



**RNE Declaration on the use of TIS as a
supporting tool for European traffic management
and reporting purposes**

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1. Background

During the last few years, TIS has become the European widely recognised international tool for real time monitoring of international trains and more and more national freight trains as well. The coverage of the European network as well as the number of users is constantly increasing.

RNE members acknowledge TIS as the unique train running information platform covering both monitoring and reporting activities. Besides that, the TIS interface ensures permanent data exchange between national dispatching system and creates a European interface based on TAF/TAP TSI requirements.

The increasing request for train data quality improvement accompanied by permanent data provision and reporting for the sector, for authorities and research issues alike, requires a strong commitment from data providers.

RNE's strong focus on the identification of data quality related problems and on eliminating them was not always met with the same effort on the IMs' side. In May 2020, the RNE General Assembly agreed on the new Data Quality strategy related to train performance management and approved the follow up projects to fulfil the strategical goals.

To strengthen the IMs' commitment to fulfil the objectives of the strategy and actively participate in the data quality improvement processes, the RNE General Assembly agreed the following Declaration on 19 May 2021.

2. Goals of the Declaration

The declaration aims at:

- *strengthening the role of TIS as the only European tool for international rail traffic monitoring and data exchange platform;*
- *strengthening the role of TIS data warehouse as the only European source for international rail traffic reporting;*
- *strengthening the role of TIS as the key tool for international contingency management;*
- *building trust towards final customers, European authorities and institutions regarding the reliability of TIS;*
- *recognising TIS as a key enabler of an improved cross-border rail traffic management in line with market needs and EU expectations.*

3. Partners commitment

RNE IM Members declare to agree on:

- *sending complete and correct data to TIS in accordance with methods and rules defined in the RNE Guideline “Basic requirements on TIS data for reporting purposes” (subject of GA decision in May 2021) and in compliance with the TAF/TAP TSIs*
- *using TIS information and communication functionalities as a primary option for multilateral cooperation in addition to the information displayed in the IMs’ traffic management tools and obtained through TAF/TAP obligatory data exchange*
 - o *to support collaborative decision making in cross border traffic management for information exchange and communication purposes;*
 - o *for international incident management;*
 - o *for cross border performance monitoring and reporting on IM and/or RFC level*
 - o *to enable the sharing of the train running status (train location, forecast...) from origin to destination*
 - o *to respond to data requests from European and national authorities.*
- *participating and actively cooperating in the monitoring and improvements of the TIS data quality following the agreed processes described in the RNE Data Quality handbook (subject of GA decision in December 2021)*
- *taking appropriate actions (with the support of RFCs) towards terminals and RUs in order to monitor and improve end-to-end traffic.*