



Rail Freight Corridor
North Sea – Baltic



State of play on Border Crossing projects

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Bad Bentheim - Continuous Improvement Process (QCO)



Aachen & Bad Schandau - Implementation of Quality Circle Operation

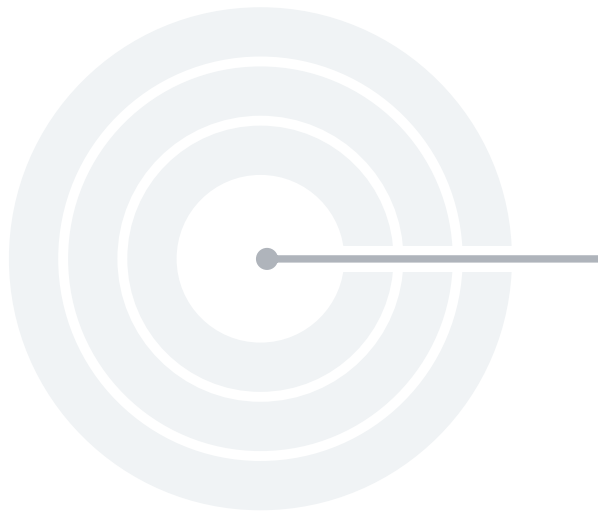


Frankfurt(Oder) Oderbrücke - Implementation of Quality Circle Operation



Terespol-Brest - ILEA project proposal and PL MoT workshop

Bad Bentheim - continuous improvement process is ongoing



Implementation of an optimized process for the **coordination of ad-hoc timetable** at NL-DE borders

Implementation of the Railway Undertakings **MoU**

Improvement of **communication between Grenzdisponent & Traffic Management** Bad Bentheim – **Check-In Process**

Check-in process

Improvement of the advance train information to the dispatcher at Bad Bentheim station

Missing necessary train information (locomotive/personnel change, unforeseen technical examination etc.) often lead to non-flexible dispatching and too long infrastructure occupancy in the Bad Bentheim station.

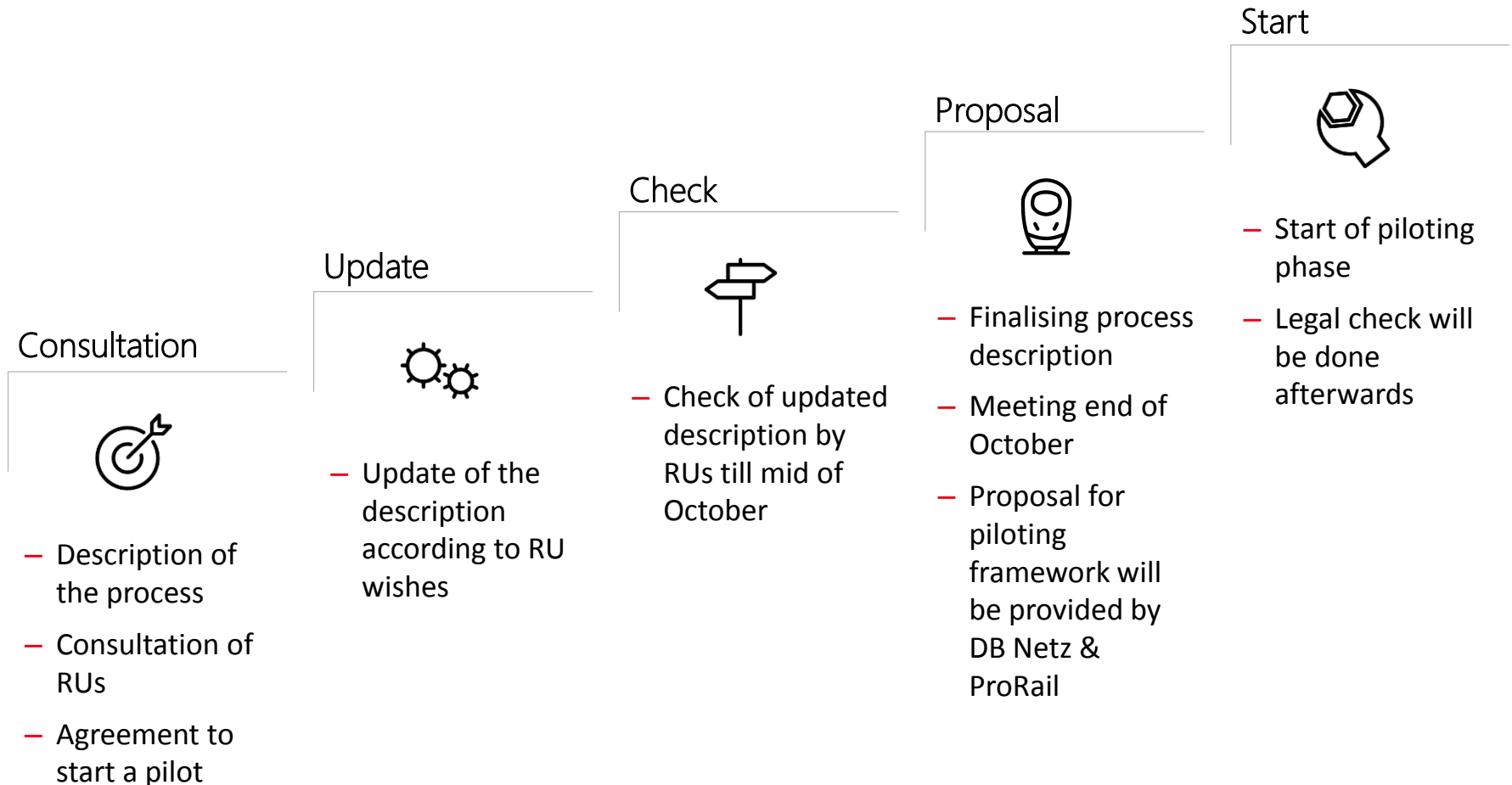
As a result, the available infrastructure capacity cannot always be used as planned, which leads to delays for other RUs and the associated train handling.

The "Check-In" process planned for the Bad Bentheim station should lead to a significant increase in quality when using the limited capacity. The ultimate goal is to create all RUs the opportunity to cross quickly and time-saving the border at Bad Bentheim and thus minimizing delays.

The aim is to reduce unnecessary track occupancy at Bad Bentheim station as much as possible and above all to systematically and efficiently manage cross-border freight traffic.



Status quo & next steps for piloting the process





Continuous improvement process for Bad Bentheim



Further implementation of border improvement processes: Aachen and Bad Shandau

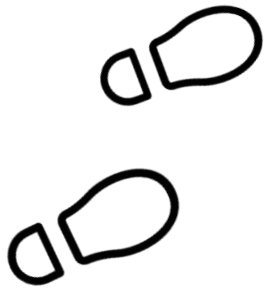


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Terespol – Brest border crossing: ILEA project proposal and PL MoT workshop

Aachen & Bad Schandau - implementation of border improvement processes (QCO) is planned



Aachen: There is already an exchange existing between Infrabel and DB Netz which should be integrated into a QCO format. A workshop with RUs is planned in Cologne (end November/early December) together with an on-site meeting at Aachen border the day before. DB Netz, Infrabel and RFC Rhine-Alpine are in the lead.

Bad Schandau: The implementation of a new QCO is agreed between SZCZ and DB Netz. A workshop with RUs is planned for end of the year together with the implementation of a Cross Border Coordinator.

QCO: Quality Circle Operation



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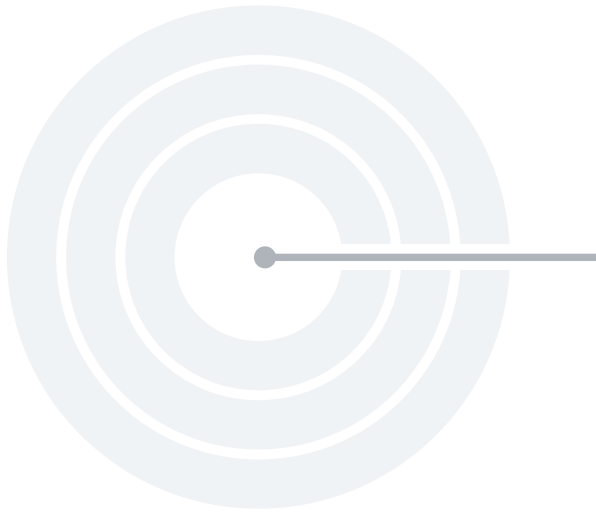


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Frankfurt (Oder) Oderbrücke – implementation of border improvement process (QCO) is starting in November



QCO analysis of the border crossing **Frankfurt (Oder) Oderbrücke - Rzepin** was agreed during last RAG/TAG meeting

First **workshop with customers** will take place on **9th November 2021**

DB Netz AG & PKP PLK S.A. exchange on the **issues identified** as listed in the workshop's agenda

Customers are invited to share issues identified or proposals in advance or during the workshop, to be discussed during first or upcoming workshops

Kick-off Workshop on Frankfurt (Oder) Oderbrücke

9th November 2021



1. Welcome
2. Tour de Table
3. Quality Circle Operation: Introduction
4. Group discussion on pre-identified topics in Frankfurt (Oder) Oderbrücke
 - Unharmonized train paths
 - Procedure for handling damaged wagons
 - Coordination and communication of construction works
 - Traffic management issues on the railway lines leading to the border crossing
5. Prioritization of identified topics
6. Decision on first measures and next steps
7. Presentation on ETCS at the border by DB Netz and PKP PLK S.A.
8. Feedback



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Terespol – Brest border crossing: ILEA project proposal and PL MoT workshop

Terespol-Brest – improvement of border processes are planned via 2 formats

Improving links to Euro-Asian Landbridges
– State of Play

Workshop in Małaszewicze

Improving Links to Euro-Asian Landbridges (ILEA) project

Steps taken so far

- Taskforce established with involved RFCs
- Questionnaire among customers to identify most relevant issues
- 2 workshops organized with customers (29.04 and 27.05.2021)
- Several customers indicated their interest in active participation in the project

Sub-project proposal (under elaboration)

1. Optimized train production and conditions on EU sections of Euro-Asian rail freight routes
2. Improvement of border processes and cross-border harmonization to EU eastern borders
3. Determination of transport flow scenarios and creation of a corresponding monitoring plan

Next steps

- On 16.09.2021 2021 CEF Transport Call was published;
- Taskforce is currently reviewing whether the activities proposed in sub-projects are eligible under the Calls published;
- Project proposal submission to CINEA – January 2022.



Workshop in Małaszewicze

Organisation of workshop is still pending as it was postponed several times due to pandemic situation

1. Is a physical workshop still the preferred option?
2. Is a physical workshop still possible in 2021 or should it be postponed to 1st half of 2022?
3. Can we agree on a date?

