

**Decision of the European Network of Infrastructure Managers  
of 23 September 2026**

**on the appointment of the railway network coordinator of the single European railway area**

The European Network of Infrastructure Managers (ENIM) as referred to in Art. 7f of Directive 2012/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 establishing a single European railway area<sup>1</sup> and Art. 58(1) of Regulation (EU) 2026/1184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2026 on the use of railway infrastructure capacity in the single European railway area, amending Directive 2012/34/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 (hereinafter “Capacity Regulation”)<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to the Capacity Regulation, and in particular Art. 61(1) thereof,

Having regard to the ENIM’s Rules of procedure in relation to the Network Coordinator, and in particular Point 8 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) ENIM is expected to designate an entity for taking the role of Network Coordinator.
- (2) Considering that the decisions according to Capacity Regulation shall be taken by the ENIM Plenary.
- (3) Acknowledging that the Network Coordinator will support ENIM and act according to decisions taken in the ENIM Plenary and/or stipulated in this decision, the Work Programmes of ENIM and of the Network Coordinator or any other document approved by the ENIM Plenary.
- (4) Considering the experience and contribution of the non-profit association RailNetEurope (RNE), seated in Vienna, Austria, to improve the rail infrastructure capacity and traffic management, supporting the coordination of infrastructure managers (hereinafter “IMs”) on developing harmonised processes and finding solutions to promote international traffic and considering the experience of RNE on developing and deploying IT tools to support digitalization of capacity and traffic management at a European level.
- (5) Considering that most of the members of ENIM are also members of RNE, whose purpose is, amongst others, to promote and support cooperation amongst its members and that the tasks of the Network Coordinator are to a considerable degree similar to tasks undertaken by RNE in support of its members prior to the Capacity Regulation’s adoption.
- (6) RNE is coordinating a number of projects with EU funding together with – and on behalf of – its members, involving experts from IMs. Besides, several IT tools and procedures developed by RNE may be utilized by ENIM members. This offers the potential for cost savings by appointing RNE as the Network Coordinator, as the expertise found in RNE is not found in any other organization.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 32, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2012/34/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 10.6.2026, ELI <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2026/1184/oj>.

- (7) PRIME, in preparation for the proposed Capacity Regulation, indicated RNE as a potential candidate for the role at its meeting held on 28 November 2024 in Vienna, and at several subsequent meetings.
- (8) In response to the identification as potential candidate, RNE has offered its willingness to be appointed as Network Coordinator in a letter of intent of 11 June 2026 and illustrated ability to fulfil the task.

Therefore, after carefully considering the alternatives, ENIM has adopted this decision, in accordance with Point 4 of its Rules of Procedure:

## **Article 1**

### **Appointment of the Network Coordinator**

1. RailNetEurope (RNE) is appointed as the Network Coordinator upon the signing of this decision by the chair of ENIM.
2. The Network Coordinator shall perform the tasks assigned to it in accordance with Capacity Regulation, ENIM's Rules of procedure and this decision. RNE's other tasks – performed as an association in support of its members – shall be performed with the appropriate independence from the activities as Network Coordinator. ENIM may also decide to further elaborate the rights and obligations according to this decision in a separate agreement at a later stage.

## **Article 2**

### **Tasks of the Network Coordinator**

1. The Network Coordinator shall carry out in support of ENIM the tasks as provided for in Article 62 of Capacity Regulation, and the decisions of the ENIM Plenary as follows:
  - a) act as secretariat of ENIM, including necessary support to ENIM's working groups, and prepare ENIM's meetings, documents, decisions and opinions, such as:
    - i. carrying out consultation and all needed exchanges with all relevant stakeholders including ENRRB for the preparation of, amongst other documents, the European framework for capacity management, European framework for the coordination of cross-border traffic management, disruption management and crisis management, and European framework for performance review.
    - ii. carrying out all necessary exchanges with the ENRRB and other stakeholders for the preparation of the network statement common structure and other activities for the harmonised implementation of network statement process.
    - iii. assessing possible measures identified by the Advisory Performance Panel following the evaluation of the European frameworks as of Article 73(2) of Capacity Regulation, and implement measures based on decisions of the ENIM Plenary.

- iv. preparing the incident report as required by Article 48(3) of Capacity Regulation.
  - v. supporting ENIM and IMs in their contribution in cooperating with ERA and Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking to the development and maintenance of technical specifications for interoperability specifications necessary to support capacity management and traffic management processes, coordinating IMs contributions on this matter.
  - vi. When requested, providing common European digital tools and services for capacity and traffic management developed and deployed in accordance with existing or to be amended and/or adopted technical specifications for interoperability.
- b) in close coordination with the ENIM chair, coordinate IMs contributions to the work of Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking on issues that fall within the scope of the Capacity Regulation and supporting ENIM and IMs to ensure appropriate representation of IMs in the System Pillar Steering Group and the Deployment Group referred to respectively in Articles 96 and 97 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2085.
- c) support ENIM to establish a one-stop shop by operating it in order to allow applicants to request multi-network capacity rights in a single place and in a single operation as well as the capacity in the service facilities referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 31 of Capacity Regulation.
- d) in support of the IMs, contribute to the publication of accurate and up-to-date information on the availability of railway infrastructure capacity throughout the entire capacity management process, including in the strategic planning phase, during the scheduling and allocation processes provided and whenever there are changes to allocated capacity as referred to in Capacity Regulation.
- e) in support of ENIM, coordinate the following:
- i. the development of common sector specifications for a common Union API and common Union web user interfaces referred to in Article 14(5)(a) of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/253 of 6 February 2026 on a technical specification relating to the telematics subsystem of the rail system in the European Union for interoperability of data sharing in rail transport ('TEL TSI') and repealing Regulations (EU) No 454/2011 ('TAP TSI') and (EU) No 1305/2014 ('TAF TSI') ('TEL TSI Regulation')<sup>3</sup> according to Article 21(1)(a) of TEL TSI Regulation;
  - ii. IMs implementation plans at Union level and the consultation with other telematics stakeholders active at national level with the support of national contact points according to Article 21(1)(b) of TEL TSI Regulation;
  - iii. the choice of IMs of a common Union API and common Union web user interfaces as referred to in TEL TSI Regulation;

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<sup>3</sup> OJ L, 10.2.2026, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2026/253/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2026/253/oj).

- iv. contribute to the preparation of the European framework for capacity management referred to in Article 6, the European framework for the coordination of cross-border traffic management, disruption management and crisis management referred to in Art. 44 and the European framework for performance review referred to in Art. 50 of Capacity Regulation;
  - v. contribute to the operational coordination between IMs in accordance with Article 55 of Capacity Regulation;
  - vi. identify rules, procedures and tools within the scope of Capacity Regulation and adopted at national or infrastructure manager level which create obstacles for multi-network rail services, as set out in Capacity Regulation, and propose to ENIM methods to facilitate cross-border rail services;
  - vii. contribute to the coordination among IMs concerning strategic capacity planning according to Art. 16 of Capacity Regulation by elaborating specific timetable designs facilitating competitive multi-network long-distance train paths;
  - viii. act as a first point of contact for stakeholders interested in using rail services, providing contacts to relevant actors such as IMs and other operational stakeholders;
  - ix. offer services, in particular in terms of digital and IT tools, when requested, to improve rail services and boost trans-European rail traffic. Detailed activities shall be defined in the work programmes of ENIM and of the Network Coordinator.
  - x. act as a contact point on behalf of IMs for enquiries related to capacity planning and allocation, in particular regarding potential requests for capacity, for information or contact points related to rail incidents and temporary capacity restrictions;
  - xi. act as a contact point on behalf of ENIM for applicants and other operational stakeholders on issues not explicitly covered by the Capacity Regulation, in particular the launch or change of cross-border rail transport services or organising support for ad hoc activities, in particular to address the crisis situations referred to in Article 49 of Capacity Regulation;
  - xii. prepare a common structure for the network statement, and a common schedule for consultation;
  - xiii. ensure appropriate representation in Europe's Rail JU's System Pillar Steering Group and Deployment Group, as agreed with the ENIM's Chair.
  - xiv. prepare the European performance review report based on the input from the ENIM members, and publish it after approval by the ENIM Plenary;
  - xv. carry out European transport market studies covering passenger and freight transport in multimodal context, and make the results publicly available;
  - xvi. if requested, prepare and propose the work programme of ENIM, to be adopted by the ENIM Plenary,
- f) develop guidelines for the purpose of ensuring appropriate and regular consultation with interested parties regarding European and cross-border matters and include them in the European framework for capacity management, the European framework for the coordination

of cross-border traffic management, disruption management and crisis management and the European framework for performance review. Those guidelines shall be developed, after having consulted the ERP.

2. The Network Coordinator shall also perform the following additional operational duties and tasks as follows:
  - a) propose opinions and recommendations to IMs to be adopted by the ENIM Plenary;
  - b) submit for approval the draft work programme of the Network Coordinator, as well as the annual report pursuant to Article 61(2) of the Capacity Regulation;
  - c) provide proposal for annual budget and costs sharing among IMs members of ENIM, to be adopted by the ENIM Plenary;
  - d) any additional and operational duties as decided by the ENIM Plenary in the annual work programme of the Network Coordinator, or in a separate agreement between ENIM and the Network Coordinator.
  - e) set up and operate ENIM's website in line with the provisions of Point 11 of the ENIM's Rules of procedure.

### **Article 3**

#### **Terms and conditions of performance of the tasks**

1. The Network Coordinator shall execute its tasks in an impartial, transparent and cost-effective manner.
2. The Network Coordinator shall act in an impartial and non-discriminatory manner from the applicants and other operational stakeholders.
3. In accordance with European and national law, the Network Coordinator shall take reasonable measures to respect the confidentiality – commercial or otherwise - of information provided to it, including, where appropriate, by anonymising the information shared with other parties. On the other hand, the Network Coordinator acknowledges that the transparency laws in some Member States may mandate communication between the Network Coordinator and the respective Infrastructure Manager to be public.
4. The Network Coordinator shall be sufficiently and appropriately staffed and have at its disposal the necessary and relevant technical and economic resources to execute its tasks according to the Capacity Regulation, this decision, the Rules of procedure of ENIM, and the Network Coordinator work program.
5. Without prejudice to the Network Coordinator independence, the ENIM Plenary may suggest adjustments to the Network Coordinator's working methods, including on individual deliverables.
6. Documents and other deliverables produced in support of ENIM do not assume authority until adopted by the ENIM Plenary. Those documents and other deliverables from the Network Coordinator serve exclusively to provide the ENIM Plenary with a sufficient basis for decisions. Proposals do not incur collective accountability on the part of the IMs who are members of ENIM.

## **Article 4**

### **Annual work programme**

1. The Network Coordinator shall every year submit to ENIM its annual work programme (AWP) with respect to the tasks set out in the Capacity Regulation, ENIM's Rules of procedure and this decision as well as an annual report on the implementation of the AWP of the previous year. The proposed AWP shall be in line with ENIM work programme referred to in Article 58(11) of Capacity Regulation and shall set out the objectives, activities, targets, indicators, responsible parties and implementation deadlines in relation to its functions.
2. The AWP for the following calendar year shall be submitted by the Network Coordinator no later than 20 May each year for review and approval by the ENIM Plenary no later than 30 June. Once approved, the AWP shall be binding on the Network Coordinator.
3. The monitoring and evaluation of compliance with the AWP shall be carried out by ENIM regularly, at least on the basis of a mid-year state of play and annual report of the Network Coordinator to the ENIM Plenary.
4. Any modification or adjustment to the AWP must be justified and shall be formally approved by the ENIM Plenary.
5. At the end of the annual period and before the adoption of the next AWP, the Network Coordinator shall prepare an annual report documenting the degree of compliance with the goals established in the ENIM work programme and the NC AWP, as well as observations and recommendations for the following cycle.
6. The Network Coordinator's AWP shall contain, at a minimum, the following elements:
  - a) a brief introduction setting out the general purpose and institutional framework of the programme;
  - b) strategic and specific objectives derived from the ENIM work programme;
  - c) diagnosis: situational analysis that supports the definition of objectives and actions;
  - d) lines of action and activities: detailed description of the actions to be carried out, including planned IT developments for the implementation of the Capacity Regulation, with responsible parties, deadlines, and expected outcomes;
  - e) indicators and targets: definition of performance indicators and quantifiable or qualitative targets;
  - f) allocated resources: overall estimate of the human, financial, material, and technological resources necessary for the programme's implementation;
  - g) implementation schedule: calendar of activities by quarter or semester;
  - h) monitoring and evaluation mechanisms: criteria for measuring progress and results;
  - i) observations and recommendations from the previous AWP;
  - j) Technical Annexes: Supplementary documents supporting the planning and implementation of the programme.
7. The AWP shall be accompanied by a proposed budget and the cost sharing among IMs members of ENIM, referred to in Article 2(2)(c) of this decision, taking into account any available external funding.

## **Article 5**

### **Documents and deliverables to be submitted to the ENIM Plenary**

1. In support of efficient decision-making, the Network Coordinator shall ensure that all deliverables submitted for the ENIM Plenary's approval are complemented by a clear and sufficiently detailed management summary. The management summary will be for internal use. Such management summaries shall, at a minimum:
  - a) highlight the main conclusions reached and the choices made;
  - b) identify issues of political, regulatory or strategic sensitivity;
  - c) explicitly flag open points, dissenting views, or identified risks;
  - d) enable ENIM members to assess implications and take informed decisions efficiently;
  - e) address other relevant issues.

## **Article 6**

### **Funding, spending arrangements and separation of accounts**

1. The IMs members of ENIM shall provide the Network Coordinator with the necessary resources to perform its tasks and responsibilities as described in the Capacity Regulation, ENIM's Rules of procedure and the annual work programme.
2. In order to perform its tasks and responsibilities and develop solutions to promote international traffic, RNE acting as the Network Coordinator shall be eligible to receive European funds and grants through the available instruments (e.g., CEF Transport Calls, CEF Technical Assistance, etc).
3. The Network Coordinator shall ensure that grants/payments/funding made available by the European Commission and/or ENIM for ENIM tasks are not used to fund expenses for activities other than covered by the tasks referred to in Capacity Regulation, this decision or other decisions/agreements by/with ENIM.
4. The tasks and responsibilities of RNE as the Network Coordinator shall be covered by a separate account within RNE's budget. Incomes from other sources (e.g. RNE IT and data activities, including any European or other funding for such tasks) shall not be mixed with funds allocated to the Network Coordinator's tasks.
5. The spending of Network Coordinator's funds financed for performing the tasks according to Capacity Regulation shall be subject to the relevant public procurement rules in Austria.

## **Article 7**

### **Term, renewal and termination of the appointment**

1. The Network Coordinator is appointed for an initial period of 10 years. At the latest 24 months before the end of the term, ENIM shall decide whether to renew this appointment for another

- 10 years. RNE shall inform ENIM of its interest in continuing to act as the Network Coordinator prior to ENIM taking its decision. There is no limitation on the number of the term renewals.
2. The performance of the Network Coordinator will be monitored and evaluated by the ENIM Plenary based on targets defined in the AWP and the results presented in the annual report.
  3. In case of failure to perform the tasks referred to in Article 2 of this decision, and/or major breaching of the terms and conditions of the appointment referred to in Article 3 of this decision, the ENIM Plenary may, after informing the European Commission, withdraw the appointment of the Network Coordinator. Such withdrawal shall however also respect a time limitation of 12 months. Following the decision to withdraw the appointment of the Network Coordinator, ENIM shall appoint a new entity to the role, within the same timeframe of 12 months.

## Article 8

### Entry into force and publication

1. This appointment decision shall enter into force on 23 September 2026. Prior to this date, RNE shall formally accept the terms of this appointment in a letter to the ENIM, represented by its chair.
2. ENIM shall publish this decision on its website.

Done in Berlin on 23 September 2026.

For the ENIM:

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