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# **RFCs and Euro-Asian Landbridges**

## **Multi-corridor project proposal (for discussion)**

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Euro-Asian Landbridges |  
Multi-corridor project idea



**Project idea, „RFC-ILEA”**  
= **RFCs improving links to**  
**Euro-Aasian rail landbridges**

# Euro-Asian Landbridges |

## Why are they of interest to RFCs ?



- **Several EU Rail Freight Corridors leading to border crossing points at EU Eastern border**
  - RFCs are ending/beginning – but traffic is continuing !
- **Important feeder function of RFCs**
  - ☐ RFCs cover the first/last leg of Euro-Asian transport chains
- **Growing volumes / business potential in Euro-Asian rail freight**
  - ☐ Increasing volumes and number of destinations of Euro-Asian train services
- **RFC customers / stakeholders are engaging in Euro-Asian rail freight**
  - ☐ Potential for RFCs to facilitate for customers to develop their business



## How to move forward?

-  **Goal**  Set up a multi-RFC project financed by CEF II starting 2021
-  **Cooperation approach**  Structure of project, financing modalities, sharing of tasks, roles of participating RFCs
-  **Potential elements**  Project elements should be defined by RFCs after consultation of RAG/TAGs
-  **Timetable**  Project schedule to be defined for CEF II application
-  **Next steps**  Bringing interested RFCs together, identifying customer expectations, taking stock of existing analysis, doing basic research

## Basic research – taking stock of existing information

### Stakeholder-management



- Who are the stakeholders?
- Which initiatives are already in place?
- How stakeholders and initiatives can be used?



### Infrastructure



- Analysis of infrastructure (parameters, bottlenecks, missing links)?
- What are the big infrastructure projects contributing to EU-Asia traffic?



### Market



- Which are the traffic flows?
- Which routes are used and might be used in future?
- Which are the connections to RFCs?



### Legal & KPIs



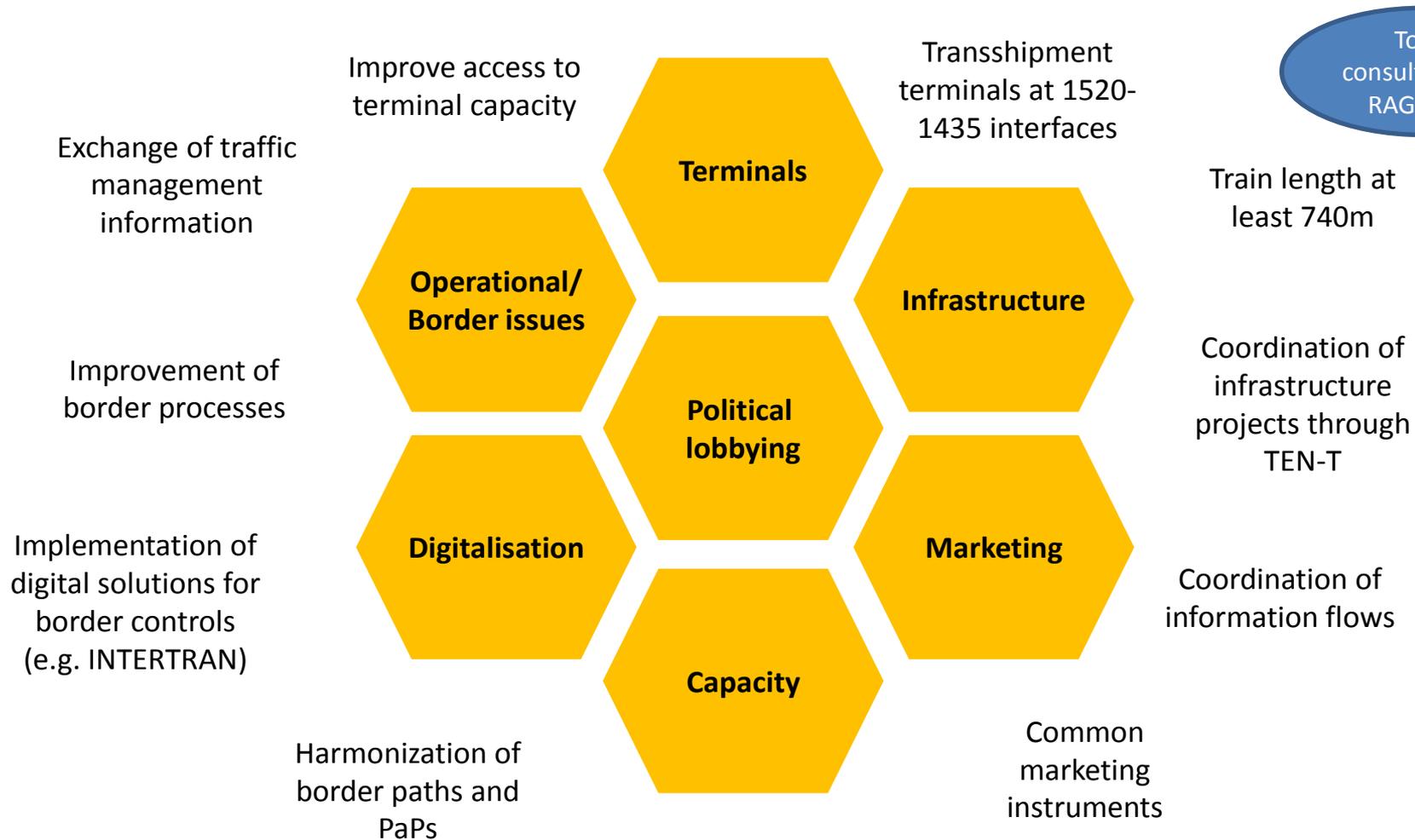
- What are the legal possibilities/constraints?
- How can we measure our work?



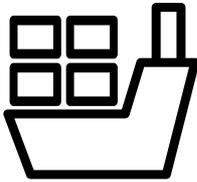
In order to start working on projects a basic analysis is needed (including existing studies)

# In which areas could RFCs potentially support?

## Potential barriers to and levers for Eurasian Land Bridge



# Terminals



- Transshipment terminals at 1520-1435 interfaces
- Access to the terminals
- Capacity in the terminals
- Removing bottlenecks
- 740m in terminals

# Infrastructure



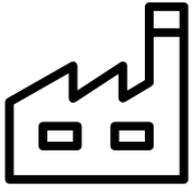
- Train length of at least 740m in EU to tackle trains from Asia
- Coordination of infrastructure projects through TEN-T
- Coverage of relevant routes by RFCs; are there any „missing links“?
- RFCs contribution to connectivity between Euro-Asian routes and TEN-T network

# Marketing



- Coordination of information flows
  - Which processes / information channels exist? Which channels may need to be built up?
  - Where can coordination or involvement of RFCs in information flows provide an added value?
- Common marketing instruments
  - Which RFC services/functions do we want to promote?
  - Participation in events inside/outside EU? (e.g. TRAKO, TransRussia, EXPO 1520, ...)
  - Organisation of international workshop
  - Targeted promotional material (in Russian?)

# Capacity



- Further development of capacity offer Harmonization of border paths and PaPs
- Coverage of relevant routes by RFCs; are there any „missing links“?
- RFCs as platforms to create visibility for good solutions by Members/stakeholders



# Digitalisation



- Implementation of digital solutions for border controls (e.g. INTERTRAN)
- Exchange of traffic management information
- Developing KPIs for Euro-Asian rail traffic

## Operational/Border issues



- Bottleneck analysis with focus on Euro-Asian flows
- Improvement of border processes
- Exchange of traffic management information
- Addressing cross-border challenges in RFC Working Groups



## Identification of interested RFCs

### RFC Network telco with interested RFCs

1. Discussion on possible project goals & elements
2. Discussion on cooperation approach
3. First indications of timetable
4. Next steps