Agenda

• CLEC AT, voice of Freight Forwarders in Brussels

• The 4th Railway Package & ‘Recast’

• Trans-European Transport Network through the Connecting Europe Facility with the aim of alleviating bottlenecks and increasing cross-border

• European rail network for competitive freight

• Wagon load services road.

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CLECAT Our role

• Removing barriers and burdens/red tape

• Build understanding
  • Convey the ‘language of business’ to politicians and European Commission and the language of politicians and the EC to industry
  • Between stakeholders (shippers, freight forwarders and carriers)

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4th Railway Package

- Unfair competition in the rail market
- Weak regulators / oversight by authorities
- No interoperability due to different legal and technical standards
Proposed solutions

✓ Unfair competition and weak regulators

• Mandatory legal and financial separation of Infrastructure Managers from Railway Undertakings
  
  • CLECAT regrets step back EC: No FULL UNBUNDLING REQUIRED

✓ Prohibition of financial transfers between Infrastructure Managers and Railway Undertakings in case of remaining integrated companies (chinese walls)

✓ Stronger supervision by national regulators, harmonisation of governance by the national regulators
4th Railway Package

Proposed solutions

• Interoperability: Introduction of common, EU-wide legal and technical standards

  ➢ ‘Standard gauge’ mandatory for all new track lines
  ➢ ERTMS as common safety system
  ➢ Only one homologation process to be recognised in all other Member States
  ➢ Strengthening the role of the European Railway Agency
  ➢ Common rules for certifying railway companies
TEN-T / CEF / Horizon 2020

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- Goals: creation of a comprehensive EU transport network
  - The infrastructures of the various modes often lack transfer sites. The creation of reloading points will allow better multimodal transport.

Impact on rail: massive investment rail infrastructure

Horizon 2020

- Goals: Implementation of new technologies also into the rail sector
  - Rail lags behind other modes with regard to the implementation of new technologies (i.e. in first place ICTs)
What more is needed to improve Rail Freight?

- Better ITS Solutions
- Rail Freight Corridors to become operational
- Connectivity Modalities
- New Business Models for Wagon Load Transport
- Use of 45’ container
- First and Last Mile (cost)