Deployment Group - First formal Meeting

13th February 2025
14:00 – 17:00
Brussels (Belgium)

Participants

1.	Maria Luisa Domínguez González	ADIF	No
2.	Juan Antonio Delgado	ADIF	Remote
3.	Carole Coune	AERRL	Remote
4.	Mark Remie	AERRL / Nexrail	Remote
5.	Paulo Lauzzana	ALE	No
6.	Pierre Fleury	Alstom	No
7.	Iosu Ibarbia	CAF	Remote
8.	Alberto Mazzola	CER	No
9.	Jean-Philippe Gachot	CER	Remote
10.	Karsten Kemeter	DB	Remote
11.	Monika Heiming	EIM	Physical
12.	Bardo Schettini	EIM	Physical
13.	Davide Pifferi	FSI	Remote
14.	Antonella Trombetta	Hitachi Rail	Remote
15.	Gianluca Tomei	Knorr-Bremse	Remote
16.	Ove Skovdahl	Norwegian Railway Directorate	Physical
17.	Christian Sagmeister	OEBB	Remote
18.	Justin Treutlain	OEBB	Remote
19.	Ralf Kaminsky	Siemens	Remote
20.	Gilles Quesnel	SNCF	Physical
21.	Thomas Joindot	SNCF Réseau	Remote
22.	Paulo Duarte	Portuguese Railway Platform	Remote
23.	Gemma Maria Salazar Luque	Thales	Remote
24.	Susanne Skovgaard	Trafikverket	Remote
25.	Jean-Michel Evanghelou	UIC	Remote
26.	Enno Wiebe	UNIFE	Physical
27.	Jochen Holzfeind	Voestalpine Railway Systems	No
28.	Wouter Malfait	ERA	Remote

29. Giorgio Travaini	EU-RAIL	Physical
30. Karel Van Gils	EU-RAIL	Physical
31. Ian Conlon	EU-RAIL	Physical
32. Joachim Luecking	DG MOVE	Physical
33. Wawrzyniec Perschke	DG MOVE	Physical
34. Matthias Ruete	DG MOVE	No
35. Christof Schoser	DG MOVE	No
36. Alfonso Lorenzo Barba	Ineco	Remote

<u>Guests (agenda point 5)</u>

Ralf Marxen	DB AG	No
Pascal Désaunay	SNCF	Remote
Pasquale Donadio	UNITEL (COMESVIL)	Remote
Petr Linhart	UNITEL (RADOM)	Remote
David Rothbaum	UNITEL (ERICSSON)	No
Mario Sela	DB	Remote
Pipsa Hallner	Trafikverket	Remote

Agenda

1. Introduction
   a. Website EU-RAIL
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
   a. List of actions
3. Formalisation of governance and process documents, based on discussion and documents already shared in HL DpG informal meetings
4. Election of the Chairperson
5. State of play Subgroup FRMCS Deployment
   a. Introduction
   b. Governance
   c. Detailed working plan for 2025
   d. State of play Working Groups
   e. Next steps and open points
6. AOB
   a. Next meetings

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Introduction

Giorgio Travaini (EU-RAIL) welcomed the attendees both physically and remote to the first formal meeting of the EU-RAIL High Level Deployment Group (HL DpG).

The proposed agenda was approved by the attendees.

Giorgio Travaini proceeded to provide a comprehensive overview of the current status of EU-RAIL activities. He highlighted the successful conclusion of Shift2Rail, along with the adherence of the System Pillar and Innovation Pillar to the established plan. Notably, in 2024, the consultation process for the standardisation input plan was initiated. In the context of FRMCS, significant milestones were achieved, including the signing of MORANE 2 at the end of 2024 and the publication of the ERA Technical Opinion on FRMCS specification. Additionally, the Management Team of the FRMCS subgroup was duly appointed. Looking towards the future of the Joint Undertaking (JU), Mr. Travaini underscored the forthcoming launch of the second wave of all Flagship projects in October 2025.

Giorgio Travaini also welcomed Joachim Luecking (DG MOVE), who introduced himself to the attendees. He emphasized the ongoing public consultations aimed at incorporating stakeholders' comments and priorities for the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF) until the 7th of May.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved *[Agreement].*

All actions from the previous meeting were closed, with the exception of action 2, which was resolved during the current meeting (refer to section 5c of these minutes for details).

3. Formalisation of governance and process documents, based on discussion and documents already shared in HL DpG informal meetings

Giorgio Travaini introduced a comprehensive list of documents to be approved, including the Rules of Procedure (RoP), the process to start subgroup, the 2-pager HL DpG and ERTMS stakeholder platform, the Communication plan, the FRMCS Subgroup Remits, and the Minutes of Meeting (MoM) from three informal HL DpG meetings in 2024.

It was clarified that the "2-pager HL DpG and ERTMS Stakeholder Platform document" was established after involving DG MOVE, the ERTMS Coordinator (Matthias Ruete), EU-RAIL, and the Agency, with the aim of preventing duplication between HL DpG and the ERTMS Stakeholder Platform. Subsequently, all the documents were formally approved, as indicated in the decision table at the end of these minutes. *[Decision]*

4. Election of the Chairperson

Following the Rules of Procedure, Monika Heiming (EIM) was elected as the first chairperson of the HL DpG *[Decision]*

5. State of play Subgroup FRMCS Deployment

a. Introduction

Karel Van Gils (EU-RAIL) presented the current status of the FRMCS deployment subgroup (see the meeting presentation).

It was agreed to delete "Authorization dossiers" from the UIC box on the slide "FRMCS (deployment) related work areas and activities. It closed the activity 2 mentioned in the section 2 of these minutes *[Agreement]*

b. Governance

Karel Van Gils provided an overview of the governance structure of the FRMCS deployment subgroup (see the meeting presentation). The members of the Management Team (MT) and the Working Group Coordinators introduced themselves

c. Detailed working plan for 2025

Karel Van Gils introduced the detailed working plan for 2025 (see the meeting presentation).

It was noted that the "FRMCS European Deployment plan V0.1" slide was outdated and should be updated, e.g. the Morane 2 timeline needs to be adjusted to September 2027. The current programme working assumption for phasing out GSM-R is set in 2035. The state of play of the developments and new insights regarding the phasing out possibilities can lead to changes of the planning. *[Action: Update FRMCS Deployment general Masterplan]*

Wawrzyniec Perschke (DG MOVE) highlighted that information from ERA's Technical Opinion had altered the scenario, necessitating a review of the timing. He mentioned that this matter would be addressed in the EU-RAIL System Pillar Steering Group in March 2025.

d. State of play Working Groups

Karel Van Gils, Mario Sela (DB) and Pipsa Hallner (Trafikverket) provided updates on the current status of WG1, WG2, and WG3, respectively (see the meeting presentation).

Regarding WG2, it was clarified that its aim is to create added value by considering stakeholder input while avoiding duplication with the ERA Working Party on authorization. It was also agreed to incorporate Infrastructure Managers, in addition to vehicles, in chapter 1 of the WG2 document.

The presented risk matrix should be extended to the whole Deployment programme, not limited to a single working group. *[Action: Update Risk Matrix for total programme]*

Additionally, a proposal was made to include a dashboard for the programme activities, displaying the main risks and the project timeline, identifying key milestones. *[Action: prepare a dashboard for the Programme activities, displaying the main risks and the project timeline, identifying key milestones]*

e. Next steps and open points

Karel Van Gils introduced the next steps and open points (see the meeting presentation).

6. AOB

The next meeting was agreed on 5 June.

Some issues were identified for having the October HL DpG meeting on 2nd October as planned. *[Action: Make a doodle for choosing date for the October DpG meetings]*

Monika Heiming thanked all attendees for their participation.

Decisions List

No Decision	Description	Decision Date
01/2025	Rules of Procedure of the Deployment Group of Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking	13/02/2025
02/2025	Process for the setting up of dedicated group(s) to assist on an ad-hoc basis the High-Level Core Group	13/02/2025
03/2025	Alignment between EU-RAIL Deployment Group and ERTMS Stakeholder Platform	13/02/2025
04/2025	Europe's Rail Deployment Group – Communication Plan	13/02/2025
05/2025	Deployment FRMCS subgroup remits	13/02/2025
06/2025	Election of Monika Heiming as chairperson of the High-Level Deployment Group	13/02/2025

Action List

No.	Action	Owner	Deadline	Status
1	Update *FRMCS* Deployment General Masterplan	Management Team (MT) FRMCS subgroup	June	open
2	Prepare a dashboard for the programme activities, displaying the main risks and the project timeline, identifying key milestones	MT FRMCS subgroup	June HL DpG meeting	Open
3	Update Risk Matrix for total programme	MT FRMCS subgroup	June	Open

No.	Action	Owner	Deadline	Status
4	Make a doodle for choosing date for the October DpG meetings	Alfonso Lorenzo (Ineco)	End February	Open