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European Freight Corridor „Atlantic“ extends to Germany by 1 January 2016: new Connection to France and the Iberian Peninsula

Strengthening of European rail freight • Corridor-One Stop Shop becomes single point of contact for customers • DB Netz AG joins European Economic Interest Grouping „Atlantic Corridor“

By beginning of 2016, Rail Freight Corridor „Atlantic“ was extended to Germany from the French border near Saarbrücken to Mannheim. The legal basis formed the joining of DB Netz AG to the European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) of this corridor, which is located in Paris.

Increase of competitiveness and quality in European rail freight transport

Railway Undertakings and authorized applicants involved in international rail freight traffic benefit from an important extension of the Corridor network, especially for the rail network of DB Netz AG. This Corridor is one of nine initial rail freight corridors set by the Regulation (EU) No. 913/2010, which aims to increase competitiveness and quality of international rail freight transport.

Important role in Europe

„The extension of the Rail Freight Corridor „Atlantic“ allows us to provide attractive offers for transports between Southwest Europe and Northeast Europe“, states Oliver Sellnick, Head of European Corridor Management at DB Netz AG. „By implementing the fourth Corridor on our railway network, we underpin our important role amongst the European rail infrastructure managers when it comes to developing a European rail network for competitive freight. In the growing market of international transports, Corridors provide an excellent possibility to realize rail freight traffic efficiently. Timetables and offers for international train paths may easily and exclusively be requested at the Corridor-One Stop Shop.“

Request of train path on the corridor

For booking train paths on the corridor „Atlantic“, the Corridor-One Stop Shop (C-OSS), hosted by the Spanish infrastructure manager ADIF, is the responsible point of contact. From 11 January 2016 Pre-Arranged Paths (PAPs) are available for yearly timetable

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2017 and may be requested using the Path Coordination System (PCS) provided by RailNetEurope (RNE).

Active involvement in “advisory groups” desired

Railway Undertakings as well as terminal operators along the Corridor have the opportunity to take part in advisory groups together with rail infrastructure managers. EEIG „Atlantic Corridor“ promotes regular meetings with these advisory groups with the purpose of an open dialogue on RFC relevant issues in view of improving the quality of international rail freight service and meeting market needs. We kindly invite interested parties to our next meeting in 2016, which takes place on 16 March in Lisbon.

Covering a distance near 6.200 kilometers, the Corridor „Atlantic“ connects the most important Atlantic sea ports of Portugal, Spain and France to central Europe’s economic areas. Infrastructure measures include construction of railway lines with UIC-gauge in the Iberian region as well as the northern branch of the project POS (Paris – Eastern France – Southwest Germany) between Germany and France.

Further Information available at:

www.atlantic-corridor.eu

