



**DAC Delivery Programme
SUPERVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting 12 March 2021
14h00 – 16h00**

Minutes of the meeting

1. Introduction

a. Welcome, adoption of the Agenda [EC]

The meeting conducted with Webex was chaired by the EC and co-chaired by the S2R JU.

It was attended by the appointed representatives from DG MOVE (Keir Fitch and Leonardo Dongiovanni) S2R JU (Carlo Borghini and Giorgio Travaini), EIM (Bardo Schettini), ERFA (Sophia Krügel), CER (Enno Wiebe), SNCF (Gilles Quesnel), UIP (Gilles Peterhans), UNIFE (Philippe Citroën and David Kupfer), as observer ERA (Olivier Piron), Clemens Foerst (RFF) and UIC (Christian Chavanel), as Programme Manager and Jens Engelmann (independent advisor) and Constance Bannholzer (OEBB); Mark Topal (OBB) was excused.

Keir Fitch representing DG MOVE and chairing the meeting welcomed the participants. Keir welcomed the participants introducing the Smart and sustainable Mobility strategy objectives.

He highlighted the importance of DAC and especially on the ongoing work on the Cost Business Analysis at European Union level, which must be followed by a credible migration strategy.

Keir mentioned the importance of the work and the need to keep the pace.

2. Review of actions since the last SB [S2R/PM]

Jens presented the action undertaken by the EDDP since the last SB, most of the resolutions will be addressed during the successive points of the meeting presentation.

Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation for more details.

3. New Members, interested parties [S2R/PM]

Giorgio presented the new interested organization to the EDDP. *Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation for more details.*

All members welcomed all new participants to the EDDP.

Enno suggested to find ways to continue to attract organisations from the east and south Europe, particular important for the next steps.

Carlo mentioned that in addition of discussing with Libor, there is also a discussion with SEESARI and a possible meeting to be organized with UNIFE.

UIC confirmed its willingness to help on this topic.

Decision points:

4. partners involvement, DAC consultation process [PM]

Jens presented the proposed partner involvements process for establishing a permanent dialogue with all users and ensuring their participation at the right level. This proposal for recommendation to the Supervisory Board on having 3 different interest level: partner, user or a passive role to monitor the progress only supported by sector organisation. This process was also already discussed with the EDDP PB.

UIC agreed on the proposal with their different expert groups.

CER explained that the feedback through survey will not be effective but they are ready to find solution and agree with the proposal. Finding a way to include the GRB, plus ERFA members would be important.

ERFA confirmed their support.

EIM confirmed that the proposed process though consultation/survey is not optimal but there will be way in order to ensure the results wanted can be obtained and agree with the proposal.

UIP confirmed that this consultation process is better than the previous proposal of creating a new user group, so with the discussed freedom of adaptation at association level of the process, UIP also agree with the proposal.

→ The SB agreed with the proposal, on the principle and with some adaptation that will be done in function of the stakeholders addressed.

5. Coupler type (head) selection [PM/WP2]
- selection process stage A: KO criteria
 - status of DAC tests **(for information only)**

Jens will presented the selection process for the heads coupler.

UIC asked the question if the manufacturers can be considered as observers for the evaluation process in the WPs.

Carlo explained that it is a partnership and we need to be clear, inclusive and transparent. The company that is concerned will not evaluate its own DAC.

→ Following a discussion and clarification **the SB agreed that there should be no restriction in the voting and that in any case the aim is to reach consensus and not disagreements on the solution to bring forward.**

CER commented on the importance of upgradability.

Jens presented the current status of the DAC tests. *Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation for more details.*

Keir asked if we had enough “winter”, to which Jens replied yes in combination with the climate chamber.

UIP highlighted that today all the right experts for an appropriate test results analysis are involved in the EDDP and the ERA TWG.

6. EDDP general work programme 2021/22 [PM]

Jens presented the updated work programme. *Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation for more details.*

A discussion on the timing for delivering upon TSI specifications was held

→ **The EDDP members agreed on the proposed WP.**

Information points:

7. Report from the Programme Management

a. Draft consolidated use cases [PM]

Jens presented the new work being done by the EDDP around the definition of use cases.

UNIFE and UIP welcomed the use cases and highlighted the connection for the specification works.

b. Business cases/CBA draft methodology [PM/WP5]

Leonardo presented the current status of the CBA methodology which is at the moment at a draft stage. *Please see the PowerPoint presentation for more details.*

UIP asked clarification to Keir of what was said yesterday in the WP5 meeting about possible EU funding. Keir replied that the point made was not to rely on EU on everything and also to look in domestic programmes, although there will be areas of common interest where EU support may exist.

Carlo explained that our duty in this moment is to build a sustainable business case, once this will be ready a possible European solution can be sought.

UIP highlighted on the need to deliver a communication to the experts that keep them motivated, and not messages saying EU has nothing to offer.

CER and UIP mentioned to Leonardo that if the CBA needs interview with safety experts they suggest to discuss with the association to prepare the approach with RUs and IMs.

c. EDDP budget 2021/22

[S2R]

Carlo presented the status on a possible project supporting the EDDP and that will be presented in the next S2R GB.

In addition, as part of the S2R CCA activities S2R will launch a work done on the LCC for DAC.

UIP mentioned that they also support part of the work for the WP1 Leader.

UNIFE asked when Europe's Rail budget will be defined including possible funding for the DAC. Carlo replied that for the moment we are identifying the need for R&I with the Candidate Funding members, more probably ending in the summer break. The work on the System pillar instead will start with the associations.

d. Report from MS Group 26/02/2021

[S2R]

Carlo reported on the MS highlighted that the MS present lamented the fact that several MS were not present.

During the MS meeting it was concluded on the importance of reaching other Countries with a roadshow and that the ministries could also help in making the connection with relevant players.

e. Draft target picture

[PM]

Jens presented the target picture slides. *Please see the PowerPoint presentation for more details.*

8. AOB and closing

→ ***CER asked the PM to ensure that in the CEN/CENELEC working group the operational procedure should not be part of the standard.***