

# **EIM's view on Rail Freight Corridors**

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# EIM – Basic Facts

## EIM IN A NUTSHELL

**Founded:** March 2002

**Legal entity:** AISBL (International Non-Profit Association)

**Office:** Brussels, Belgium

**Coverage:** 11 countries

**Members:** 12 full and 2 associate

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## MISSION

- Promoting the development, improvement and efficient delivery of rail infrastructure in the EU;
- Making liberalisation a success in the countries where it has been implemented;
- Representing its members' political, technical and business interests to all relevant EU institutions;
- Supporting the business development by providing a forum for cooperation;
- Providing an environment for the leaders of IMs for sharing best practices and efficiency tools

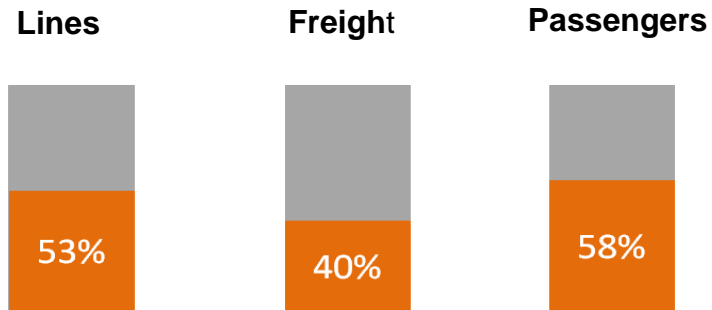
## VISION

- EIM supports an open and seamless European rail network, promoting a safe and sustainable transport system.
- EIM is part of PRIME, Only platform allowing direct exchange of IMs with the EC, whose scope encompasses all strategic (regulatory, operational and financial) aspects relevant for IMs.

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### EIM in Numbers



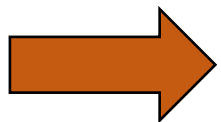
EIM's members manage:

- **53%** of the European Union's railway lines
- **40%** of the EU rail freight traffic;
- **58%** of the passenger traffic.



# Most relevant aspects regarding RFC implementation:

- ▶ Contribute to the setting up of the **EU single rail market**
- ▶ Foster the **development** of rail freight across Europe
- ▶ Ensure suitable **balance** between freight and passenger traffic



Freight corridors are key to develop international rail freight traffic in Europe and an opportunity for IMs in delivering a EU wide rail infrastructure backbone for genuine seamless rail transport

# Trend: RFCs and ERTMS Corridors

 Opportunities/challenges in developing a common approach to the deployment of ERTMS/RFCs Corridors and their seamless alignment

## Opportunities

- **ERTMS**: improved path quality -> better customer service -> increased intermodal competitiveness.
- **Corridors**: integrated service-based approach of RFCs and ERTMS corridors.
- **Management**: reduction of management structures.

## Challenges

- **ERTMS**: overlapping rules ERTMS/RFC and increased deployment obligations
- **Service**: business case of operators not coherent with ERTMS deployment of corridor
- **PAPs**: more flexible approach to serve customers better

## Trend: Increased Cross-Border Cooperation

➔ EU fosters increased cross-border cooperation on wider level

### Internal "EU" Cooperation

Between corridor managers

➔ « Streamlined » EU corridor management

### External Cooperation

Between corridors of EU and non-EU countries

➔ "Seamless" European/Asian corridors

# Trend: Performance, Cooperation, Digitalisation

## ➤ More performance-related reporting

➔ Definition of “Minimum Service Requirements” to be further explored.

## ➤ More multimodal cooperation

➔ Increased exchange amongst intermodal chain amongst IMs.

## ➤ More digitalisation

➔ Increased digital data exchange (telematics, digital logistics & freight platforms)

# Outlook: Key Success Factors

## Regulatory Measures

- ❖ Funding: Multi-Annual Contracts; CEF, etc.
- ❖ IM: allocation of all necessary tasks to respond to expectations of RUs
- ❖ Externalities: clear definitions

## Technical Measures

- ❖ Harmonised deployment of TSIs (interoperability, safety, ERTMS, XA, telematics)



# Thank you for your attention!

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