

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

Directorate B - European mobility network
B.2 - Single European rail area

Brussels, 08 FEB 2013
MOVE/B-2/IV/sh/interferences/

Mark Thomas
Director,
ECO
Nansensgade 19, 3rd floor
1366 Copenhagen
Denmark
by e-mail: eco@eco.cept.org

Subject: Invitation to nominate the CEPT representative to the ad hoc GSM-R interference follow-up group

Dear Mr Thomas,

The European Commission (DG MOVE in cooperation with DG CNECT) and the European Railway Agency (ERA) organised the 1st Interference Workshop in Lille on 5 November 2012. The event focused on the status of GSM-R interference, on possible technical solutions to this issue, their impact, and also the way forward.

The impact of GSM-R interference on operations and the evaluation of possible specific measures to be taken, including legislative measures, were discussed openly and informally by all categories of stakeholders.

Suggested action points were noted in order to find short-term and longer-term solutions. Those action points have now been bundled in an action list.

The workshop documents can be found under the following link:
<http://www.era.europa.eu/Core-Activities/ERTMS/Pages/Interference-workshop.aspx>.

At the workshop, the Commission's DG MOVE-B2 and DG-CNECT-B4 agreed to review and follow-up the action list with the technical support of stakeholders, gathered together in an informal group.

In order to keep a light structure the group would have a maximum of 10 participants:

- 1 DG MOVE (Chair)
- 1 DG CNECT
- 3 railway representatives (EIM, CER, ERFA)
- 1 representative from GSMA
- 1 representative from CEPT
- 1 representative from UIC
- 2 ERA (manager of the action list and secretary)

Experts could be invited on an ad hoc basis.


The group will hold a maximum of 4 sessions per year to follow up activities, to decide on appropriate actions and the following milestones. Other stakeholder groups will be kept informed via an adequate reporting system. The draft terms of reference of this group will be distributed one week before the first meeting and agreed at the meeting, together with a first formal report from ERA. No reimbursement of expenses will be possible.

The first meeting will be held on 25 February 2013, from 14:30 to 16:30 in Brussels, 28 rue Demot.

On the basis of the above information, I invite you to send me the name and details (possibly including a short CV) of one person to represent your association in the group by 15 February 2013.

Ms Isabelle Vandoorne (e-mail isabelle.vandoorne@ec.europa.eu, Tel. +32-2-299.06.80, Fax +32-2-299.02.62,) is the contact person for this file in my unit.

Yours sincerely,



Sian PROUT
Head of Unit

cc:	Mr O'Donohue, Mr Rizzo	(DG CNECT/B-4)
	Mr Vinck	(ERTMS coordinator)
	Mr Verslype, Mr Guido, Mr Bier, Ms Domingo	(ERA)
	Mr Grillo, Ms J. Bertrand, Ms Vandoorne	(DG MOVE/B-2)