



SUPERVISORY BOARD

**Meeting 29 June 2023
14h30 – 16h30**

Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

BACCONNIER Estelle (EC)	KANIA Magdalena (JU)	SCHULTZE Ralf-Charles
BANNHOLZER Constanze	LIPKA Andreas	TABOURET Hugo
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FITCH Keir (EC)	PIRON Olivier	VAN BALEN Mitchell
FURIO Nicolas	QUESNEL Gilles	WIEBE Enno
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1. Introduction, Welcome, adoption of the Agenda

Giorgio TRAVAINI welcomed the participants to the EDDP Supervisory Board (EDDP SB) meeting. He presented the agenda which was adopted with no further changes.

On behalf of the Commission, Keir FITCH commented on the latest developments. He informed the EDDP SB about the ongoing internal discussions on possible support and financing to the DAC. Due to significant amount of funding needed, such discussions would not be finalised in the coming months. In short-term, the Commission would adopt the freight package. The freight package would not include DAC-related details, however, it would include elements of great relevance to the DAC. In addition, the Commission was analysing the ways to include the DAC in the communication related to the freight package. He also informed the EDDP SB about the ongoing work on train drivers' directive (TDD). In terms of TSI package, he mentioned that after the voting in March, the process of translation has started.

2. Review of actions since the last PB

Jens ENGELMANN presented the actions undertaken by the Programme Managers since the last meeting (*for details please refer to the presentation*).

Giorgio TRAVAINI reported on a DAC-dedicated meeting organised by the JU for the JU States' Representatives Group (SRG) that took place in early June 2023. He informed that some of the SRG Members requested a dedicated meeting on the DAC to discuss the state of play and potential impact of deployment of the technology. As reported, the SRG showed interest in the DAC and requested to be kept informed regularly. Upon request, a dedicated workshop for the SRG on the CBA would be organised in September. Giorgio TRAVAINI reminded that the SRG was composed of nominated experts representing various domains and levels of expertise regarding

the railway sector. There were different approaches to the DAC. Some SRG Members were supporting, other followed the discussion with no active participation, some put priority on other technologies (i.e., ERTMS). Overall, the attitudes were positive towards the DAC.

Nicolas FURIO introduced Hugo TABOURET who replaced David KUPFER as a deputy representative of the UNIFE to the EDDP SB. The official letter of nomination would follow. Giorgio TRAVAINI reminded that any new member to the EDDP SB shall sign a declaration of conflict of interest and confidentiality.

EDDP and migration roadmap

3. New Supervisory Board member: AERRL

Keir FITCH introduced the request to the EDDP SB to approve the membership of the AERRL upon their request to join the Supervisory Board. The AERRL would be represented by Carole Coune. He discussed the scope of AERRL's work and its relevance in the context of the DAC.

Giorgio TRAVAINI added that the approval of AERRL's membership would also entail the agreement on amending the Rules of Procedure. The RoP listed all the EDDP SB, thus, after the approval of the AERRL, the company would be added to the RoP.

→ **The EDDP SB approved the membership of the AERRL**

→ **The RoP of EDDP SB will be amended to include the AERRL as a new member**

4. DACcord project & PM reconfirmation

Jens ENGELMANN reported on the DACcord project which had been selected for funding under the JU calls for proposals HORIZON-2022-02. He discussed the scope, objectives, and future work of the DACcord (*for details, please refer to the presentation*). He also informed the EDDP SB that the signature of the grant agreement was foreseen on 30 June 2023.

Keir FITCH asked about the stakeholder management. Jens ENGELMANN explained that the stakeholder management's group would oversee the coordination of DAC-related communication, channelling the information regarding the DAC, decide on the participation in events and develop a coherent outlook of the DAC programme.

The EDDP SB was informed that the PB endorsed the reconfirmation of Jens ENGELMANN and Mark TOPAL as the PM for the DAC programme. Giorgio TRAVAINI reported that the PB held a discussion on the expectations and improvement of the programme and possible support from the sector. The PB raised an issue of better communication, the ability to keep all relevant stakeholders informed, and establishing clear reference points (contact points) for different areas of the programme. He also indicated that the PB was in favour of Mark's and Jens' further work and thanked the PM for their dedication to the DAC programme.

→ **The EDDP SB endorsed re-appointment of Jens ENGELMANN and Mark TOPAL as the PMs for the DAC programme**

5. Allocation of former EDDP WPs 1-8 to EDDP new structure

Jens ENGELMANN presented the state of play regarding the allocation of the EDDP WPs to the new structure and explained where the experts from the WPs were allocated to (*for details, please refer to the presentation*). He reminded that all

interested stakeholders were invited to join the sounding board. The participation was open and required only prior registration.

→ **The EDDP SB took note on the allocation of WPs to the new structure of the EDDP programme**

6. New WP3 Co-Lead

Keir FITCH introduced the proposal submitted by the UIP to appoint Markus VAERST as a co-Lead of WP3 following the departure of David KUPFER from UNIFE. As underlined, the UNIFE agreed to the proposal for the moment being. Andreas LIPKA expressed his gratitude towards Markus VAERST and the UIP and indicated that his co-Leadership would be a strong support to the WP3.

→ **The EDDP SB endorsed the proposal to nominate Markus VAERST as a co-Lead of WP3**

7. Further detail DAC draft master plan

Mark TOPAL presented the latest update on the Master Plan for the EDDP. He informed that the version was presented to the PB in April and endorsed in June 2023. He explained the assumptions behind the draft Master Plan, new timeline and objectives (*for details, please refer to the presentation*).

Andreas LIPKA discussed the issue of locomotives. Mark TOPAL explained that for the upgrade of existing rolling stock, there was no budget for retrofitting hundreds of locos.

Keir FITCH made a comment to the presentation on the TSI package pointing out that the relevant changes would be also applicable to the operational rules, not only to technical aspects. He also commented on the timetable for the FRMCS and parallel work on retrofitting the locos.

Mark TOPAL confirmed that these two issues shall go in parallel. He stressed that the more could be agreed at the European level, the better for the successful migration and deployment.

→ **The draft Master Plan with a new timetable was endorsed by the EDDP SB**

8. Critical issue 3 – Fleet retrofit preparedness: state of play

Jens ENGELMANN reminded about the workshops planned with different stakeholders on the fleet retrofitting. He indicated that a dedicated session would be organised for the loco manufactures and presented the draft agenda (*for details please refer to the presentation*). The invitations would be sent out soon. Mark TOPAL suggested to consider making the attendance to workshop conditional upon further steps (i.e., funding).

9. DAC migration roadmap – DAC “starter package”: state of play

Jens ENGELMANN reminded the state of play and described the possible migration scenarios (*for details, please refer to the presentation*). He stressed that the current picture was incomplete. More stable version was expected in September 2023.

The EDDP SB discussed whether the target package would be only mandatory (i.e., in light of interoperability) or with additional applications. Such discussions would be taken into consideration for further refinement.

10. Sector statement: state of play

Jens ENGELMANN thanked all the involved stakeholders in the preparation of the sector statement. He reminded the aim of the statement and discussed the progress.

Enno WIEBE presented the state of play (deadline to deliver the individual signatures under the statement was on 30/06/2023).

On behalf of the UIRR, Ralf-Charles SCHULTZE confirmed that the company would also sign the sector statement within a given deadline. He also indicated that the company would send an open letter to the DG MOVE specifying needs and issues to be considered for intermodal sector in light of the DAC.

On behalf of UNIFE, Nicolas FURIO confirmed company's support. UNIFE collected signature that would be distributed by the deadline.

On behalf of UIP, Gilles PETERHANS confirmed support also from wagon keepers' side, including national associations and customers. He indicated that certain signatures could be slightly delayed.

On behalf of ERFA, Conor FEIGHAN confirmed further signatures, including one from the Eastern Europe.

On behalf of EIM, Veronika SARIK confirmed further signatures to be delivered.

11. CBA update

Mitchell VAN BALEN provided an update on the CBA. He commented on the changes introduced to the model and results (*for details, please refer to the presentation*).

Keir FITCH stressed that the CBA results shall be published at some point. Given the concerns regarding publication, it was postponed to September.

→ The EDDP SB took note on the latest results and changes to the model

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12. Sounding boards: indicative time plan 2023

Constanze BANNHOLZER presented the time planning for the sounding board and discussed the scope of the coming meetings (*for details, please refer to the presentation*).

13. AOB and closing.

The next meeting of the EDDP SB would take place in October 2023.