



# Implementation of the Check-In procedure in Bad Bentheim

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## More efficient use of capacity through the Check-In procedure



### Initial situation

- Bad Bentheim is - especially because of the high density of passenger trains - very busy in terms of capacity.
- Trains approach the border station in an uncoordinated manner and block tracks due to a lack of resources (loco change, staff change, wagon checks, etc.).



### Solution

- Jointly develop a process with RUs to improve communication and coordinate scarce capacity for a fast and time-saving run of freight trains through the border.



### Goal

- More efficient use of capacity and infrastructure
- Reduction of dwell times and delays
- More train path capacity, an optimised use of resources of trainsets, drivers and wagons as well as an optimised and more reliable running time of the train



## How does the Check-In procedure work?

**Each RU** in international freight traffic **is obliged to transmit the information required** for dispatching control to the IM (DB Netz or Pro Rail) **in good time** (1-2 hours in advance) **and in full. The dispatcher checks the available information:**

- ☒ **Short-term deviations** from the timetable
- ☒ International **train number**
- ☒ **Partner RU & information on train dependencies**
- ☒ Indication of **dwell time + reason for dwell**: e.g. loco change, staff change, waggon check
- ☒ **Train length**

**If the required information is not available, the train is held back** from operation (process is initiated by the border controller) and the **train does not continue its journey or transit until all the required information is available** to the dispatcher or border controller.



## From drafting to implementation in 2024

### December 2022/May 2023

Extension of the pilot phase, analyse of the first results, Conclusions: strong support & approval by RUs for the procedure

**2024**

Implementation in  
Grenzbetriebsvereinbarung between  
DB Netz & ProRail

**May 2022**

Drafting of the Check-In procedure within the QCO Bad Bentheim jointly with RUs

**June 2023**

Decision upon the implementation of the procedure as well as the legal audit