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## on Capacity Regulation

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# Opening



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Secretary General  
**RailNetEurope (RNE)**



**Paul Mazataud**  
President of RNE  
**(SNCF Réseau)**

# Agenda Part 1



## 09:00 Opening & Welcome Speech

- Joachim Kroll, Secretary General, RNE
- Paul Mazataud, President, RNE (SNCF Réseau)

## 09:15 Keynote Speech

- Kristian Schmidt, Director Land Transport, European Commission (DG MOVE)

## 09:25 Scene Setter Presentation

- Elisabeth Hochhold, Deputy Secretary General, RNE
- Alfred Pitnik, Co-Chair at PRIME Task Force, RNE Vice President (ÖBB Infra-AG)

## 09:45 Panel 1: Success Factors and Sector Expectations

- Linda Thulin, Co-Chair at PRIME Task Force, RNE Vice President (Trafikverket)

*11:00 Coffee Break*

# Agenda Part 2



## 11:30 Panel 2: Harmonised and Market-Oriented Capacity Management

- Oliver Sellnick, VP European Corridors and Cooperations at DB InfraGO, RNE Vice President

*12:30 Lunch Break*

## 13:30 Keynote Speeches

- John Voppen, CEO, ProRail
- Johann Pluy, Member of the Management Board, ÖBB-Infra AG

## 13:50 Panel 3: Developments in Traffic Management Network Concept

- Tomas Jonikaitis, RNE Vice President (LTG Infra)

## 14:50 Panel 4: Roadmap to make European Railway Digital

- Michel Geubelle, RNE Vice President (Infrabel)

## 15:50 Conclusions & Closing

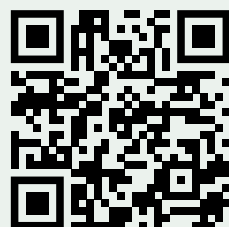
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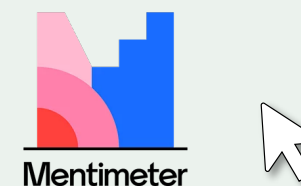
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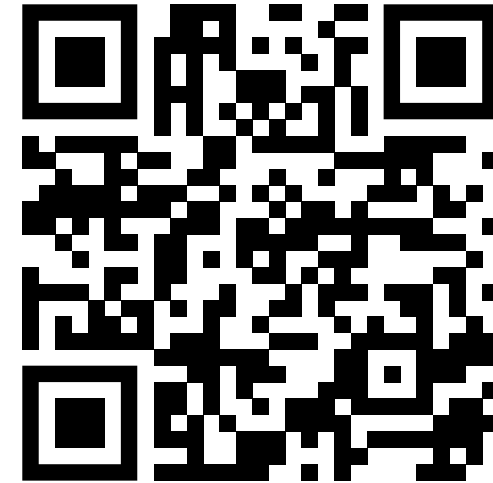


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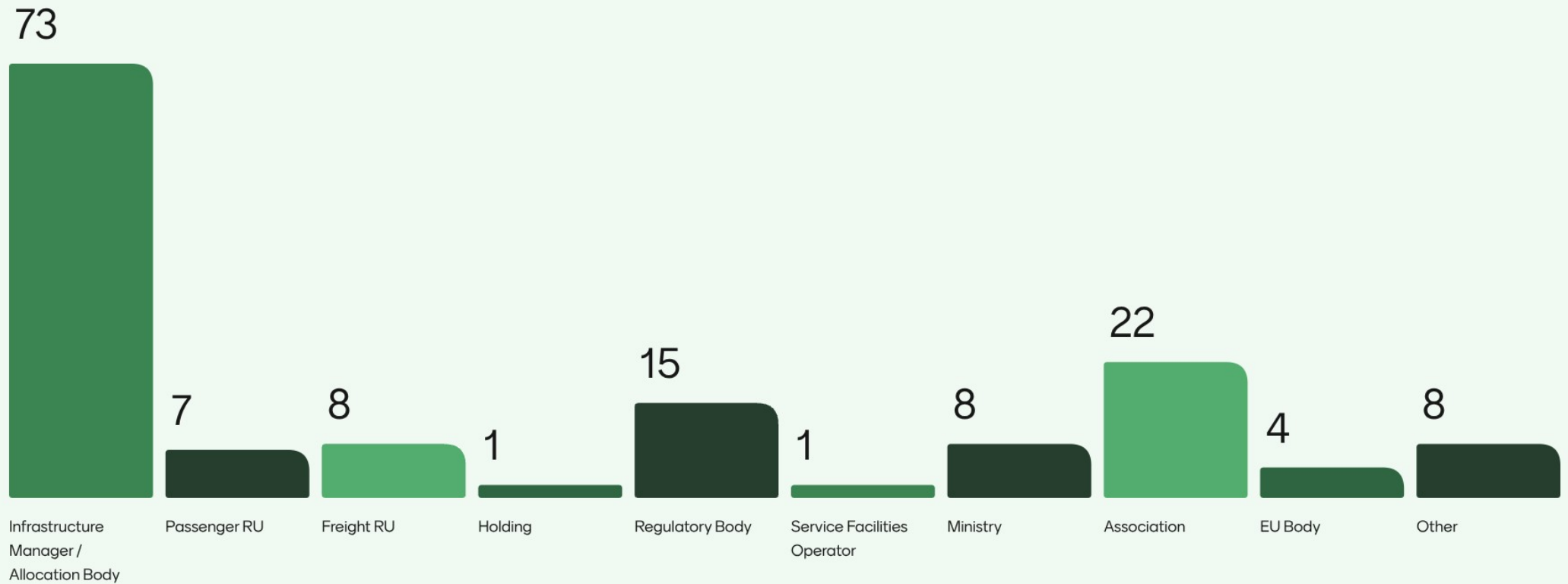


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# Who are you representing today?



# Welcome Speech



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# Keynote Speech



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# Scene Setter:

## Learn more about the draft Capacity Regulation

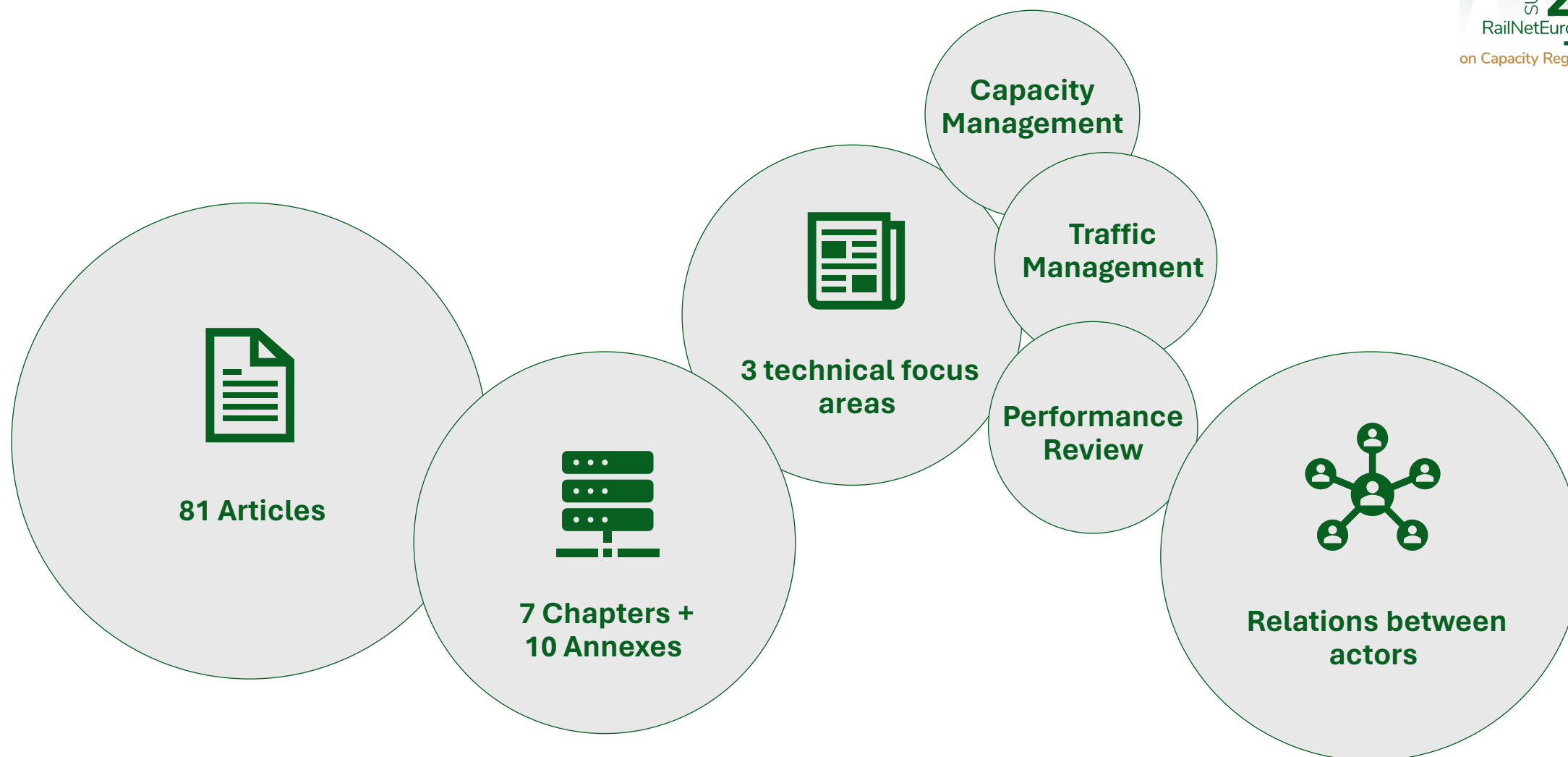


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# The Regulation at a glance



## ... and as an index

- **Chapter I** – General Provisions
- **Chapter II** – Management of Infrastructure Capacity
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  - Section 2 - Strategic Capacity Planning
  - Section 3 - Scheduling and Capacity Allocation
  - Section 4 – Changes to Capacity Rights after allocation
- **Chapter III** – Traffic, Disruption and Crisis Management
- **Chapter IV** – Performance Review
- **Chapter V** – European Network for Coordination
- **Chapter VI** – Regulatory Oversight of Capacity and Traffic Management
- **Chapter VII** – Final Provisions

# An ambitious goal



**Stronger IM coordination  
& common rules**



**Stakeholder involvement**



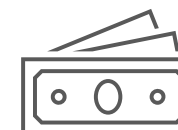
**Performance  
management**



**Improved services**



**1 Billion initial investment**



**2 Billion annual benefit**

# The codification of a sector project

## Strategic capacity planning



- Capacity Strategy (X-60 till X-36)
- Capacity Model (X-36 till X-18)
- Capacity Supply plan
- Contingency planning
- Socio-economic and environmental criteria for highly utilised / congested lines

## Capacity allocation



- Annual path requests
- Rolling planning
- Ad hoc
- Framework agreements
- TCR schedules
- Multi network capacity rights
- Coordination with service facilities

## Adaptation & rescheduling



- Path modification
- Path alteration
- Path cancellation
- Penalties

**TTRedesign**  
For Smart Capacity Management

## Add-ons



- EU Framework for Capacity Management
- ETMS
- Public security & crisis management provisions

# Traffic Management “made in (for) Europe”

1

**Normal operating conditions**

2

**Disruption management**

3

**Crisis situations**

- *Fast & coordinated reaction*
- *Stabilise & optimise rail traffic*
- *Relevant & up to date info*

## Common rules and procedures to manage deviations from working timetable – EU Framework for Traffic Management

Common tools, methodologies and procedural arrangements

*Incident reports IM – NC – ENIM – ETC coordinators  
& Advisory Performance Panel*

- Definition of responsibilities of stakeholders
- IT tools for exchange of information & communication
- Simulation & training
- Coordination groups
- Efficient cross-border cooperation
- Contingency plans

# A new take at performance review

## ENIM



- EU Framework for Performance review  
*Incl. common tools, methodologies & procedures*
- Performance report

## IMs



- Set own performance targets
- Report on progress
- Identify deficiency causes with stakeholders & implement remedial measures

### Further actors involved

- ENRRB & RBs
- ETC coordinators
- ERP & Stakeholders

## Advisory Performance Panel



- Assessment of performance of infra & rail services
- Recommendations to ENIM, ENRRB, MS, IMs, applicants, RBs, stakeholders
- Monitor application of 3 EU Frameworks in cooperation with ENRRB/RBs – report on effectiveness & request updates from ENIM



# Many actors



## European Commission

Monitors implementation  
Implementing & delegated acts

## Member States

Strategic guidelines  
Financing

## ENIM

EU Frameworks  
Recommendations to IMs

## Network Coordinator

Supports ENIM  
Contact point for applicants and stakeholders  
Coordinates IM activities

## Advisory Performance Panel

Recommendations for performance improvement

## National Regulators

Checking national implementation

## ENRRB

Recommendations to ENIM & national RBs

## ERP & Stakeholders

Provide feedback to ENIM

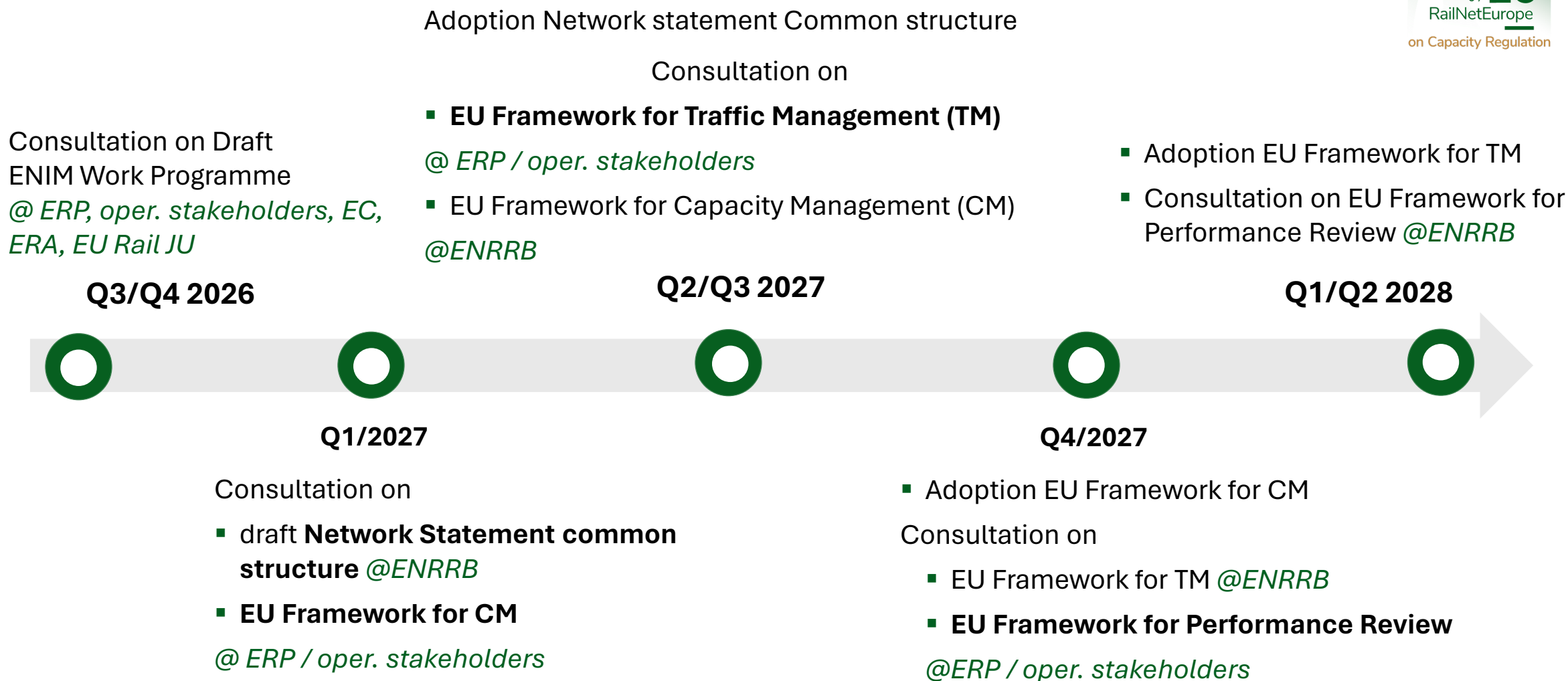
## IMs & Focal Points

Implement Regulation & EU Frameworks



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# Who, What, When?



# Key milestones for Infrastructure Managers



## 2027

**October**

Start the consultation on Capacity Strategy

**December**

Publish the Capacity Strategy for TT 2031

Start preparation of Capacity Model for TT 2031

Availability of digital tools for capacity allocation and exchange of information on Traffic Management



## 2028

**December**

IMs publish the Capacity Strategy for Timetable 2032

Start preparation of Capacity Model for Timetable 2032



## 2029

**January**

IMs provide up-to date information on availability of infrastructure

**June**

IMs publish the final Capacity Model for TT 2031

Start the preparation of Capacity Supply for TT 2031

**End of October**

IMs publish Network Statement 2031



**December 2027:** EC to adopt Delegated Act on rescheduling and small TCRs (art. 39 (9))

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# Stakeholder consultation - new platform for dialogue: Advisory Board for the Capacity Regulation



- Purpose** > Establish **cooperation and coordination** between RNE in its role of Candidate Network Coordinator and the operational stakeholders other than IMs
- Setup** > **Umbrella platform for the consultation** of operational stakeholders other than IMs on preparatory work related to the implementation of the proposed capacity regulation
- Participants** > **36 applications received**
- Inauguration meeting** > **13 March 2026** – online meeting
- Relation to ERP** > **ERP: consolidation** between operational stakeholders (excluding IMs)  
**ABCR: dialogue** between operational stakeholders and IMs (via NC)

# Panel 1:

## Success Factors and Sector Expectations

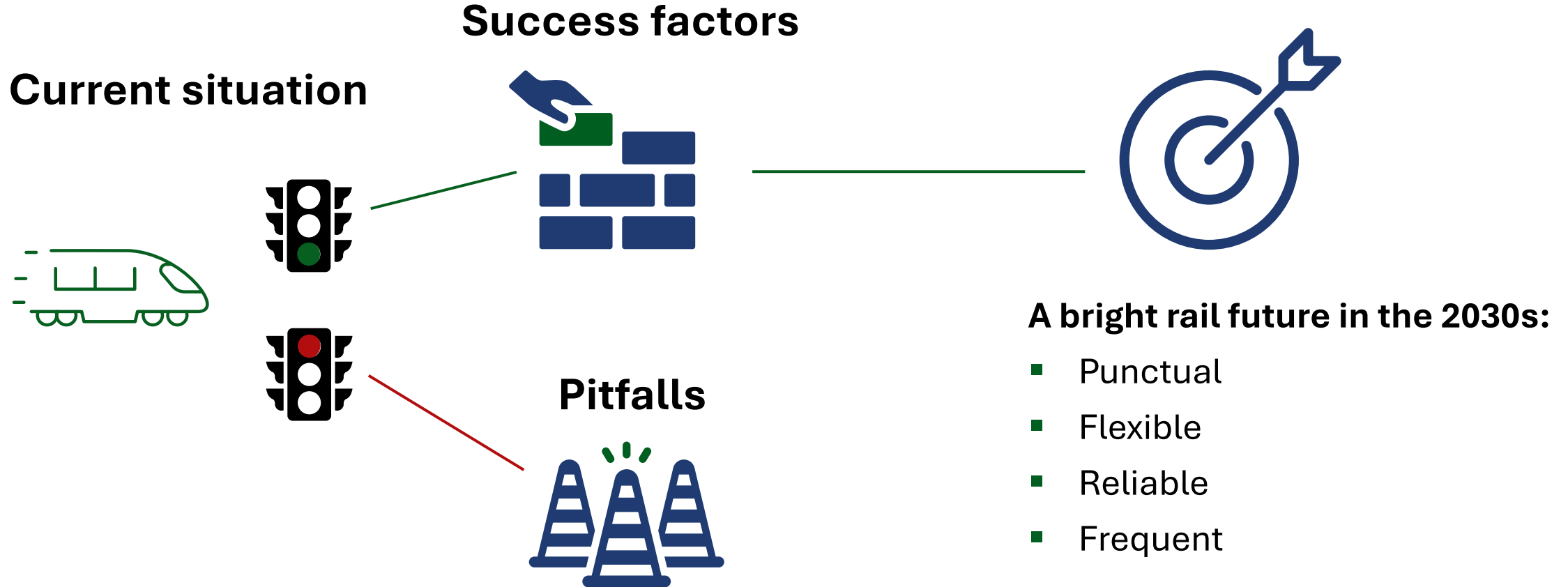


### Panel Moderator



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# Way forward for rail: success factors and pitfalls



# Succeeding together: Commitments and expectations

**Rail service operators**



**IMs**



**Public authorities**



**Yes, we  
can!**

**Help,  
please!**

**Terminal &  
intermodal  
operators**



**Passengers**



**Industry &  
commerce**



**Make us  
choose  
rail!**

# Panellists



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Head of Unit  
Austrian Federal Ministry for  
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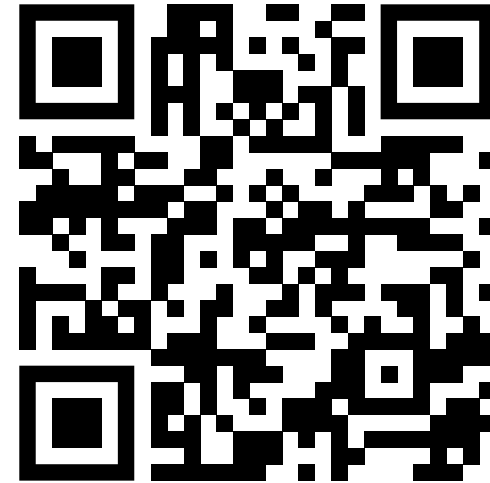
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## Polling:

What are the 3 most critical factors to make implementation of the Rail Capacity Regulation a success?

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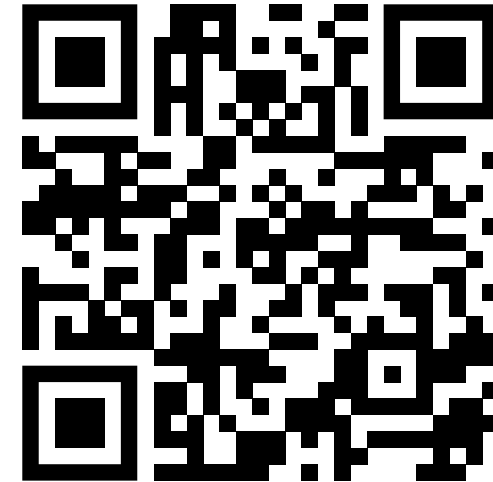




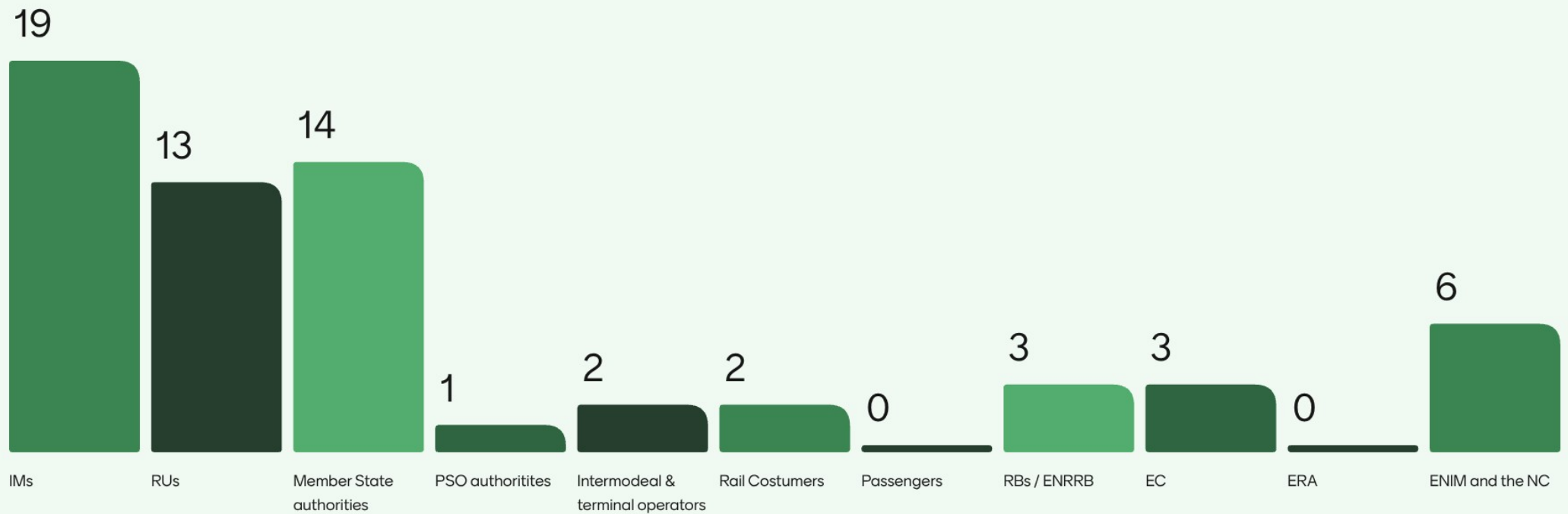
## Polling:

Which are the three stakeholder groups most important to make the implementation of the Rail Capacity Regulation a success?

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## Which are the 3 stakeholder groups most important to make the implementation of the CR a success?



# Coffee Break until 11:30

Visit the RFP, TIS and DCM stands in the lobby to explore their latest features and benefits!



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# Panel 2: Harmonised & Market-Oriented Capacity Management



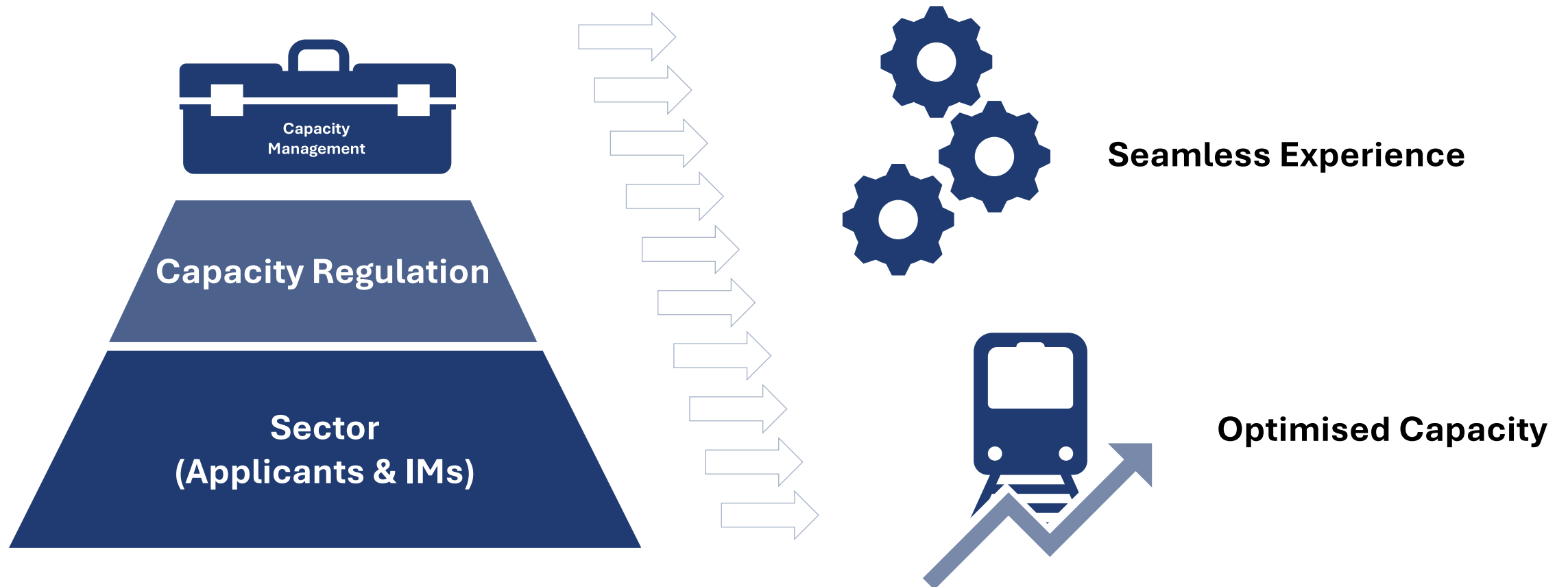
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# Capacity Management: A Sector Proposal with Expectations



# Implementation of Capacity Management

## Be ready!



First application  
already in 2027

## Rulebook



Common interpretation due  
to 'European Framework for  
Capacity Management'

## Digitalisation



As enabler of implementation



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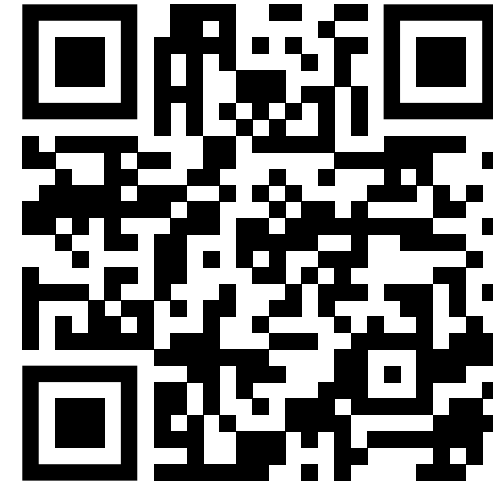
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**Johann Pluy**

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# Shaping the Future of Rail Capacity - Together!

Johann Pluy  
Member of the Board  
ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG

# Why ENIM, Why Now

- Rail demand is rising rapidly across Europe
- Cross-border operations remain too slow and complex
- Geopolitical and economic shifts threaten supply chain resilience
- Digital transformation requires common standards
- Great potential to shift more transport from road to rail

**Cooperation is no longer optional — it is essential!**



# A New Chapter for Europe's Railways

- Focus on delivering real, operational improvements
- Better cross-border services
- More and better capacity for all traffic types
- Stronger resilience of the railway
- our goal is clear:

**Turn shared urgency into shared success!**

# What we must deliver

- Strategic capacity management with dedicated capacity for freight and passenger
- Harmonised long-term planning (incl. TCRs) between IMs and involving Member States
- A robust assessment of performance (infra and rail services)
- Early and continuous involvement of RUs and stakeholders

**Pragmatic approach: test – learn – improve**

# One clear goal

**A stronger  
more unified  
and more  
competitive European rail network.**

# Panel 3: Developments in Traffic Management Network Concept



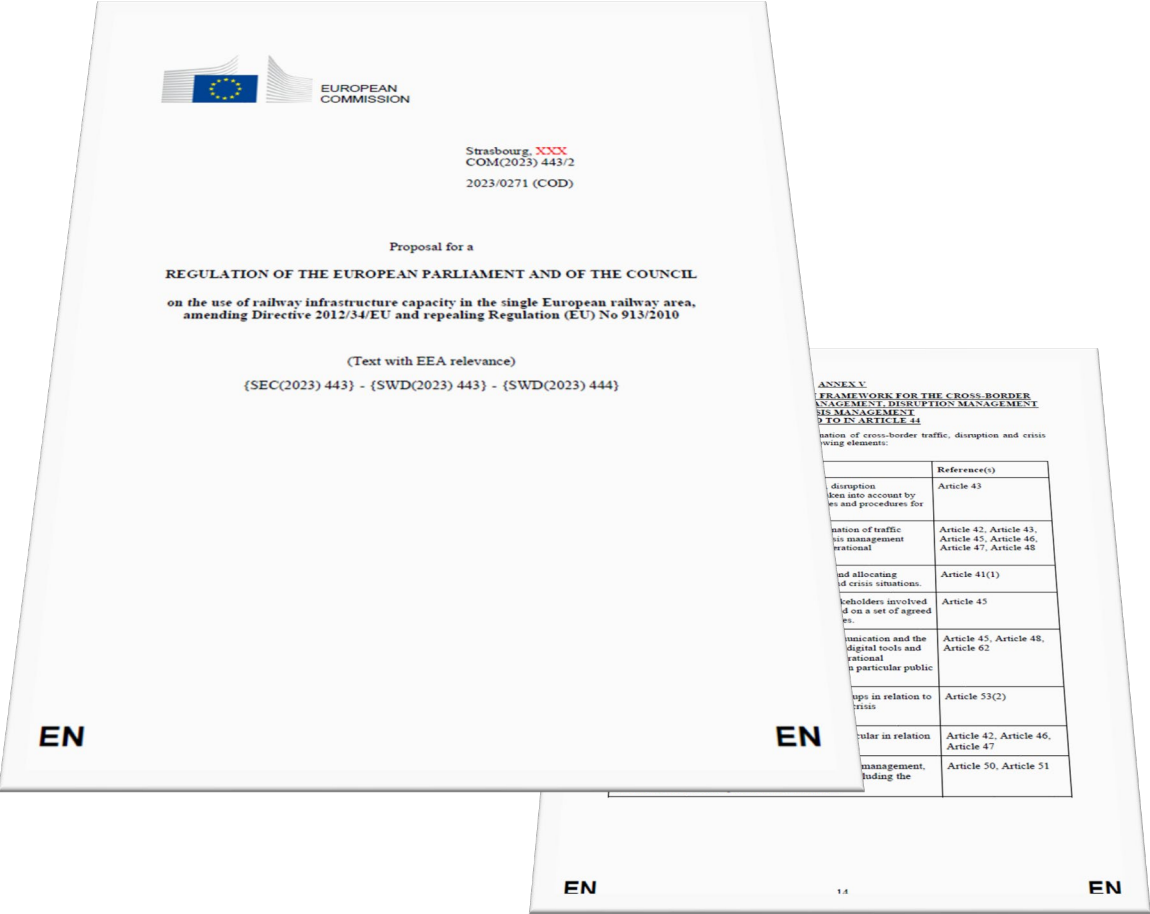
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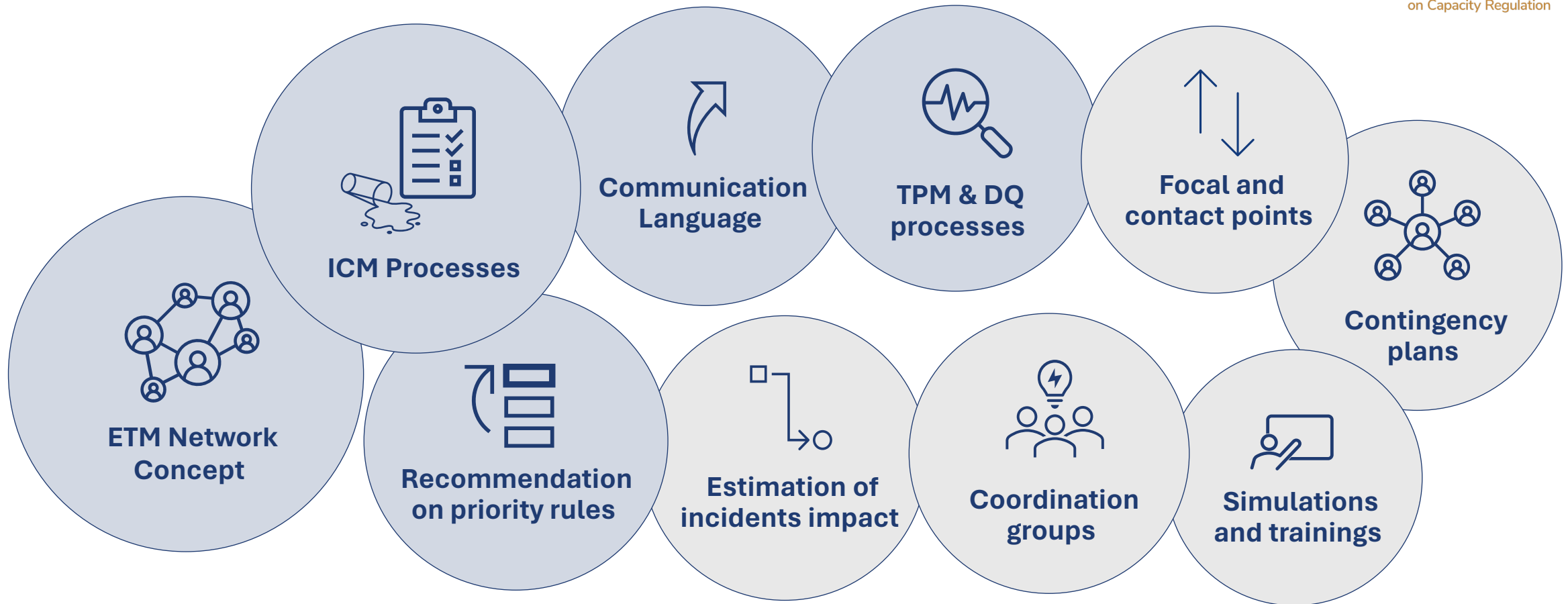
# Traffic Management in the draft Capacity Regulation



Cooperation between operational stakeholders is crucial for a successful traffic management process



# European Framework Traffic Management Areas



**Covered with existing handbooks**

**New areas without handbooks**

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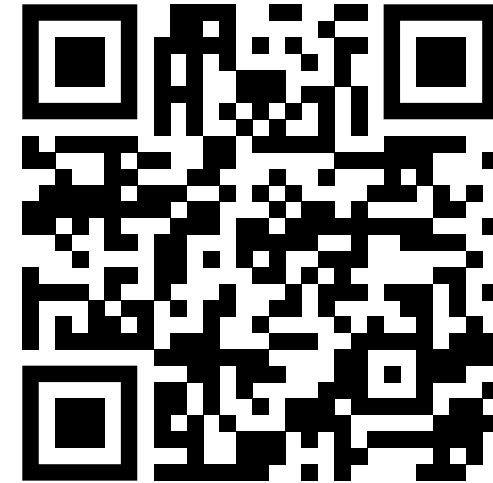
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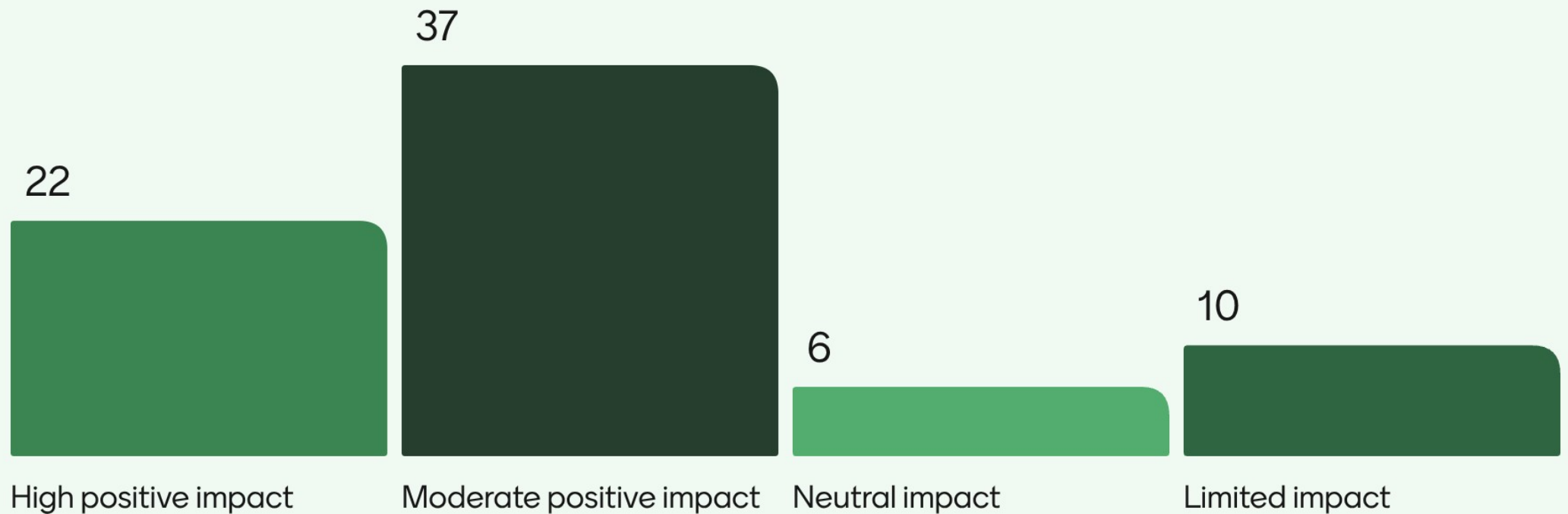
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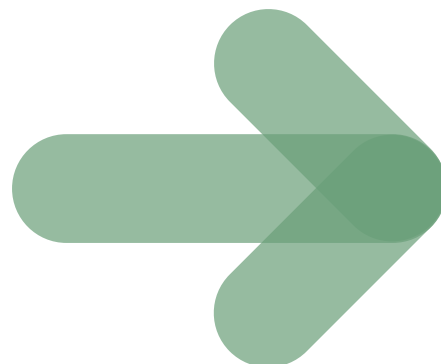
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**National  
Annual  
Manual**



**European  
Flexible  
Digital**

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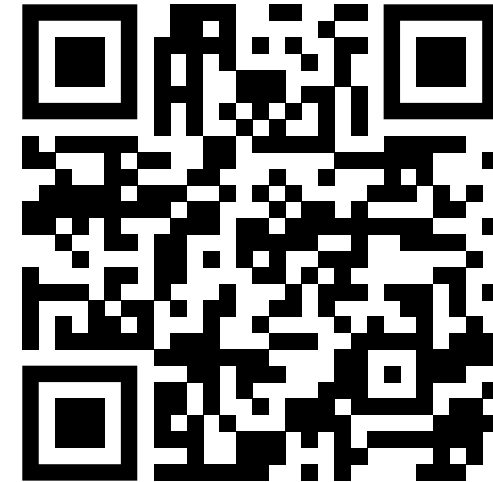


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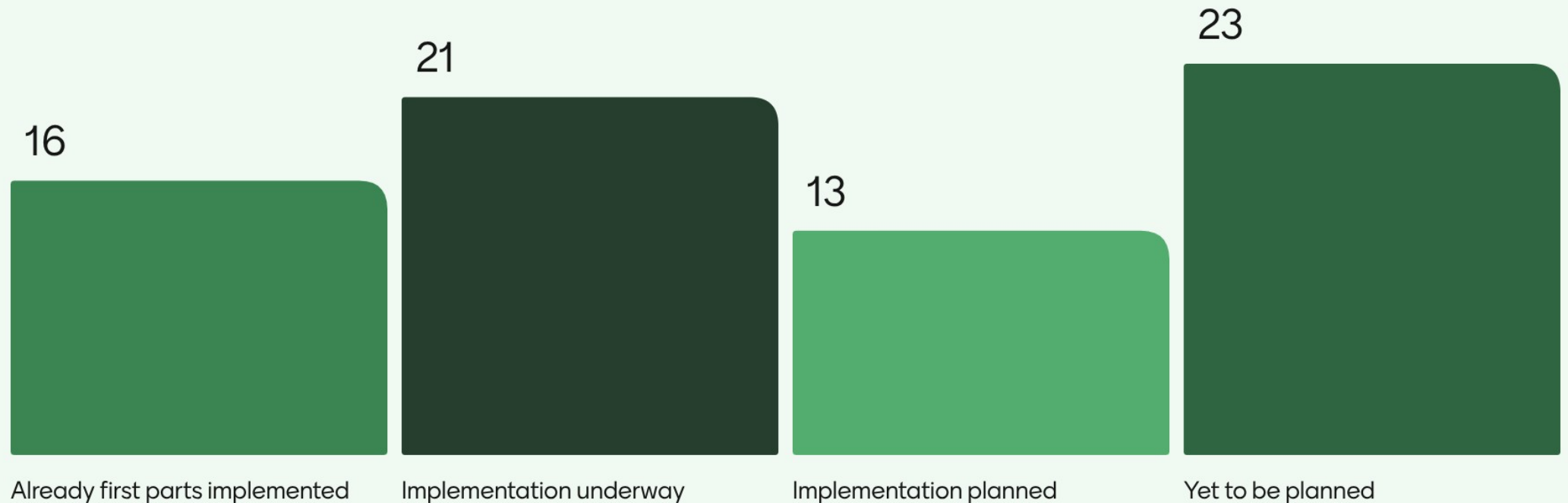
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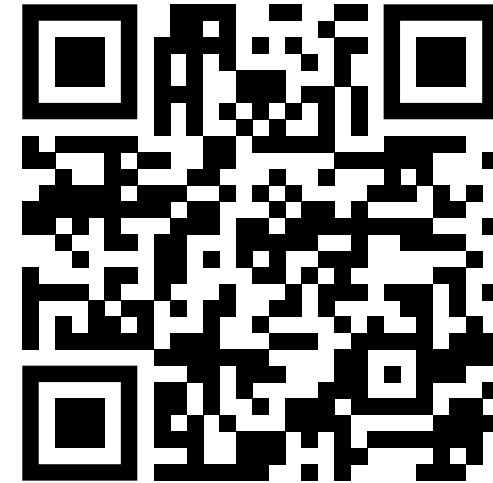


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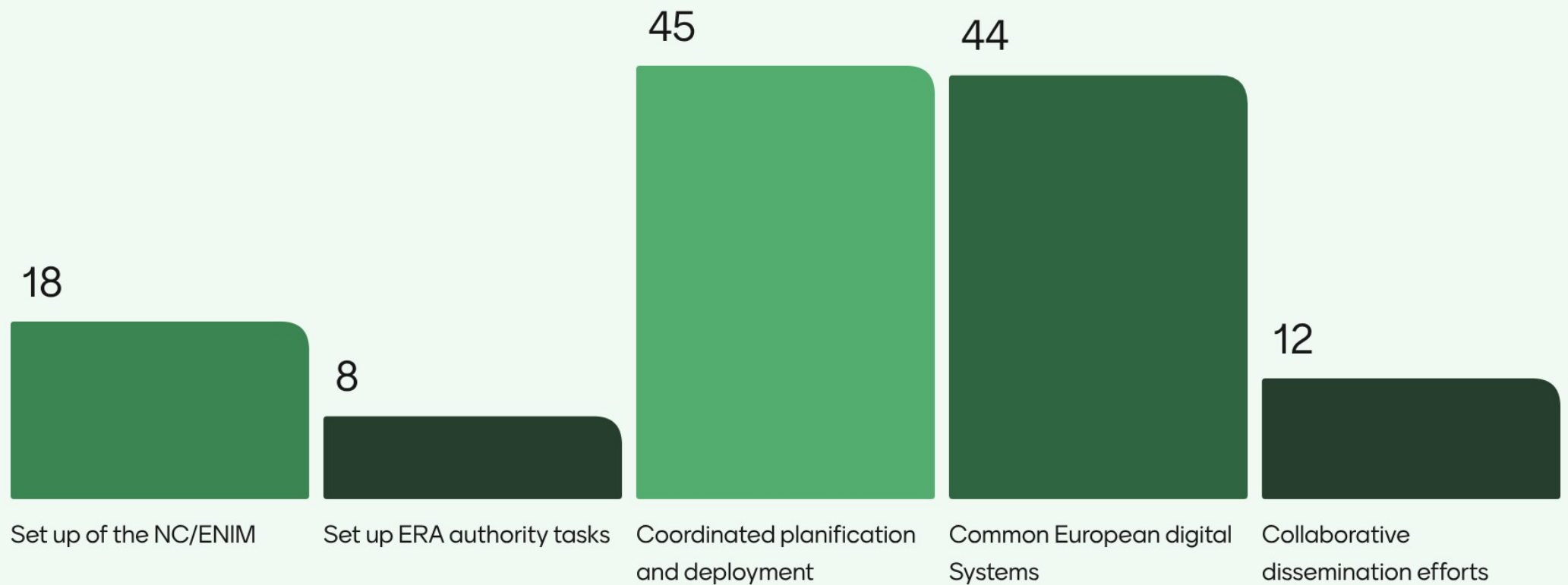


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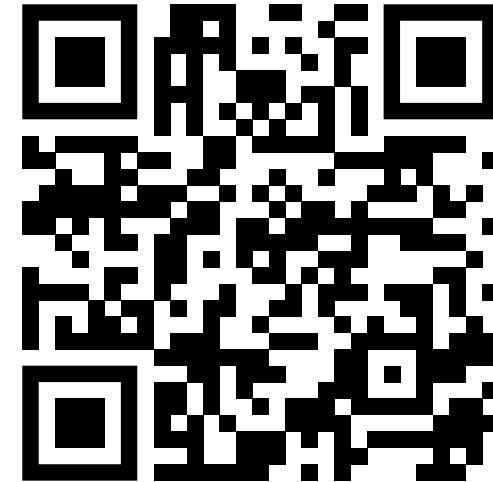
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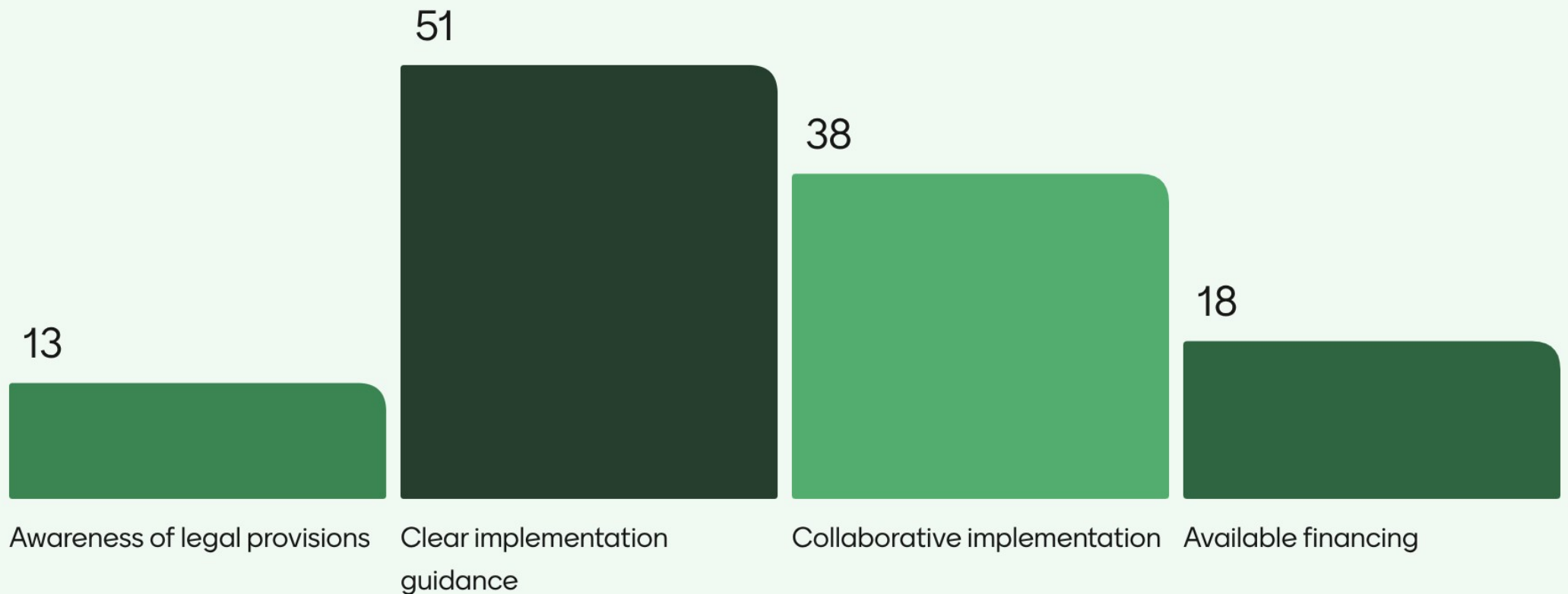
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# Closing: Conclusions of the RailNetEurope Summit



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