

Proposal for RFC Network Cost-Benefit Analysis



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Czech-Slovak Corridor

Prague – Horní Lideč – Žilina – Košice – Čierna nad Tisou
(Slovak/Ukrainian border)

with 2 Member States and 2 Infrastructure Managers (IMs) involved:

- Czech Republic (SŽDC)
- Slovak Republic (ŽSR)



is operational since 10th November 2013 and will become part of Rhine-Danube Corridor in 2020.



Introduction

- It has been **5 years of experience** working on several Rail Freight Corridors (RFCs).
- CS Corridor is based and is strongly focused on key pillars: **pro-customer, resource-efficient, RFC Network approach.**
- IM managements, Supervisory Boards, Ministries and last but not least **customers and other stakeholders** continue to **ask for higher balance between costs and benefits** of the implementation of the Regulation (EU) No 913/2010.
- Therefore CS Corridor proposes this idea – elaboration of the **expert RFC Network Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA).**

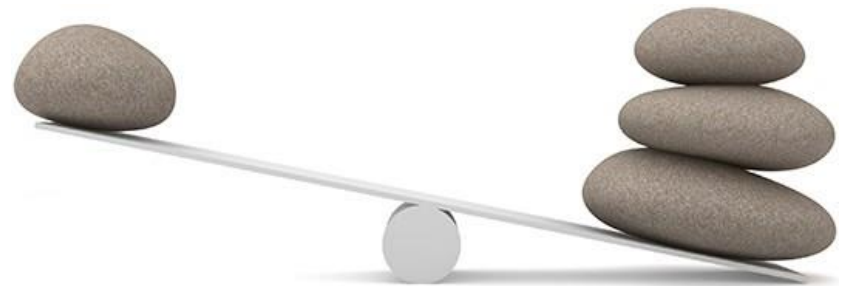
Benefits for customers are still questionable

- **High quality infrastructure** (TEN-T parameters, 740 m long trains etc.) is long-term goal.
- Corridor One Stop Shop (C-OSS) **products offer is not much attractive for customers** from Central and Eastern Europe (CEE).
- Pre-arranged Paths (PaPs) are not much advantageous, reserve capacity is **not flexible enough**.
- There are not many advantages for corridor trains, no faster transportation time, no economic incentives, different rules on different corridors – **no huge interest for CEE customers**.



Costs are constantly rising

- During the whole 5 years period the amount of working platforms, meetings, business trips, all manner of reports and **general workload is constantly increasing and therefore costs are constantly rising.**
- The IMs managers have to act according to the appropriate legislation with the “**care of good manager**“ when requiring and approving funds for **RFC budgets from public sources.**
- **Defending RFC budgets contribution fees without CBA is now increasingly difficult for IM managers.**



Expected results of CBA

- Cost Benefit Analysis of the RFC Network shall design **efficient, pro-customer and sustainable business model** for the whole RFC Network
- aiming to achieve the **expected modal shift in favour of railways** and other crucial goals of EU policy
- and to define the **long-term strategy** on the whole RFC Network.
- **CBA shall evaluate the benefits and demonstrate the meaningfulness of the costs invested into RFCs agenda as it is in other CBA analyses (infrastructure projects, TSI etc.).**

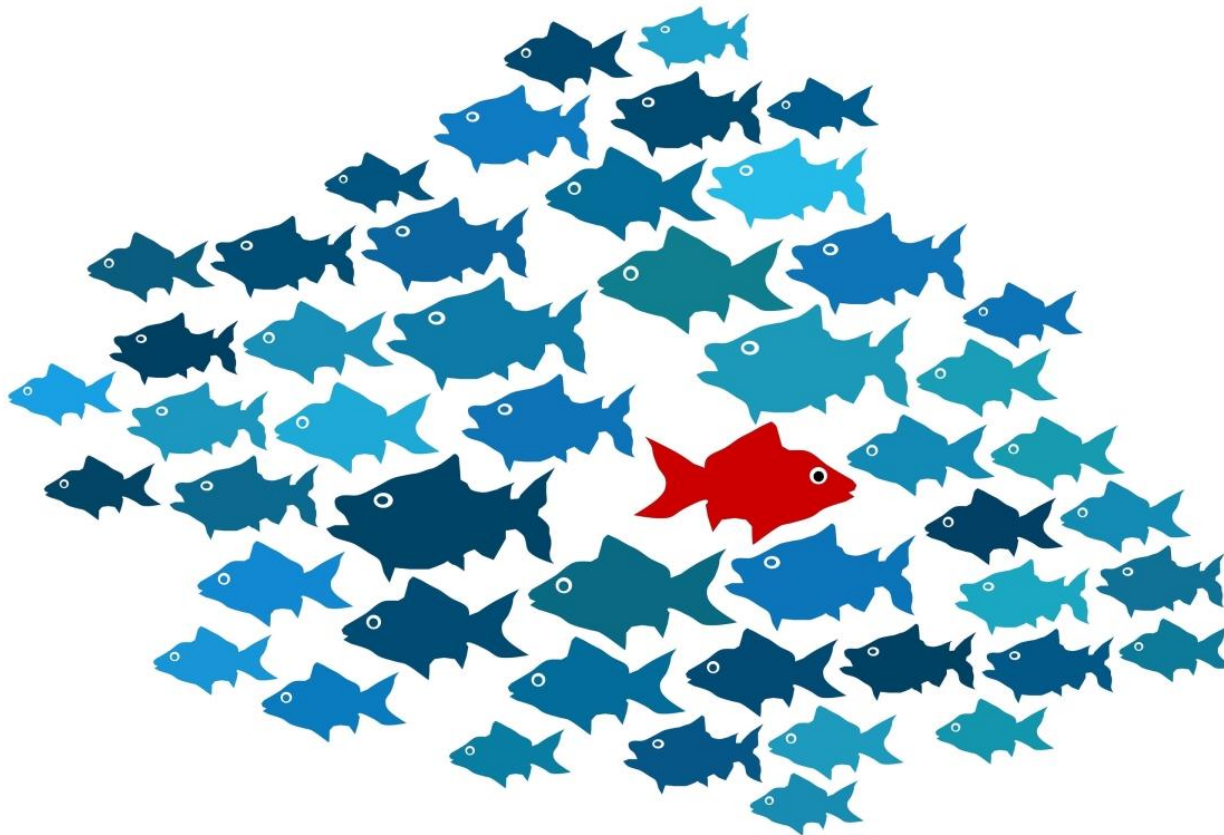


Current RFC Network – 9 corridors operational

- RFC 1 – Rhine-Alpine Corridor: www.rfc-rhine-alpine.eu
- RFC 2 – North Sea-Mediterranean Corridor: www.rfc-northsea-med.eu
- RFC 3 – ScanMed Corridor: www.rfc-scan-med.eu
- RFC 4 – Atlantic Corridor: www.rfc-atlantic.eu
- RFC 5 – Baltic-Adriatic Corridor: www.rfc-baltic-adriatic.eu
- RFC 6 – Mediterranean Corridor: www.rfc-mediterranean.eu
- RFC 7 – Orient/East-Med Corridor: www.rfc-orient-eastmed.eu
- RFC 8 – North Sea-Baltic Corridor: www.rfc-northsea-baltic.eu
- RFC 9 – Czech-Slovak Corridor: www.rfc-czech-slovak.eu

2 more corridors are in preparation (RFC 10 and RFC 11)

Feedback from CS corridor users



Customers expect not 11 RFCs, but one RFC Network!

Proposal for next steps

- This initiative is an **introductory idea** to find a common approach among all stakeholders.
- Even there is not any easy and fast solution for all RFCs key issues, **we have to do the first step.**
- This is an **invitation for common understanding**, cooperation and further communication with the **kind support of European Commission.**
- Let's discuss this idea on all platforms or we can consider **organising a workshop** on this topic.
- Let's propose a serious discussion about this issue on the next **SERAC WG RFCs meeting.**



Thank you for your attention!

