



FRMCS subgroup of the Deployment Group - Ninth Meeting

16th September 2025

12:00 – 13:30

On-line meeting

Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Present</u>
1. Jesús Santiago	ADIF	No
2. José Alberto González	ADIF	No
3. Sara Caramés	ADIF	No
4. Jean-François Caubet	AERRL	Yes
5. Pierre Cotellet	Alstom	Yes
6. Jose Antonio Quintano	CAF	Yes
7. Jean-Philippe Gachot	CER	No
8. Paweł Bernacik	CER	No
9. Dittrich Jaroslav	CER	No
10. Achim Vrielink	DB	No
11. Holger Lietz	DB	No
12. Markus Neubacher	DB	No
13. Morten Schläger	DB	No
14. Marco Schwarz	DB	No
15. Mario Sela	DB	Yes
16. Ralf Marxen	DB	Yes
17. Bardo Schettini	EIM	Yes
18. Giuseppe Miccoli	EIM	No

19. Maria Cataldo	FSI	No
20. Leonardo Malesci	FSI	Yes
21. Cataffo Vittorio	FSI	Yes
22. Felice Iusto	FSI	Yes
23. Antona Gaspare	FSI	No
24. Enrico Noviglio	FSI	No
25. Arild Nybrodahl	Bane NOR	Yes
26. Johann Lienhart	OEGB	No
27. Erik Hadl	OEGB	No
28. David Loeschenbrand	OEGB	Yes
29. Paweł Bernacik	PKP PLK	No
30. Manfred Schienbein	Siemens	No
31. Eric Giraud-Desjuzeur	SNCF	No
32. Simon Gouyou-Beauchamps	SNCF	No
33. Pascal Désaunay	SNCF	Yes
34. Eric Le Moal	SNCF	No
35. Pipsa Hallner	Trafikverket	Yes
36. Mats Malmström	Trafikverket	No
37. Eriksson Joachim	Trafikverket	Yes
38. Dan Mandoc	UIC	No
39. Michael Mikulandra	UNIFE	No
40. Jorgen Mattisson	UNIFE	Yes
41. Pasquale Donadio	UNITEL (Comesvil)	Yes
42. Petr Linhart	UNITEL (AZD)	No
43. David Rothbaum	UNITEL (Ericsson)	Yes
44. Igor Alexandrov	UNITEL (Ericsson)	No
45. Martin Schroeder	ERA	Yes
46. Giacomo Potenza	ERA	No
47. Wawrzyniec Perschke	DG MOVE	Yes

48. Michaela Strohschneider	DG MOVE	No
49. Karel Van Gils	EU-RAIL	Yes
50. Alfonso Lorenzo	Ineco	Yes

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. State of play. Presentation for the HL DpG.
4. AOB

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Introduction

Karel Van Gils welcomed the members to the 9th FRMCS subgroup meeting. He explained that the plenary meeting had been rescheduled due to the first FRMCS Stakeholder Alignment Meeting taking place on Thursday.

Karel also informed the group that the UIC FRMCS Conference would be held in mid-October, during which the initial analysis of the DpG would be presented.

There are no new members present at the plenary.

The agenda was agreed.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The MoM on 20th of May meeting were approved.

With regard to the list of actions:

- **Action 1** is currently in progress (i.e. updating the General Master Plan by incorporating the responses collected through the annual FRMCS deployment questionnaire).
- **Action 2** has been completed, as the face-to-face meeting scheduled for 1st October was confirmed with enough participants.

3. State of play. Presentation for the HL DpG.

Karel Van Gils outlined the proposed agenda for the HL DpG meeting, placing particular emphasis on item 2, which concerns the outcomes of the FRMCS Subgroup. He also noted that the whole package of documents prepared by the subgroup had been distributed alongside the agenda (not to HL DpG).

Results FRMCS deployment survey (questionnaire)

Pascal Désaunay introduced the results of the FRMCS deployment survey (see HL DpG presentation).

There are no remarks from the attendants. Therefore, Karel indicated that the report will be published on the website and used in dissemination activities, e.g., during the FRMCS conference in October and the explanatory webinar. Additionally, Karel informed that the questionnaire would be repeated mid-next year to get more detailed information.

Arild Nybrodahl suggested that it might be useful to have a mechanism to exert pressure for extending the operational life of GSM-R until the FRMCS transition is completed. Wawka explained the limited authority of the European Commission in this matter, as such decisions are subject to contractual agreements with suppliers. It was proposed that this situation be monitored in coordination with UNITEL.

Pascal indicated that a webinar to disseminate the results of the survey is planned for 2 October (note: invitations sent via associations).

State of play (technology, legal & finance, migration scenario's, dashboard)

David Rothbaum, Mario Sela and Pipsa Hallner overviewed the WG1, WG2 and WG3 status and reports respectively (see HL DpG meeting presentation).

Comments and questions on the information shown about the reports were made by the participants and will be included in the presentation. Comments were related to give more detailed clarity on the Working Groups work, internal discussions and intermediate results. Meeting members endorsed progress and initial outcomes (no objections were made).

Draft Advice to ERA regarding the deployment of FRMCS

Pascal Désaunay explained the current status of the draft advice to ERA (see HL DpG meeting presentation). He emphasised this are advice and proposals and not an action plan and referred to ongoing discussions with ERA.

The group consented with the way of thinking and direction of advice for further analyses and development, including discussions with ERA and sector *[Agreement]*

Next steps / Roadmap 2026

Karel Van Gils introduced the next steps and the roadmap of the FRMCS subgroup in 2026 (see HL DpG meeting presentation). This is basis for the work of the diverse Working Groups and should by the Groups be detailed (action)

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There were no additional points to be managed.

Karel Van Gils emphasised that the Plenary supported the working methods of the working groups and would continue to operate in this manner.

The presentation will be forwarded to the HL DpG members for their meeting on 8 October.

Action List

No.	Action	Owner	Deadline	Status
1	Update the General master Plan by considering answers collected in the annual FRMCS deployment questionnaire	Alfonso Lorenzo	HL DpG meeting in October	In progress
2	Check if there are enough participants for the face-to-face meeting to organize it on 1 st October	Ralf Marxen	HL DpG meeting in October	Completed
3	Detailed working plans for 2026	WG leads	December	In progress