



Conference on “Sidings & Last Miles”

- An EU approach based on national best practices -

Morning Session

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What is the House of Rail ?

- Gathering the private sector to speak with “One Voice”
- Setting the right example in terms of **market and client oriented approach**
- Offering the experience of member companies having a **proven track record of earning money** with rail freight
- Ensuring that **liberalisation** does not remain a concept but becomes a **market reality**
- Developing practice-oriented proposals to “Relaunch Rail Freight”



The Priorities of the House of Rail for 2008

- Freight wagon and the new European legislation
Keeper position, Certification, Registration, Cross acceptance
- Single Wagon transport
- European policy for private sidings
- Liberalisation of the rail freight market

The interests of wagon keepers, forwarders, private railway undertakings, logistic companies in the private sidings on European level coincide.

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Why bother about sidings ?

- Sidings are vital for **block trains** & **single wagon traffic** !
- An efficient rail freight transport needs **extensive rail infrastructure** with **sidings integrated into the customers logistics** !
- On the other side:
- Transport of goods by rail via siding has to bear its **total infrastructure costs** (not the case for road !)
- **National funding programmes** might cover these costs but exist only in few EU / EEA countries
- There is **no sidings & last miles approach on EU level or efficient European representation**

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Basic terms of « sidings & last miles »

Private siding:

- Railway track owned by a company
- Used to dispatch or receive freight as part of its commercial activities
- Connected to the national rail network

Junction point (Anschlussgleis. voie de raccordement):

- Connection to the network of an infrastructure manager (IM)
- It remains normally the property of the IM

Last mile (or last “kilometer”):

- Final leg of delivering connectivity from the rail network to a customer

Junction/ Connecting Railways:

- non-public RUs run by a company for its own purpose

Service contract:

- Contract between a railway undertaking (RU) and a private sidings operator covering the genuine operation of the siding

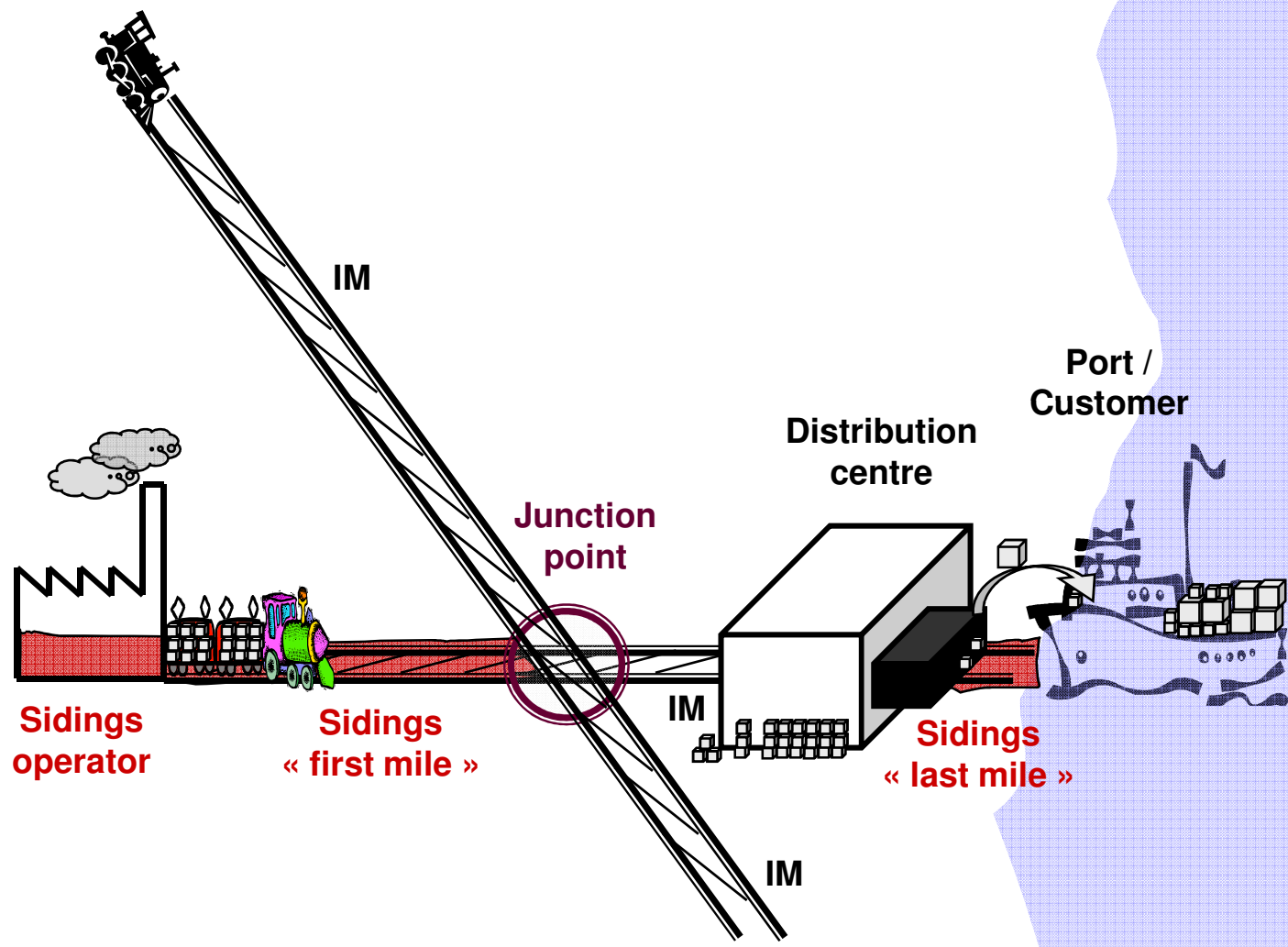
Infrastructure connection contract:

- Contract between a public IM and a private sidings operator regulating the connection of the siding to the network of the IM

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Illustration of « sidings & last miles »



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Problems

- Applying for a siding is an **extremely complex process**

- It requires :

... to get familiar with a **complex regulatory environment**

... to pass by **different stages**

... with numerous different **actors**

- Stage I: Analysis / Planning / Conception / Contracts with RU and IM
- Stage II: Application for funding
- Stage III: Planning / Preparation of Construction
- Stage IV: Construction / Putting into Service

- Owners of sidings/ Shippers/ Consignees
- Engineering offices
- Railway undertakings
- Infrastructure managers
- Regional authorities
- Planning authorities
- Funding authorities

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“Information gathering & awareness of problems”

09.30 – 12.00	Morning Session	Moderator: Mr Wolf Gehrman, UIP
09.30 – 09.35	Short introduction	Mr Bruno Dambrine Spokesman HoR, President of UIP
09.35 – 09.45	Presentation of topics and speakers	Mr Wolf Gehrman Secretary General UIP
09.45 – 10.00	The German situation	Mr Norbert Tiedemann Head of Department Freight transport & Logistics German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs
10.00 – 10.15	The Austrian situation	Mr Roland Beier Schienen – Controll Gesellschaft (SCG) Austria
10.15 – 10.30	The Swiss situation	Dr Arnold Berndt Head of Section Freight Traffic Swiss Federal Office of Transport FOT, Bern
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	All

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“Information gathering & awareness of problems”

11.00 – 14.00	Morning Session II	Moderator: Mr Wolf Gehrman, UIP
11.00 – 11.15	The Italian situation	Mr Mauro Pacella Secretary General ASSOFERR
11.15 – 11.30	Point of view of the EU	Mr Maurizio Castelletti Head of Unit European Commission, DG TREN
11.30 – 11.45	Point of view of a rail regulator	Professor Dr Karsten Otte Director Federal Network Agency - Germany
11.45 – 12.00	Point of view of a customer	Mr Ulrich Walt Head of Logistics Holcim Schweiz AG, Zürich
12.00 – 12.15	Point of view of a railway undertaking	Mr Michail Stahlhut, Chairman Arriva - Germany
12.15 – 14.00	Lunch	All

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“Developing a European approach”

14.00 – 16.30	Afternoon Session	Moderator: Mrs Monika Heiming, ERFA
14.00 – 14.15	Presentation of topics and speakers	Ms Monika Heiming Secretary General ERFA
14.15 – 16.15	<u>Round Table Discussion</u> -“Public & private involvement in sidings & last miles” -Do we need a European sidings policy?	Mr P. Cervetti, Veolia Cargo Italia Prof. Dr K. Otte, Director, Fed. Network Agency Mr O. Krüger, Chairman IBS, Kühne & Nagel Mr M. Stahlhut, Chairman, Arriva Mr C. Rose, Secretary General, AUTF Mr C. Geldard, Associated British Ports Mr J. Scherp, EU, DG TREN Mr Ulrich Walt, Holcim, Head of Logistics
16.20 – 16.30	Conclusions	Emilio Fernandez Chairman Transfesa and board member of F & L
16.30	End of conference	

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Objectives of the morning session

Information gathering & awareness of problems:

- Sidings and their market share
- Access to sidings and last miles
- Political support via planning measures
- Barriers/ charges for sidings
- Pricing of sidings and last miles
- Funding conditions
- The effect of sidings for modal shift



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Objectives of the morning session

Mr Tiedemann's speech will be distributed to all participants after the event

