

Inauguration of Advisory Groups of Amber Rail Freight Corridor

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Participants:

Annex 1-Signed Attendance List

1.	Registration, welcome and coffee
9:00-10:00	-
3.	Welcome, opening and keynote speeches
10:00-10:30	<p><i>Chairman of the Board of Brzesko Container Terminal, Mr Michał Golemo</i></p> <p><i>Head of the District of Brzesko Mr Andrzej Potępa</i></p> <p><i>Member of the Executive Board of Amber RFC, Mr Jakub Kapturzak (Polish Mol)</i></p> <p><i>Chairman of the Management Board of Amber RFC, Mr Franc Klobučar (SŽ-I)</i></p>
Presentation	<p>Mr Michał Golemo and Mr Andrzej Potępa have presented the attractiveness of Brzesko and they mentioned the investments planned for the next years.</p> <p>The ministry has expressed its warm welcome to all RUs, IMs and other participants. Mr Kapturzak drawn specific attention to the main aim of the participants: to launch this new corridor. He also indicated that this corridor is very important for the Poles. He highlighted that the member states have two main tasks, the first is to provide the infrastructure and the modernization of the railway to the South. The second is the discussion with the EU at multiple levels.</p> <p>Mr Klobučar welcomed all participants and expressed support and offered to give the basic information of the corridor: the alignment, draft map and connecting details and expressed his hope to the members to be really well informed after the meeting. He said that the meaning of this event is to show to Europe that we are here. He mentioned that all of the participants will receive the additional documents with those prepared materials what have been sent out above.</p>

4.	Presentation of Brzesko Container Terminal
10:30-11:00	<i>Chairman of the Board of Brzesko Container Terminal, Mr Michał Golemo</i>
Presentation	The Chairman showed the central location of the Terminal, presented its organisational side, working structure and technical parameters, illustrated the terminal's units and items and expressed the readiness to serve the transport needs. He also expressed the good cooperation with other container terminals such as Koper or ports of Ukraine and offered his kind invitation to Brzesko.
5.	Introduction to Amber Rail Freight Corridor, roles of Railway Undertaking Advisory Group (RAG) and Terminal Advisory Groups (TAG)
11:00-11:30	<i>Chairman of the Management Board of Amber RFC, Mr Franc Klobučar (SŽ-I)</i>
Presentation	Mr Klobučar expressed that there is a necessity to follow the needs of the member states and offered his kind contribution to further developments along the corridor line and gave an overview on the focus of it. He also presented the organisational structure, the road-map with milestones for the establishment and the representation on events like TEN-T Days.
6.	Letter of Intent about setting up RAG-TAG and Rules of consultation with RAG-TAG
11:30-12:00	<i>Member of the Management Board of Amber RFC, Mr Maarten Gutt (PKP PLK)</i>
Presentation	Mr Gutt expressed the aim to activate the South-Eastern stretch, and referred also to Brzesko as an important part of the corridor and also to other significant routes. He also presented the purpose of the LoI and its regulative background, further on he presented the extract of the Rules of consultation and the communication methods for the Spokesperson.
7.	Election of Spokesperson of RAG-TAG and proposed methodology of work of RAG-TAG
12:00-12:30	<i>A short break was made to elect the Spokesperson. Then the floor was given to the Spokesperson.</i>
Presentation	Mr András Nyíri was elected as the Spokesperson of the Railway Advisory Group and took the role for leading the Terminal Advisory Group temporarily. Mr Nyíri expressed his thanks for the trust of the members. He also mentioned that as a former Chairman of the RFC 7 MB and as a previous IM representative, he will kindly offer his experiences in order to fulfil the needed requirements.



8.	Efficient Cross-Corridor Organisation (ECCO), cooperation with rail freight corridors
12:30-13:00	<i>Freight Director of UIC, Ms Sandra Géhénot</i>
Presentation	Due to her other activities Ms Géhénot was not able to participate on the meeting.
9.	Lunch
13:00-14:00	-
Presentation	-
10.	TMS – summary of consultation phase
14:00-15:00	<i>Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board of Amber RFC, Mrs Andrea Mosóczi (GYSEV)</i>
Presentation	<p>Due to technical reasons some of the participants have not received the Transport Market Study so it will be sent out again by the Secretariat. This discrepancy was signalled in the break by some RU representatives.</p> <p>Mrs Mosóczi presented the main characteristics and essential elements of the Transport Market Study, with reference to the EU regulation 913/2010. She also explained the current version of the map of Amber RFC and explained the methodology of designation of lines, further on, the main conclusions of economic and transport analysis, and showed a prognosis of transport performance development. She also mentioned a strategic importance of the corridor with the potential for the Far-Eastern Countries like China or Turkey. She closed the presentation with pointing out 20 proposed measures concerning organisational, technological and environmental issues.</p>
11.	Future tasks and expectations of RAG-TAG
15:00-15:30	<i>Open session with the Spokespersons of RAG and TAG</i>
Presentation	<p>Mr Klobučar mentioned that the website of the corridor is under elaboration and all the documents will be available there. The corridor starts its operation in January 14 2019 when the PaPs will also be ready for request for the TT 2019/2020.</p> <p>Mr Klobučar thanked the participation of all members and invited them to express their opinion and ask about the further issues concerning the operation.</p> <p>Mr András Nyíri highlighted that many corridors offer PaPs which are not fitting to the market needs. He advised the MB to make consultation with the customers before offering any PaPs. He also asked the MB to encourage IMs to lobby at their national governments for the implementation of the TEN-T minimum infrastructure requirements, such as electrification, line speed of 100 km/h, axle load of 225 kN, train length of 740 meters and ERTMS deployment till 2030.</p> <p>There are always problems in Europe with each corridor concerning the harmonization of TCRs. He also mentioned that he started a journey from the BILK</p>



	<p>terminal to the Turkish border and during the way he met three temporary capacity restrictions which were not announced in advance. Lately announced and non-announced TCRs shall be avoided in the future.</p> <p>Mrs Mosóczi highlighted that Amber is a beneficiary of EU funding and as the operation of the corridor has to be fit to the TEN-T requirements, thus, a bottleneck study will be elaborated with the usage of EU funding where improvement measures both for hard (infrastructural) and soft (administrative, operative and capacity) will have to be proposed.</p>
12.	Concluding remarks, next steps
15:30-15:45	<i>Chairman of the Management Board of Amber RFC, Mr Franc Klobučar (SŽ-I)</i>
Presentation	<p>Mr Klobučar referred to the common interest in an easier approach for rail infrastructure - similarly like among the mobile phone operators in whole Europe - which is the way to the common success.</p> <p>He expressed his thanks for the organisation and hosting of the meeting and for the engagement of all members regarding the future cooperation and gave the words to the host to present the further side program of the event.</p> <p>A retired employee of the Brzesko Container Terminal has also expressed his gladness and emphasized the importance concerning the re-operation of the Amber corridor's axis in the form of a rail freight corridor, on which he used to do business a lot in his active years.</p>
13.	Coffee break
15:45-16:00	-
Presentation	-
14.	Transfer to the Brzesko Container Terminal and site visit
16:00-17:30	-
Presentation	PKP PLK organized a bus transfer from the Palace to the Terminal where the participants had a first-hand experience how the Terminal works. After the visit the meeting was officially closed.

