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From xborder 1 to xborder 2

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Origin of the xborder project.

Origin

- Around 50% of freight traffic in Europe is international
- Market share of rail freight is stagnating at around 18%
- Numerous regulatory and operational issues at borders hamper the competitiveness of rail freight traffic
- That's why the Freight CEO Task Force endorsed the UIC xborder project „Short distance cross border interoperability“ in November 2016

Aim

- to develop quick win solutions for the driver language and operational issues at border sections
- Project members:



SBB Cargo as Sponsor

- As a non-EU country in the middle of Europe, Switzerland experiences these challenges every day.....
.....that is why SBB Cargo has become sponsor for the xborder project.



Xborder1 led to important findings on current problems and possible quick win solutions.

Assessment of 3 borders sections

Venlo-Kaldenkirchen, Modane-Bardonecchia, Forbach-Saarbrücken

Issues collected can be clustered in

- Cross border operation and framework
- Language
- Train characteristics

Results of xborder 1

- 15 quick wins were identified and proposal on solutions were formulated
- Standardized vocabulary necessary for safe border exchange was defined

The aim of xborder 2 is to define the setup of an ideal border section to facilitate cross-border operations



Xborder Language

- The language topics were bundled in a separate project. Work is done in synergy with RNE Language Programme and Translate4Rail (Shift2Rail)

Aim

- For the operational and regulatory topics, a document was drafted on how a border section should ideally look from the RU's point of view.
- The “border station” in the neighboring country/network should be reachable „as easy as an inland station“.

Results

- Concept for an ideal border section
 - Addressees of the document are on the one hand infrastructure managers and RUs and on the other hand authorities (EU COM, ERA, NSA).
 - The handbook covers legal aspects, technical aspects, RU – IM interface processes

Xborder Sections

- The handbook is applied on 3 demonstration sections in order to show which benefits could be harvested from a different organisation of border sections

Next step

- From a RU-view to a sector-view: The aim of the document is to lay the foundations so that the sector can work together to remove further obstacles and make driving a train through Europe as easy as driving a truck

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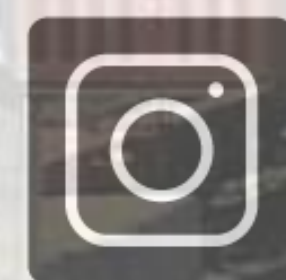
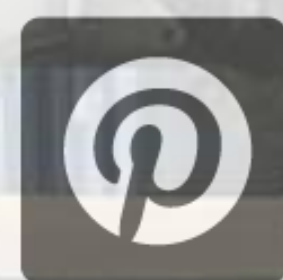
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