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# INFRASTRUCTURES DEVELOPMENT AND RAILWAY OFFERS ON THE NORTH SEA – MEDITERRANEAN CORRIDOR

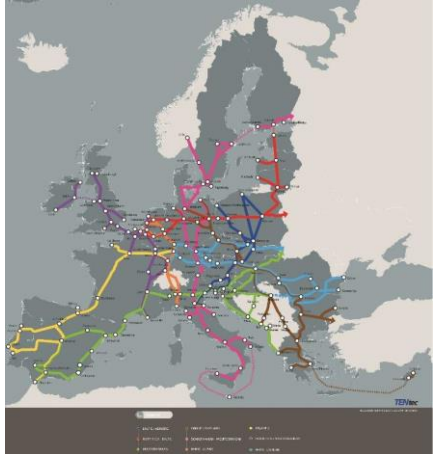
*Marseille, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*  
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## OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

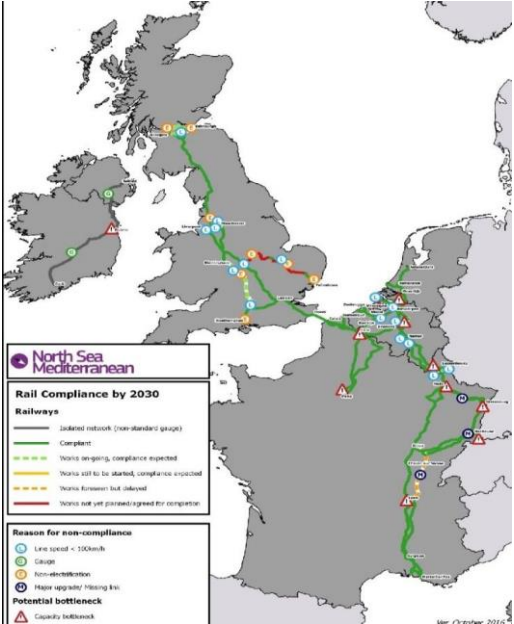
The continental section of the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor is the central part of the FERRMED Great Railway Axis, that embraces Scandinavia to the Gibraltar Strait.

This is a strategic axis upon a socio-economic and geographic point of view. Through its main trunk and connected branches, it links the most important sea fronts, internal waterways, industrial and logistic regions of the entire European Union. Moreover, this Corridor represents the only North – South railway network that is free of mountain chains in Europe.. This characteristic allows the Corridor to have a high capacity of adaptation for freight transportation in Western Europe in this North – South line. It offers an incredible opportunity to diversify the accesses to the European continent, due to its connections with the Northern and Southern sea fronts, which can facilitate a new balance of the railway network and enhance transport fluidity in these regions.

The main challenge of this Corridor is the traffic management, due its highly urbanised hinterland which generates important economic activity. For that reason, the railway network is affected by bottlenecks caused by the overuse of the system, as well as the absence of cross-border interoperability. An improvement of the railway infrastructures and the implementation of a European Railway Traffic Management System (ERTMS), as well as a better harmonisation of the electrification system of the lines, would be key factors in order to avoid these bottlenecks and, in the long-term, absorb the excess of traffic.



This plan could start removing the existing bottlenecks and should evolve depending on the expected traffic increasement. The aim of the Conference is to propose lines of discussion on the elaboration of development plans of optimal railway infrastructures, as well as the deployment of offers of performant services adapted to each section of traffic.



Another key point to take into consideration is the additional traffic, due to an increase of the intercontinental maritime transportation flows -particularly in the Mediterranean ports- and the growth of the fluxes from the Iberian Peninsula (as soon as the Spanish part of the Mediterranean Corridor will be fully renewed with the European Standard gauge) and from Italy and Eastern Europe, through the new Lyon – Turin link. The consolidation of the Southern European gateway, with the combined performance of ports and railway network, is a challenging issue for the development of these regions.

On this purpose, the elaboration of a well-defined Corridor infrastructure development plan becomes an issue of first importance; as well as the optimization of the capacities of distribution among Europe.



## PROGRAMME

8h15	<b>Welcome and reception</b>
09h00	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Renaud MUSELIER, President of the Provence – Alpes – Côte d'Azur (PACA) Regional Government</li> <li>Mr. Jean-Louis COLSON, Head of Unit TEN-T Network, DG MOVE – EC (AC)</li> <li>Mr. Péter BALÁZS, European Coordinator of the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor</li> <li>Mr. Jean-Christophe BAUDOUIN, Inter-Ministerial Delegate for the Development of the Mediterranean – Rhône – Saône Axis</li> <li>Ms. Christine CABAU, President of Grand Port Maritime de Marseille (GPMM)</li> <li>Mr. Joan AMORÓS, President of FERRMED</li> </ul>
10h00	<b>Current and potential rail traffic in the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Guillaume CONFAIS-MORIEUX, Director of European Rail Freight Corridor n° 2</li> </ul>
10h15	<b>Main interconnections between the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor and other major Railway Axes</b> <p><i>Introduction &amp; Moderation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Noël COMTE, President of SOTRADEL Logistique and Vice-President of FERRMED for France</li> <li>Mediterranean Corridor: Mr. Günther ETTL, Advisor to the European Coordinator</li> <li>North Sea – Baltic Corridor: Ms. Vera KISSLER, Advisor to the European Coordinator (AC)</li> <li>Marseille – Ventimiglia Line: PACA Region representative</li> </ul>
11h00	<b>COFFEE – BREAK</b>
11h30	<b>Railway interfaces and intermodality: issues and challenges for port and inland terminals of the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Fabienne MARGAIL, Hinterland Director of GPMM</li> <li>Mr. Michel COTE, Representative of Port of Lyon</li> <li>Mr. Eric LAMBERT, Representative of Terminal of Bettemburg</li> </ul>
12h10	<b>Provision of infrastructures and services on the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor (long trains, rolling motorways...) and short- and mid-term measures for further services development, according to chargers and operators</b> <p><i>Introduction &amp; Moderation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gilles DANSART, journalist (AC)</li> <li>Ms. Marie-José NAVARRE, Deputy Director General of LOHR Industrie</li> <li>Mr. Eric LAMBERT, CFL Intermodal</li> <li>CMA CGM representative(AC)</li> <li>...</li> </ul>
13h00	<b>Marseille Statement / Joint Declaration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Philippe TABAROT, Vice-President for Security, Transports and Intermodality of PACA Regional Government</li> <li>GPMM representative</li> <li>Mr. Joan AMORÓS, President of FERRMED</li> </ul>
13h15	<b>Conclusion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Péter BALÁZS, Coordinator of the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor</li> </ul>
13h30	<b>LUNCH</b>

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