><b>The calendar including all meetings will be shared with the minutes</b></p>
<b>16h00</b>	<p><b>7. AOB and closing</b></p> <p>Chair thanked the PM and all the WP leads for their great work and to have a good Christmas break and hope to continue the work with the same level of commitment and speed</p>
	<p>Dates of 2021 meetings</p> <p>12 March 2021 14:00 – 16:00</p> <p>7 June 2021 14:00 – 16:00</p> <p>21 September 2021 14:00 – 16:00</p> <p>13 December 2021 14:00 – 16:00</p>