

Consultation guidelines: update on progress and outlook on further work

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Recap of capacity regulation: regulatory requirements

Article 57

Consultation mechanism for EU and cross-border matters

- IMs to consult on **EU and cross-border matters**,
- ENIM to include **guidelines for consultation in EU frameworks**, following consultation of ERP
- **Guidelines to be implemented** with **support of NC** and **involvement of IM focal points**
- ENIM to also consult on **opinions and recommendations other than EU frameworks** with **significant impact on stakeholders**
- ENIM to **take into account consultation feedback** and to **provide reasons if it fails** to do so

Article 7 / 46 / 52

European framework for CM / TM / PR

- [...] ENIM shall develop and adopt a **'European framework for {CM / TM / PR}'**, [...], laying down **common tools, methodologies and procedural arrangements** for the {management of rail infrastructure capacity} and for the **coordination between infrastructure managers and other operational stakeholders**.
- Infrastructure managers shall **take the utmost account of those common tools, methodologies and procedural arrangements** for the management of rail infrastructure capacity.

Approach to prepare the consultation guidelines (CG)

Consultation Guidelines

1 Consultation mechanisms
related to **EU Frameworks (EFXX)**
and to the **ENIM work programme (ENIM WP)**

Common consultation mechanism
for all **three EU Frameworks** (Art 7, 46, 52)

Consultation mechanism for ENIM Work Programme (Art 58)

As much
harmonisation
as possible,
as much
flexibility as
necessary

2 Consultation mechanisms
related to **contents**, as part of
implementing the capacity regulation

Common consultation principles applying to
all consultation processes in all 3 frameworks

Specific consultation processes defined
throughout three frameworks

Key milestones CG (2026)

23 September
ENIM founding
plenary

Green light for
consultation on
CG, ENIM WP

19 November
ENIM Plenary

ENIM adopts CG

Green light for
consultation on
EFCM

Mid
December
Consultation
on EFCM
starts

Consultation
guidelines
included in EF
CM

Consultation on ENIM WP

Consultation on CG

CG - Alignment with
EFCM EFTM EFPR

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

CG - Legal review and proofreading

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MB, GA

Regulation Milestones for European Frameworks

