TTR - a detailed call for action

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The future in our sights. Guaranteed smooth-running processes.



Founding in 2010

Headquater in Switzerland

Licences in NL, DE, CH, ITA

40% market share transalpine rail traffic

800 employees, 145 locos, 700 trains/ week

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Member of FTE, RFF, NEE, ERFA

Services Eco-friendly, safe and economical.



Combined transport

- combined (Rola = rolling highway)
- anaccompanied

Block trains

- new vehicles
- bulk goods

Ad-hoc services unscheduled and at short notice

















Umschlagterminal, Feederterminal



Current situation Freight RUs

Political expectations

- growth
- Modal shift
- Quality
- Innovative & sustainable
- simple



VS.



Obstacles

- Lack of capacity
- Marginal cost expectancy
- Growing disturbances
- Persistance of System
- High national diversity



Potential new markets

bottlenecks will continue to limit capacity for a long time



Small measures for capacity and stability often fall through financing system of national MoTs.

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Capacity target on the corridor needs to be aligned regarding dimensioning throughout national member states.



*long term view capacity planning of SBB Infrastructure/ BAV capacity target DE-Takt BMVI; 7

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For maximum capacity utilization national horizons need to be shifted to international capacity planning.



- Rush hour on mixed network 6-9 a.m. & 5-7 p.m.
- Existing fixed line closures Betouwe route on Sundays

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- Planning of introduction of fixed line closure concept for maintenance

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- Fixed Gotthard tunnel closure: Sa/Su, Su/Mo, (Mo/Tue) nights
- Discussions about a swiss-wide concept
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 - IPO concept: fixed line closures on each route
 - Chiasso
 - Domo
 - Luino

Fixed maintenance windows and peak hour periods in every country block transport streams.

Running international trains is hindered by non-aligned TCRs, changes due to TCRs put customer commitments at risk



Planned track work for smaler construction sites is planned by national infrastructures or even districts of national infrastructures.

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If many sites occur at once

- accumulated effects of delays can not be calculated by RUs along the whole corridor anymore
- planning with partner Rus (for rerouting via an alternative country) is hindered by uncertainties
- customers can not be informed about new ETA
- National information deadlines are not sufficient for clarification with partners / customers, if effects are accumulating

Stable paths commitments are expected if TCR procedures and actual planning's are aligned and well ahead



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Allocation todays timetable process is "one size fits all" – but freight customers are different

Current challenges in rail freight: customer vs timetable

Freight Customer orders transport	Annual planning	Short term planning	Operations	Operations
	x-8	<< x-8	Year 2022	Year 2023
april, for next	Paths	Path is «safe»	Usually good	
year	coordinated	(well, if no TCR)	quality	
later than april for a calender year		Only «leftover» capacity	Quality?	Only known next year

4 customers need transport commitments at/ for any timespan, rail can only commit in artificial "timetable years"

Freight Customer orders transport	Annual planning x-8,5	Short term planning << x-4	Operations Year 2022	Operations Year 2023
april, for next year	Paths coordinated	Path is «safe»	good quality	
later than april for a calender year	Safeguarded capacity coordinated	Safeguarde d path available	Good quality	Similar quality (in bandwith)

Multiannual, rolling, safeguarded (internat.) capacity allows RUs to order capacity when needed by its customer!

First steps towards safeguarding of minimum capacity - an example from Switzerland



Revision of the Swiss Railways Act (within the scope of the revision of the Goods Carriage Act)

- In the planning of the network use, the different transport modes (passenger and freight) are treated on an equivalent level
- The parliament decides on network extension measures; its intension is not the construction project but the transport offer enabled thereby
- Aim of the new priority rule: Enabling the intended timetable concepts
 → Safeguarding the necessary train paths in term of number and quality for each transport mode
- Changes in the usage of the network are a conscious political decision, as was the case when deciding on the network extension
- Implemented by the new instruments Network Usage Concept (NUC) and Network Usage Plans (NUP)



Overview Instruments NUC and NUP



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Change is required at RUs too – in own processes, tools and competences

What does an RU need to do?



Process

- Adapt own processes for timetabling and production
 - May be even shift holiday times...
- Adapt sales processes
- Harmonise not only path requests but also input into capacity model



Regulatory Bodies could support the customer view towards IMs – also on European level

What does an RU expect from Regulatory Bodies?



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RUs expect a major facilitation of their business by better utilisation of capacity

Core expectations from RUs to IMs/TTR

Earlier final and stable path offer





- Capacity available when needed by end-customers
 (long term and short notice)
- Multiannual path/ capacity commitments
- Overall alignment in capacity dimensioning planning safeguarding and allocation
- B Early TCR planning with detailed path calculations well ahead
- Harmonized digitized processes, rules and harmonized execution with all neighbouring IMs within one IT system/ tool.

Many thanks For your attention.

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