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0 Welcome and introduction - 5'

- Minutes of 1st ABCR plenary meeting (13 March)
- Adoption of agenda

1 Information session - updates by RNE

RNE updates the ABCR participants on activities relevant for them.

1.1 Updates on Capacity Management (30')

1.1.1 Debrief on stakeholder feedback on EFCM scope - 10'

Presenter: Adam Kertai

Executive Summary

RNE has conducted lately a stakeholder feedback phase on the Abstract of the Scope Definition for the European Framework for Capacity Management (EFCM). This early engagement activity enabled RNE in his future role of Network Coordinator to gather operational input ahead of the formal consultation foreseen by the Capacity Regulation. The exchange confirmed strong interest in coordinated and transparent European capacity management processes. RNE will present key points extracted from stakeholder feedback and share an outlook on next steps.

1.1.2 Rolling planning: status update on the consideration of RU requirements in the ongoing development of the EFCM - 5'

Written information

RNE provides written information on the process of Rolling Planning (RP) as a part of the EFCM. During the meeting, participants are welcome to ask questions and share views.

From the Capacity Model phase onwards, Rolling Planning has been progressively integrated as a dedicated and visible element of European Framework for Capacity Management. RP capacity is identified on the basis of market needs, historical traffic patterns, Capacity Need Announcements and existing multi-annual allocations, while ensuring that other traffic segments retain access to the infrastructure. During Capacity Model preparation, dedicated volumes for RP are safeguarded and transparently represented. In the Capacity Supply Plan phase, these safeguarded volumes are translated into more detailed capacity products and aligned with the overall supply structure, while already allocated or pre-allocated RP capacity is carried forward to provide continuity and predictability. In the timetabling phase, Rolling Planning is implemented through a structured process of request preparation, draft offer, post-processing and final acceptance, supported by harmonised procedures for the conversion of capacity specifications into train paths for both the running and upcoming timetables. Overall, the development establishes Rolling Planning as a harmonised, market-oriented mechanism that complements annual timetabling and enables more dynamic and flexible capacity management.

1.1.3 Integration of Service Facilities into EFCM - 5'

Written information

RNE provides written information about the provisions under consideration for incorporation into EFCM to support the legal requirement of the Capacity Regulation. During the meeting, participants are welcome to ask questions and share views.

In accordance with Article 31 of the draft Capacity Regulation, a Task Force has been established to develop a harmonised process for the integration and coordination of Service Facility capacity within the future European Framework for Capacity Management. The description covers two key areas: strategic capacity planning, aimed at improving transparency on available SF capacity and its integration into the Capacity Supply Plan (CSP), and scheduling and allocation, aimed at ensuring the consistent allocation of infrastructure and service facility capacity. The process outlines the agreed information requirements for inclusion in the CSP, the coordination process and timelines between IMs and SFOs, and the respective responsibilities for the provision and publication of capacity information. It also presents the proposed approach for linked requests, the applicable principles and conditions, and the process structure supporting coordinated timetabling and allocation. The overall objective is to enable a coherent, transparent and operationally consistent end-to-end capacity management process across the European railway network.

1.1.4 Initiative on the process of Capacity Needs Announcements (CNA) for Capacity Model TT2029 - 10'

Presenter: Josef Zitzler

Executive Summary

After the planned interruption of this process for TT 2028 last year, it is planned to re-launch it for TT 2029. Considering the experiences of piloting CNA rounds for TTs 2025, 26, and 27, the process has been refined in the frame of the EFCM drafting. In addition, identified drawbacks related to the usage of respective central IT were addressed and are expected to be overcome by using the new platform of Capacity Planning Tool (CPT), of which the Capacity Model module will be available in time. The CNA process timeline is defined from October until December 2026 for TT 2029, dedicated training sessions for IMs and Applicants are planned to take place in September.

1.2 Updates on Traffic Management (25')

1.2.1 Progress on the EFTM preparation - 20'

Presenter: Peter Šišolák

Executive Summary

RNE will provide a status update on the elaboration of the European Framework for Traffic Management (EFTM) as of 30 June 2026, setting out the general work schedule and placing the EFTM within the regulatory milestones. The ABCR will be presented with a review of the work on the TM rules and procedures document by 2026, covering gaps identification, gaps filling, and the structuring of elements per Annex V(VI). The approach and schedule for the EFTM input will be explained, including the versions of rules and procedures, the EFTM sample for PRIME, and the revision based on the published Capacity Regulation. A consolidated 2026–2028+ schedule will be shown, linking the TM rules and procedures, the Framework itself, and the forthcoming Implementation Guidelines for processes and IT. The proposed framework structure will be outlined, together with the core process areas such as communication language, contingency plans, priority rules, ICM processes, and coordination groups. The elaboration model will be presented, showing how the EFTMD Task Force (IMs Task Force and EFTM drafting) works with legal and operational experts to develop chapter-by-chapter proposals for Traffic Management High Level Group (decision-making body at RNE for TM work) approval. The effective governance approach will be highlighted, namely the monthly progress meetings that keep TM HLG representatives informed and gather their opinions and proposals. Finally, the consultation process will be set out, in which Task Force outputs flow through the RNE Advisory Board for Capacity Regulation before wider stakeholder consultation — the specific point at which the ABCR view will be sought.

1.2.2 Update on the Language Programme - 5'

Presenter: Juraj Maliacek

Executive Summary

RNE will provide a short presentation on the structure, goals and current progress of the Language Programme informing about the language concepts structure to support cross-border railway operational communication. It will also outline the next development steps of the tool within the Language Programme, including the continued refinement of the solution and the sector's interest in further testing and enhancement. In addition, RNE will show the longer-term outlook for the programme, including the possibility of a live demonstration of the language tool in a future phase.

BREAK - 10:00 - 10:20

1.3 Preparations according to the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2026/1184 (total 20')

1.3.1 Timeline for IMs implementation activities (according to the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2026/1184) - 10'

Presenter: Daniele Imbriani

Executive Summary

RNE will outline the key activities and implementation milestones that infrastructure managers should consider to prepare for the Capacity Regulation. It aims to support a timely, coordinated and practical transition by translating regulatory requirements into an actionable roadmap towards full operational readiness.

Sharing this roadmap with operational stakeholders provides transparency on the upcoming changes and creates a common understanding of the implementation journey, helping stakeholders prepare for future engagement and contribute effectively to the successful delivery of the new framework.

1.3.2 Outlook on consultation activities (according to the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2026/1184) - 10'

Presenter: Reinhard Haller

Executive Summary

The Capacity Regulation requires the development of consultation guidelines to ensure that interested parties are appropriately involved in the development of the European Frameworks, the ENIM's work programme and activities related to cross-border and European matter.

RNE will provide visibility on the planned consultation activities and their timelines, enabling operational stakeholders to anticipate when and how they can contribute their expertise and perspectives. By offering a structured and transparent approach to engagement, the process aims to foster meaningful dialogue and ensure that the European Frameworks and related activities are shaped by the operational realities and needs of the wider rail sector.

1.4 Update on and announcement of stakeholder engagement activities - (total 30')

RNE will provide a state-of-play update on the ongoing engagement activities and introduce the upcoming engagement activities.

1.4.1 Sector collaboration on technical input for a delegated act on TCRs (update) - 5'

Presenter: tbd

Executive Summary

A short presentation will be given on the current state of play of the sector collaboration on re-scheduling Temporary Capacity Restrictions (TCRs).

1.4.2 Feedback gathering procedure on Guidelines for modulation of the penalties (announcement) - 15'

Presenter: Daniele Imbriani

Executive Summary

The new regulatory framework introduces key elements for the implementation of penalty schemes for changes of assigned capacity rights. As part of this mechanism, ENIM shall provide guidelines for the modulation of the penalties, which will be part of the European Framework for Capacity Management (EFCM). The Commercial Conditions Task Force at RNE has elaborated a first draft of such guidelines and will make it available on RNE's website to collect feedback and inputs from sector' stakeholders. Those inputs will be considered by IMs's experts for the final text which will be formally submitted for the consultation of the EFCM in Q1 2027.

RNE will provide information on the draft guidelines and on the procedure to gather feedback. The draft guidelines and the procedure will be published on a dedicated RNE's webpage. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to submit input until 31 August 2026.

1.4.3 EuroLink Working Group: 2nd iteration of stakeholders sessions (announcement) - 5'

Presenter: Matthieu Maeselle

Executive Summary

EuroLink is RNE's strategic initiative for developing long-term, cross-border capacity and timetable concepts for the European rail network. It strengthens the integration of national systems by coordinating long-distance passenger and freight planning from a European perspective.

EuroLink provides a European-wide framework for designing strategic capacity concepts for cross-border long-distance rail services.

Stakeholder participation is essential to EuroLink. Engagement is coordinated through sector organisations, ensuring broad involvement of railway undertakings and market players. Stakeholders contribute through network-specific design sessions, structured feedback via webforms and consultations on draft outcomes. A first iteration of those stakeholder sessions has taken place between 2025 and 2026. EuroLink is working on the integration of feedback received, RNE will provide information on the second iteration of those sessions planned from October 2026 on.

1.4.4 Further announcements - 5'

Presenter: Camille Dachicourt

Executive Summaries

RNE will share short information on other upcoming engagement activities:

- Questionnaire on Framework Agreements

The SERAF subgroup on Framework Agreement has elaborated a questionnaire to collect experiences and expectations relating to the usage of Framework Agreement, to shed a light about the current practices, issues and requirements needed by the sector in the view of the entry into force of the new capacity management process. The link to the questionnaire will be available on RNE's website and stakeholders are invited to submit their inputs until 31 August.

- Webinar on the RNE Train Information System (TIS)

RNE TIS is a web-based application that supports international train monitoring and dispatching by delivering real-time train data concerning international passenger and freight trains (alongside some national trains). RNE will organise a webinar with live presentations later this year.

- RNE Summer Academy

RNE will organise its second Summer Academy on 26 and 27 August 2026 in Vienna. Participants of the ABCR are invited to register here [RNE Summer Academy 2026 – Fill in form](#) and to forward this invitation to their respective members. Please note that a physical participation is limited and subject to confirmation by RNE, in order to allow for a fair distribution of participants.

2 Intervention from ABCR participants - 10'

This session is dedicated to interventions from ABCR participants.

ABCR members and observers are invited to propose topics at any time to abcr@rne.eu.

2.1 Update on European Railway Platform (Forum Train Europe)

Presenter: FTE

Executive Summary

Forum Train Europe (FTE) will present the state-of-play regarding the establishment of the European Railway Platform (ERP).

BREAK - 11:20 - 11:30

3 Interactive session

This session is dedicated to discussions between all ABCR participants, following short introductions to each topic.

ABCR members and observers are invited to propose topics at any time to abcr@rne.eu.

3.1 EFCM, EFTM & EFPR: experiences so far and lessons learnt - 20'

Moderator: tbd

Executive Summary

The preparation and adoption of the three European Frameworks is one of the first major milestones in the implementation of the Capacity Regulation. In parallel with work of the IMs in the context of RNE, first stakeholder engagements have started, notably on the EFCM (see agenda item 1.1.1).

The purpose of this item to discuss:

- Experiences with the process of EF preparation so far, including both positive achievements and areas requiring improvements or additional efforts
- Lessons learnt that could be transferred from the most progressed framework (EFCM) to the other two frameworks (EFTM and EFPR)

3.2 Collection of stakeholder input on performance review - 20'

Moderator: Simona Di Loreto

Executive Summary

This item is meant to support the preparation of the European Framework for Performance Review (EFPR) at an early stage of the process. The item will include a rapid feedback exercise and will allow stakeholder to present own expectations and idea. Participants are invited to identify the performance issues with the greatest potential impact and to explore how their organisations can most effectively contribute to future performance review activities.

The objective is not to reach definitive conclusions, but to capture practical perspectives that will help prioritise subsequent work, inform the design of the EFPR, and establish realistic and collaborative approaches to performance management. The insights gathered will guide deeper analysis and stakeholder engagement throughout the framework's development over the coming years.

Participants interested in supporting their intervention with 1-2 slides are encouraged to submit their material until 29 June, 10:00 CEST to abcr@rne.eu.

3.3 Digital Capacity Management - (total 20')

3.3.1 Update on the DCM governance and the engagement with operational stakeholders

Moderators: Andras Till, Mario Toma

Executive Summary

Given the central role of IT in future capacity management, RNE has reviewed and updated the governance of DCM and the ways of engaging with operational stakeholders on DCM. This intervention focusses on three new platforms, the DCM Stakeholder Group, the CPT User Group and the PCS User Group.

3.3.2 Information and discussion to prepare a dedicated DCM webinar (7 October 2026)

Moderator: Josef Zitzler

Executive Summary

A successful deployment of DCM requires readiness — and change management – not only on – IM side but also on the part of the RUs and other applicants. To support this and in the light of the recent regulatory changes (Telematics TSI and Capacity Regulation), RNE and IMs are preparing a webinar in the second half of 2026. This webinar will not replace engagements between IMs and RUs on national level but complement them with a focus on the European perspective.

This agenda item aims to inform participants of the objective of the webinar and to have a discussion on priority topics, concerns, and practical issues to be addressed at the webinar.

A save-the-date for the webinar will be distributed by beginning of July 2026.

3.4 Cross-border stakeholder consultation and One-Stop Shop for Capacity Allocation- 15'

Moderator: Reinhard Haller

Executive Summary

The Capacity Regulation requires infrastructure managers to develop and implement consultation mechanisms for cross-border issues (Article 57), to organise joint consultations of RUs, applicants and other operational stakeholders on strategic capacity planning, TCRs, contingency

planning and other issues (notably Articles 11, 15, 24) and to provide a one-stop shop for multi-network capacity requests (e.g. Articles 66, 38(7), 39(5)).

The purpose of this item is to collect expectations and requirements of operational stakeholders in this area.

Participants interested in supporting their intervention with 1-2 slides are encouraged to submit their material until 29 June, 10:00 CEST to abcr@rne.eu.

4 AOB and conclusion of meeting - 5' (end 13:00)

- Short interventions on topics not addressed
- Feedback and suggestions for future ABCR meetings from participants
- Conclusion and outlook from RNE