



European Rail Freight Association



The ongoing negotiations on the Recast The ERFA STATEMENT

IRG – Rail (Independent Regulators’ Group – Rail)
Plenary meeting
Workshop with stakeholders

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PRESENTATION

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1. THE RAILWAY EUROPEAN FRAME

- 10 years later ... & fundamentals not yet accepted nor applied
- The present crisis of State & private banking miss-management
 - Scarcity of public & private funding
 - Need of stronger cost effectiveness of railways operators
- 2012 **THE** year of the European rail market improvement
 - White paper approval
 - Core network & its financial instrument (CEF) starting
 - Recast process completion
 - Court of justice decisions
 - **The EC work program**
 1. Legislativ proposal Rail market access (study unbundling / study single wagon
 2. Legislativ proposal European Railway Agency (supervision & harmonisation NSAs / single vehicle type authorization / single RU safety certification



2. OUR FOCUS : THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE CLIENTS

IMPORTANCE OF THE CRITERIA

- Reliability of the rail transport
- Competitive level of price (.... see further the fears of ERFA)
- Available capacities (... on time, on place, ..., on type)
- Information management (where is my loc? composition of my train?)
- Transport and handling time (the last mile)
- Transport frequency (.... in relation with passengers trains)
- Ecological aspects (... pro & contra)



3. THE ROLE OF ERFA (1)

- Born 10 years ago with the first railway package
- to promote European rail freight & its stakeholders through the complete liberalization of the market
- Today 30 members (Railways Undertakings, Wagon keepers, leasing companies, service providers, forwarders) whose 8 associations
- > 10.000 new jobs & several 1.000 indirects jobs
- **Our credo**
 - Answer the clients criteria
 - Deliver competition & promote emergence of new operators
 - Reduce all barriers to an open & interoperable rail market
 - Develop a collaborative approach through Joint Sector group actions



3. THE ROLE OF ERFA (2)

- **Our fears of excessive transport costs increases**
 - Interoperable locomotives (different energy systems, safety requests)
 - Freight wagons (post Viareggio & noise requests)
 - Track access charges
 - Energy prices (less nuclear, more gaz & coal)
 - Drivers (scarcity, IT support, HR management)
- **Our tool : the complaints**
 - State aids
 - Legal and abuses of dominant position
 - Mergers & acquisitions
 - Cartels
 - Technical & operations
 - Safety



3. THE ROLE OF ERFA (3)

- **Our present main concerns**
 - Speed up the process
 - Stimulate the market and develop dynamic partnership
 - Fight against dominant positions avoiding RUs development or new initiatives
 - Pay attention to development of opportunities (Rail-port, regional and local Rus, independaent operators of rail related services, multimodal platforms,)
 - **Strongly support the 2012 EC initiatives to finally reach a succesful RECAST**
 - **Pay continuous special attention to excess of regulation leading to excess of costs endangering our competitiveness !!!**



4. THE RECAST PROCESS & its FIRST RESULTS (1)

- **Our position face to the EP vote in plenary session** (last 16 November)
 - Article 6.4 – The unbundling and financial flows > unacceptable result > actions to support EC proposal end 2012
 - Article 13 (and Annex III) – Conditions of access to services > results
 - Articles 55 to 57 – The regulatory bodies > good results (**action of ERFA**)
- **ERFA position on the rail related services (Article 13)**
 - Welcome amendments on recitals and articles
 - Remind operators need flexible conditions to be cost-effective
 - In case of discrimination, need of very quick reaction of regulatory body
 - Favor the emergence of independent service operators (neither IM or RU) by IM abandoned marshalling yards
 - Avoid natural dominant occupancy of incumbents in large marshalling and shunting yards



4. THE RECAST PROCESS & its FIRST RESULTS (2)

- Clearly need of free access with non discriminatory conditions to
 - Shunting services (locomotives and specialized safety personal)
 - Sufficient tracks and safety personal to compose trains
 - Workshops and mobile maintenance
- **ERFA position on the Regulatory bodies (Articles 55 to 57)**
 - **Welcome amendments on recitals and articles**
 - **Support the enforcement and main improvements waited**
 - Receive appropriate financial means, staffing and logistics
 - Have the power to take up matters on own initiative
 - Take decision on complaints within a month
 - Make recommendations to NSAs (**ERFA ask**)
 - Consult regularly the representatives of the users
 - **Support the control and appeal role of the European Commission**
 - **Ask to avoid over-regulation and insist on the arbitral role**
 - **Invite to cooperate with ERA**



5. THE FOLLOWING STEPS

- The Council Political Agreement
- The Danish Presidency and the Recast second reading
- The EC studies process and delivering
- The proposal of the new directive before end 2012
- All opportunities to debate, convince and **win – win !!!**

FINAL WORDS

- **SPEED** process, **CONTROL** costs, **PROMOTE** safety
- **FEEL & LISTEN** the market, **ANSWER** the clients