



## **Conclusions European Rail Freight Day 2017**

1. The political priority attached to rail freight in the Rotterdam declaration remains more valid than ever given the continued stagnation in the market share of rail freight and the priorities of the Sector Statement are still the right ones.
2. Implementation of the 10 sector priorities has to be accelerated.
3. The Rastatt incident has damaged the credibility of the industry but it should serve as an impetus to radical customer oriented reform to make rail freight more flexible and resilient, starting with stronger crisis management.
4. Continued EU financial support beyond 2020 can only be justified for a rail freight network which is embracing intermodality, interoperability, digitalisation and innovation; improving quality; and striving for growth.
5. Solving cross border issues for international traffic is essential especially for ERTMS and deployment of ERTMS should be closely monitored.
6. Strong high level commitment to the RFCs is needed by Ministries and infrastructure managers who should ensure they have sufficient resources enabling them to maintain an ambitious approach.
7. There should be a renewed focus on all operational questions, developed by ERA in close partnership with RFCs.
8. The focus overall needs to remain on measurable delivery of results through KPIs, such as on punctuality, and in particular
  1. an analysis of the capacity pilot projects;
  2. preliminary results of the ELETA project,to be both delivered to RFD 2018 with ambitious and clear milestones.