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0 Welcome and introduction (5')

- Minutes of the 2nd ABCR plenary meeting (30 June)
- Adoption of agenda

1 Discussion session (20')

This item is meant to enable a discussion or interactive exchange on selected topics of high importance and/or urgency. ABCR participants are invited to prepare for the discussion, in the form of oral interventions and/or short presentations.

Participants interested in supporting their intervention with 1-2 slides are encouraged to submit their material until 5 October, 10:00 CEST to abcr@rne.eu.

1.1 Stakeholder collaboration on the Delegated Act on Temporary Capacity Restrictions (TCRs): information on project progress and deliverables

Moderator: Daniel Haltner and Philipp Koiser

Executive Summary

RNE will provide information on the ongoing and upcoming activities of [the sector collaboration on rescheduling Temporary Capacity Restrictions \(TCRs\)](#).

From 29 September until 15 October, RNE will launch a written procedure to gather opinions of ABCR members on the deliverables of the Work package 1 of the collaboration, as foreseen in points 9 and 10 of the [Terms of Reference](#) of the ABCR.

During the ABCR plenary, RNE will present the progress of the whole project, the results of Work Package 1, share information on the adoption procedure by ABCR members, and introduce to the activities of Work Package 2, which need to be adjusted to the current timeline. ABCR participants, especially Members, are invited to prepare for the adoption procedure and share their views and comments.

2 Information session - updates by RNE and ABCR participants (70')

RNE and ABCR participants provide information on activities relevant for all, followed by questions and answers.

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

2.1 Governance milestones from Capacity Regulation (10')

2.1.1 Founding ENIM Plenary Meeting (23 September); appointment of RNE as Network Coordinator

Presenter: Elisabeth Hochhold

Executive Summary

RNE will update on the IM governance milestones, notably the formal establishment of ENIM and the appointment of RNE as Network Coordinator and share information on the consultations of the ENIM Work Programme (Art. 58) and the Consultation Guidelines (Art 57), which will take place from 24 September until 22 October. The documents will be available on the [ENIM website](#) and RNE website.

2.1.2 Update on establishment of the European Railway Platform (ERP)

Presenter: FTE

Executive Summary

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

2.2 Debrief from engagement activities in Capacity Management (30')

2.2.1 Input gathering on the Guidelines for the Modulation of Penalties for Changes to Allocated Capacity Rights

Presenter: Daniele Imbriani

Executive Summary

As announced at the previous ABCR plenary, RNE has conducted during summer an [input gathering activity on the draft guidelines for the modulation of penalties for changes to allocated capacity rights](#). The gathered inputs have been considered by IM's experts for the final text which will be formally submitted for the consultation on the EFCM in Q1 2027.

RNE will provide information on the inputs received and how they are considered in the draft guidelines.

2.2.2 Debrief from the Webinar (10 September) on Priority Topics from European Framework for Capacity Management (EFCM)

Presenter: Adam Kertai

Executive Summary

As part of its ongoing stakeholder engagement activities, RNE has organised a [webinar](#) on the European Framework for Capacity Management (EFCM) priority processes on 10 September 2026. A broad range of operational stakeholders has participated and expressed views on the ongoing work. The session aimed to provide stakeholders with an early over-view of the key processes under development, enhance transparency, and gather initial feedback. This feedback is being currently analysed and considered as part of RNE's ongoing EFCM development process. A summary of the results will be presented at the ABCR plenary.

2.3 Progress on the preparation of the European Framework for Traffic Management (20')

Presenter: Peter Šišolák

Executive Summary

RNE will present the progress that the RNE EFTM Task Force has made in drafting the European Framework for Traffic Management, showing that they transferred the existing Traffic Management Rules and Procedures in accordance with the nine elements of the EFTM defined in Annex VI of the Capacity Regulation. The Task Force has reviewed and further developed all elements of the Framework, including identified gaps, simulation and training requirements, disruption-duration estimation, crisis management provisions, and related process descriptions. The draft has undergone an initial legal review by RNE legal experts, and the received comments have been incorporated into a consolidated element-based version. This consolidated draft will be submitted to the TM High Level Group in October 2026 for a decision on the content, final structure and format of the Framework before progressing towards broader stakeholder engagement. ABCR participants are invited to share their views on the presentation and their expectations for the stakeholder engagement on the EFTM.

BREAK 10:30 - 11:00

Commented [CD1]: @Reinhard Haller Harald will join the meeting at 11:00, then I reschedule the break to start earlier. It gives also a little bite more time to some items

2.4 Governance related to Telematic TSI: first ideas and proposals (10')

Presenter: Harald Reisinger

The implementation of the Capacity Regulation and the 2026 Telematics TSI (Commission Implementing Regulation 2026/253) are closely interrelated. The intervention will address:

- the complementarity between Capacity Regulation and Telematics TSI;
- the route leading from legal obligations, view the definition of business/functional/technical specifications to the provision of interoperable telematics services;
- principles for common sector specifications;

In particular, the intervention will present first ideas and proposals for a governance ensuring clear ownership across the entire process, including the definition of frameworks, the development of common specifications, the necessary TSI revisions and the operational provision of telematics services.

3 Announcements and short updates (45')

RNE will provide an overview of ongoing and upcoming RNE activities and groups related to stakeholder engagement and consultation. A continuously updated overview with links to more detailed information is available on the RNE website (<https://rne.eu/calendar>, see in particular categories 'Advisory Board for Capacity Regulation', 'Stakeholder engagement activities', 'Events' and 'Others').

3.1 Digital Capacity Management (10')

3.1.1 Update on the DCM stakeholder and users groups

Presenter: Andras Till

Executive Summary

Following the launch of the call for nomination (continuously open [here](#)) for the DCM stakeholder group, the CPT and the PCS users groups, RNE has reviewed and updated its ways of engaging with operational stakeholders on [DCM](#). RNE will shortly provide information on the nominations received and the next steps.

3.1.2 Information on the programme of the DCM webinar (7 October 2026)

Presenter: Josef Zitzler

Executive Summary

Following an introduction at ABCR 2d plenary on 30 June, RNE will present the main features of the programme of this online event which will be organized on 7 October from 13:00 to 16:00 to elaborate specifically on sector requirements with a view to applying standardized digital communication channels. Main audience will be Applicants and respective Applicant associations, IMs and interested observers are invited as well. The webinar will not replace preparatory communication between IMs and RUs on national level but rather complement it with tailored guidance from central side, ensuring awareness that all sector stakeholders must be ready at the same time to make European Capacity Management work. The programme for the webinar will be distributed on 23 September to the ABCR participants and further promotion to customers via national channels is encouraged.

3.2 Capacity Management (20')

3.2.1 Pilot on Capacity Needs Announcements for TT2029

Presenter: Josef Zitzler

Executive Summary

RNE will present its current initiative, where Applicants and Railway Undertakings are invited to take part in Capacity Needs Announcements (CNAs) for TT2029. The new Capacity Planning Tool (CPT) will be used to support the submission of CNAs.

To ensure the necessary stakeholders are familiar with the new tool before the requirements introduced by the Capacity Regulation become mandatory, the CNA submission phase for TT 2029 will be used to voluntarily test the new IT tool.

As the formal process basis is currently in finalization and to be published in the upcoming European Framework for Capacity Management, this year's pilot activities will focus on the submission and receiving aspects in the IT tool. Applicants and RUs associations who are ABCR participants are invited to share this pilot initiative with their members to test the new IT tool. A training session has taken place on 10 September, and you find more information on the pilot [here](#).

3.2.2 Market involvement in Capacity Strategies TT 2030

Presenter: Josef Zitzler

Executive Summary

In compliance with the process timeline, the consultation of Draft Capacity Strategies TT2030 is currently ongoing within its timeframe (14 September – 16 November 2026). Stakeholders are invited to submit their comments to the national contacts indicated on the RNE [website](#). ABCR Applicants and RUs associations who are ABCR participants are invited to share this consultation phase with their members.

Once the Final Capacity Strategies will be published in December 2026, stakeholders will have the chance to express their opinion about the quality and content of the deliverables. For this, a survey is planned to be distributed, at the beginning of 2027. RNE and its Members are currently defining a concept for this survey, which – if tested successfully – might be scaled to other deliverables of Strategic Planning later on. ABCR participants will be informed about those developments.

3.2.3 EuroLink Working Group: 2nd iteration of stakeholder sessions (announcement)

Presenter: Jeroen Wesdorp

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.

3.2.4 Framework Agreements: discussion on market expectations

Presenter: Daniele Imbriani

Executive Summary

RNE will share some information on the ongoing work at SERAF Subgroup, following the survey conducted by DG MOVE during the summer break but will not provide substantial input. FTE wishes to discuss the market expectations related to the provisions on Framework Agreements in the Capacity Regulation. ABCR participants are invited to share their views on this issue.

3.3 Webinar on the RNE Train Information System (26 November 2026) (5')

Presenter: Nektarios Zacharias

Executive Summary

RNE will share short information on the upcoming webinar and the live presentations.

3.4 Performance review Progress on set-up of Performance review approach and elaboration of EFPR (5')

Presenter: Reinhard Haller

Executive Summary

RNE is in an intense preparation phase regarding performance review (Chapter IV of capacity regulation) but will not share concrete input yet. However, ABCR participants are invited to share their view on this important issue.

3.5 European Transport Market Study (5')

Presenter: Reinhard Haller

Executive Summary

RNE will provide short presentation on the state of play and on the upcoming engagement activities with potential users.

4 AOB and conclusion of meeting

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