

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

Marseille, December 12th, 2017
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OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

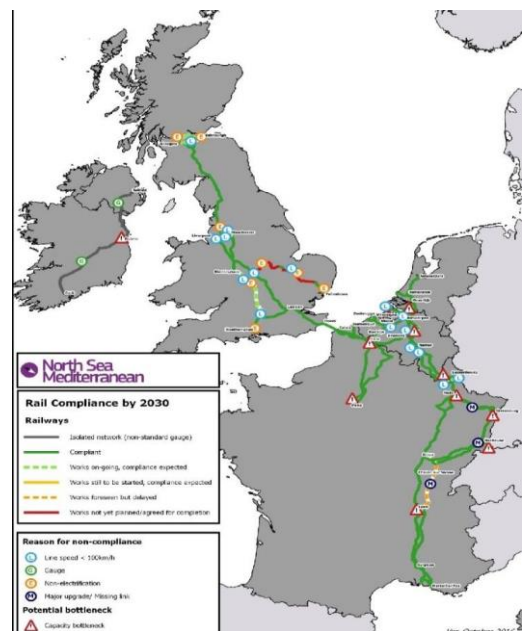
The continental section of the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor is the central part of the FERRMED Great Railway Axis, that embraces Scandinavia to the Gibraltar Strait.

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

8:15	Reception and welcoming coffee
09:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Renaud MUSELIER, President of the Provence – Alpes – Côte d’Azur (PACA) Regional Government and Member of European Parliament Mr. Philippe TABAROT, Vice-President for Security, Transports and Intermodality of PACA Regional Government Mr. Frédéric VERSINI, Deputy Head of Unit TEN-T Network, DG MOVE – EC Mr. Peter BALÁZS, European Coordinator of the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor Ms. Marjorie JOUEN, Inter-Ministerial Deputy Delegate for the Development of the Mediterranean – Rhône – Saône Axis Ms. Christine CABAU, President of Grand Port Maritime de Marseille – Fos (GPMM) Mr. Joan AMORÓS, President of FERMED
10:00	<p>Current and potential rail traffic in the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Guillaume CONFAIS-MORIEUX, Director of European Rail Freight Corridor n° 2
10:15	<p>Main interconnections between the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor and other major Railway Axes</p> <p><i>Introduction & Moderation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Noël COMTE, President of SOTRADEL Logistique and Vice-President of FERMED for France North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor: Mr. Sean NEWTON Mediterranean Corridor: Mr. Jérôme FERRY Rhine – Alpine Corridor: Marseille – Ventimiglia Line: Mr. Didier BIAU, Infrastructures Director of PACA Regional Government Lyon – Turin Line: Mr. François LEPINE, Vice-president of the Committee for the Transalpine Link
11:00	<p>Railway interfaces and intermodality: issues and challenges for port and inland terminals of the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Fabienne MARGAIL, Hinterland Director of GPMM Mr. Michel COTE, Port of Lyon Mr. Eric LAMBERT, Terminal of Bettemburg Mr. Frédéric DOISI, Deputy General Director of the Port of Strasbourg
11:40	<p>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</p> <p><i>Introduction & Moderation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Josep Maria OJEA, FERMED Ms. Marie-José NAVARRE, Deputy Director General of LOHR Industrie Mr. Eric LAMBERT, CFL Multimodal Greenmodal representative Naviland Cargo representative
12:30	<p>Marseille Statement / Joint Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Philippe TABAROT, Vice-President for Security, Transports and Intermodality of PACA Regional Government GPMM representative Mr. Joan AMORÓS, President of FERMED
12:45	<p>Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Péter BALÁZS, Coordinator of the North Sea – Mediterranean Corridor
13:00	LUNCH

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