

## **SUPERVISORY BOARD**

**9<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**13 December 2022**  
**14h30 – 16h30**

DRAFT agenda

Conference call

### **List of participants**

BANNHOLZER Constanze	KANIA Magdalena (JU)	QUESNEL Gilles
BORGHINI Carlo (JU)	KUPFER David	TOPAL Mark
CHAVANEL Christian	LIPKA Andreas	TRAVAINI Giorgio (JU)
ENGELMANN Jens	NIJSTEN Mandy	VAN BALEN Mitchel
FEIGHAN Conor	PETERHANS Gilles	WIEBE Enno
FITCH Keir	PIRON Oliver	WILLIAMS Molley
GRAEBER Johannes	PITNIK Alfred	

### **1. Introduction, welcome and adoption of the Agenda**

Carlo BORGHINI, the co-Chair of the EDDP Supervisory Board launched the meeting. He welcomed the participants and presented the agenda of the meeting. He briefly discussed the relevance of agenda items for setting up working arrangements and governance in light of launching FP5 in the Innovation Pillar.

On behalf of the Commission, Keir FITCH welcomed the participants and informed the Supervisory Board about the recent developments in the Commission. As stressed, the Commission was involved in the preparation of the TSI revision. There would be no reference to DAC delivery programme under the current revision package, however, the Commission intended to address DAC delivery programme in the next rounds of revisions and in communication.

He also informed about the Commission's upcoming work on the green freight package (to be released in April/May 2023) with a set of proposals targeting timetabling and train drivers. Although DAC would not be a part of the legislation, the intention would be to cover DAC in Commission's communication activities. The Commission would discuss such communication with the EDDP to pass the key messages.

Carlo BORGHINI informed the EDDP Supervisory Board that two grant agreements were signed following the call for proposals 2022-1.

## **2. Review of actions since the last Supervisory Board**

There were no actions reported since the last EDDP Supervisory Board.

## **3. EDDP overall participation & new members**

The PM introduced new members to the EDDP programme. Five new organizations have registered the interest from Serbia (Transport Community), Slovakia (ZSSK CARGO), Poland (KZN Switcher Sp.z.o.o), Germany (CargoBeamer AG), and Italy (Mercitalia Intermodal SpA). There were also new participants who joined the WPs (*for details, please refer to presentation*).

## **4. Critical issues – state of play**

Jens ENGELMANN presented the table of critical issues. He highlighted issues that would require a decision to be taken by the Board (point 6 of the agenda), and the summary of discussion concerning other issues at the Programme Board level (point 5 of the Agenda).

## **5. Summary of the exchange of the Programme Board**

The Programme Managers presented a summarized version of discussion at the Programme Board meeting that took place on 21 November 2022. They discussed following items (*for details please refer to the presentation*).

- New WP5 lead – Mr. Mitchel van BALEN replaced Mr. Leonardo DONGIOVANNI as a WP5 leader
- Target operational processes (critical issue 1b)
- EDDP/FP5/SP governance
- Loco fleet data criteria
- AUCO15 +IPO requirements

In terms of target operational procedures, Mark TOPAL explained the stepwise process of preparing the first version of document. He briefly commented on the consultation with stakeholders. He indicated that the current version was not the final one and would be refined and further consulted once agreed. Nevertheless, the document in the current form would provide a base for work. He also commented on different types of standards (i.e., TSI standards, industrial standards).

Commenting on standards, Olivier PIRON (ERA) referred to the CEN/CENELEC standards. He stressed that the internal processes of verification and authorization were longer for CEN/CENELEC than for ERA (approximately 18 months).

Mark TOPAL pointed out that a new approach to standardization would be needed. He also confirmed that the EDDP was aware of the processes in CEN/CENELEC.

Enno WIEBE commented on the standards and correctness of terminology. He stressed that there were ongoing discussions at the EDDP level concerning lack of

precision in using terminology regarding standards. He pointed to the official definitions at the EU level that should be implemented in the EDDP documents.

David KUPFER supported the concerns regarding terminology and using unclear terms of standards.

Keir FITCH indicated that the priority would be reaching an agreement on the processes, and then this would be followed by the discussion on standards and formal standardization processes.

Carlo BORGHINI discussed the role of the System Pillar in terms of contribution to the European standards. He stressed that relevance of terminology for the proceeding with outputs. He proposed that the System Pillar would provide a clear terminology for the use of the EDDP in terms of standards.

Christian CHAVANEL welcomed the proposal on the common approach to standard-related terminology. He also expressed concerns with the term 'industry' which should be replaced by the term 'sector'.

**→ The JU will ask the SP to provide a clear terminology for the use of the EDDP in terms of standards, involving ERA**

## **DECISION POINTS**

### **6. Recommendations agreed by the Programme Board**

Following the summary of discussion at the Programme Board level, the EDDP Supervisory Board was asked for endorsement of the decisions adopted by the Programme Board

#### **6.1. Appointment of Mitchel van Balen as a new WP5 leader**

Keir FITCH added that the person who would replace Mr. Leonardo DONGIOVANNI in DG MOVE would join in the coming weeks. Such person would be also involved in the DAC delivery.

**→ Supervisory Board endorsed the appointment of Mitchel van Balen as a new WP5 leader**

#### **6.2. Target operational processes**

The Supervisory Board was asked for endorsement of decision presented to and agreed at the Programme Board level, including the agreement on the document (DAC operational target processes) and requests to the EDDP, SP Task 4 and FP5 on the further work (*for details, please refer to the presentation*).

Christian CHAVANEL commented on resources dedicated to the System Pillar. He pointed out that for operational processes different types of expertise would be needed, including expertise of non-Founding Members.

Enno WIEBE clarified that there would be no endorsement as such for the document as a final version, but the associations would greenlight the iterative process that was launched for this exercise. He also insisted on clarification of terminology and allocation of standard-related assignment for different structures (i.e., in the System Pillar, requirements for sector). On behalf of CER, he greenlighted further work on the target operational processes.

Mark TOPAL refer to the System Pillar and its work on standardization. It would welcome the role of the System Pillar to define which parts of DAC-related documents/standards/technologies should remain voluntary sector-based standards and which would be proceeded for regulation and become mandatory. He also mentioned that such decisions would require financial analysis and decisions at political level.

Johannes GREABER (SP) underlined that first an agreement on harmonized process should be reached and then the wider circles of sector would be engaged. The discussion on content should precede the discussion on standardization.

**→ Supervisory Board endorsed approach to target operational processes as presented to and agreed by the EDDP Programme Board**

### **6.3. Governance & EDDP/FP5/SP**

The EDDP Supervisory Board was presented with the proposed structure of DAC delivery programme and related initiatives. The new structure would enter into force as of January 2023 (*for details, please refer to the presentation*).

Mark TOPAL presented the migration roadmap with 11 actions to be performed. He indicated that certain parts of the migration were not covered and would require further elaboration. The presented roadmap provided a core part of the work.

The EDDP Supervisory Board discussed the approach towards the standardization process and tailor-made approach to the DAC authorisation. Mark TOPAL pointed out that in case it would be necessary to change the current legal frameworks, the EDDP would ask for such solution. Keir FITCH commented on complexity of changing the regulatory frameworks. As stressed, such approach would require decision at the political level.

Christian CHAVANEL commented on the using of term standardization and proposed to replace it with term harmonization.

Following discussion on the interaction between the EDDP and other bodies in terms of standardization, Carlo BORGHINI explained that proposed structure did not identify the content (standards) to be dispatched to dedicated bodies. The structure showed the interaction between the bodies and the EDDP. Keir FITCH suggested that the System Pillar could organize a discussion with ERA to ensure consistencies in different documents in terms of terminology.

Carlo BORGHINI reminded about the ongoing call for proposals under JU Programme with a dedicated topic to support to the DAC delivery programme. The deadline would pass on 14 December 2022 at 17h00.

Enno WIEBE asked about the interactions with the Member States. He stressed that their support, specifically in financial terms, would be needed at the later stages of the DAC development and deployment.

Carlo BORGHINI informed about the meetings organized with the representatives of the Member States (States' Representatives Group), including thematic workshops on the System Pillar, Innovation Pillar, and the DAC delivery programme.

Johannes GRAEBER asked if the workshops would be open, and the System Pillar could be involved. Carlo BORGHINI confirmed that the System Pillar could be involved.

In terms of transition of the WP experts within the new structure, Carlo BORGHINI informed that given the endorsement of the EDDP Supervisory Board, following the recommendation of the Programme Board, the WP experts would be offered with opportunity to organize themselves according to their preferences. On case-by-case basis there would be assessment if any declaration of conflict of interest or NDA should be signed.

- **The EDDP Supervisory Board endorsed recommendation of the Programme Board on the proposed EDDP governance structure/information exchange subject to final clarification of certain points;**
- **The EDDP Supervisory Board endorsed recommendation of the Programme Board to ask for WP members' transition as proposed**

## **7. Critical issue 3 (loco) fleet data – state of play of survey**

The associations were asked to support data gathering from their members regarding the loco fleet data. Jens ENGELMANN asked for their feedback.

Enno WIEBE commented that the exercise was challenging, however, the CER considered exercise as an important one and would continue its support. There were two rounds of data collection organized, with second more satisfying.

On behalf of ERFA, Conor FEIGHAN commented on the national associations. He stressed that the national associations could mobilize their members to deliver more data. He also confirmed that data showed geographical balance. He stressed that the EFRA would continue work to accelerate the process of gathering responses.

Andreas LIPKA commented on the progress achieved since the last report presented. The current data showed 25% of responses, compared with 20% presented to the Programme Board in November 2022.

Johannes GRAEBER commented on the importance of such data for development of DAC. He stressed that forced migration based on partial data would be a challenge, both political and technological.

Mark TOPAL asked for clarification regarding the reason of limited data. He asked if companies were not willing to share the data or were not capable of such sharing. These two background reasons could be managed by different solutions.

Andreas LIPKA underlined that certain companies were open and cooperative whereas others avoided the questionnaire. He also commented that the questionnaire touched upon the basic data, thus, the companies were all capable of sharing such data.

Jens ENGELMANN proposed to keep the item of loco fleet data as a standing item for the agenda of EDDP Supervisory Board.

The Supervisory Board discussed the national registers of data and possible role of the Member States in support to the exercise.

## **8. Brief report state of play FP5 (FDFTO)**

On behalf of FP5, Molley Williams updated the EDDP Supervisor Board on the FP5 (*for details, please refer to the presentation*). He also informed that the consortium was finalizing the consortium agreement and the signature of grant agreement would be expected in the coming days.

## **9. Brief report state of play SP Task 4**

On behalf of the System Pillar, Johannes GRAEBER discussed the recent developments in SP Task 4. He informed that the team was established and started working on interfaces with Tasks 2 and 3. The Task 4 would continue to work on the operational procedures and architecture, including work on software and transfixing.

Keir FITCH asked if also cybersecurity would be addressed. It was confirmed that there would be a domain within System Pillar dedicated to cybersecurity and it would be linked with FP5 and SP Task 4.

## **10. Dissemination & events 2022**

Carlo BORGHINI presented the calendar of the events in 2022 (*for details please refer to the presentation*). He also discussed the possibility of organizing some events in light of the presidency of the Council of Sweden (January-June 2023) and Spain (July-December 2023). He also mentioned the importance of reaching out to countries which were not covered in the DAC delivery programme.

## **11. Meeting dates PB/SB 2023**

The EDDP Supervisory Board was presented with the calendar of meetings for 2023 (*for details, please refer to the presentation*).

Johannes GRAEBER asked if the SP Task 4 would report to both Programme Board and the Supervisory Board of EDDP on regular basis. It was confirmed that on regular basis the T4 would be expected to report to the EDDP Programme Board, and when needed to Supervisory Board on *ad hoc* basis.

## **12. AOB and closing**

### **12.1. DAC Programme Management**

Carlo BORGHINI reminded that the DACcelerate project under Europe's Rail would be finalized soon with activities covered until end of January 2023. Jens ENGELMANN, the Programme Manager under DACcelerate would continue his activities until end of January/mid-February 2023. Between February and signature of grant agreement with the successor of DACcelerate there would be a gap to manage. In order to reduce the gap, the JU would propose to the successful consortium under second call for proposals to launch the new project with early date in March 2023 (expected award decision by the Governing Board).

He also mentioned that the Programme Board and Supervisory Board would decide on the candidate for Programme Manager under DAC Delivery programme. Until then, Mark TOPAL would continue.

### **12.2. Next meeting**

Carlo BORGHINI thanked all the staff engaged in the DAC delivery programme in 2022. He thanked the associations, programme managers, the Commission, and the JU staff. He wished happy holiday season and happy new year for all participants.

The next meeting of the EDDP Supervisory Board was scheduled in March 2023.