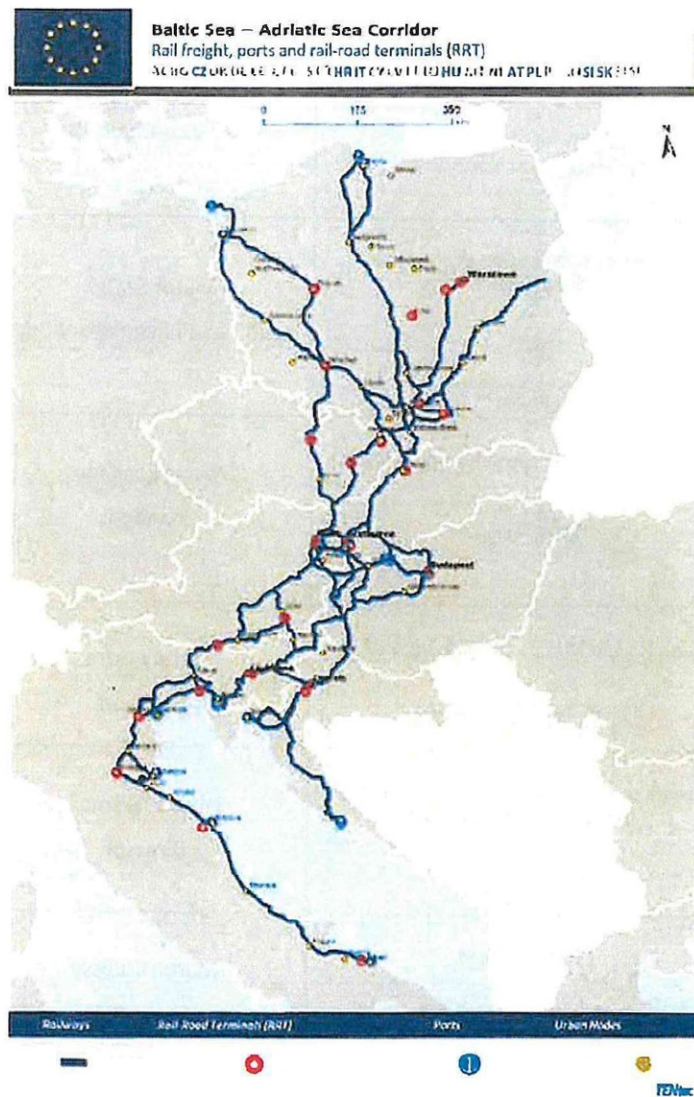




AMENDMENT n.1

TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REGULATORY BODIES COMPETENT FOR MONITORING COMPETITION IN THE RAIL FREIGHT CORRIDOR BALTIC SEA – ADRIATIC SEA OF 24 November 2015



Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 (OJ L 276, 20.10.2010), concerning a European rail network for competitive freight, as amended by Article 67 of Regulation (EU) No 1679/2024 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 (e-OJ 2024/1679, 28.6.2024), on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1153 and (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (hereinafter, “the TEN-T Regulation”), provides that the rail regulatory bodies (hereinafter “RBs”) referred to in Article 55 of Directive 2012/34/EU (OJ L 343, 14.12.2012) “shall cooperate in monitoring the competition in the rail freight corridor. In particular, they shall ensure non-discriminatory access to the corridor and shall be responsible for the appeal provided for under Article 56(1) of that Directive. They shall exchange the necessary information obtained from infrastructure managers and other relevant parties.”

With regard to the operation of the RFC Baltic Sea-Adriatic Sea, established in 2015 and formerly designated as RFC5, a cooperation agreement (hereinafter “the Agreement”), enclosed herewith as Annex 1, is in force among the RBs of the countries initially concerned by the corridor (namely Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia), as identified below:

- for Austria – Schienen-Control GmbH
- for the Czech Republic – Úřad pro ochranu hospodářské soutěže, that has taken over the functions previously exercised by Drážní úřad
- for Italy – Autorità di regolazione dei Trasporti
- for Poland – Prezes Urzędu Transportu Kolejowego
- for Slovenia – Agencija za komunikacijska omrežja in storitve Republike Slovenije
- for Slovakia – Dopravný úrad

On the basis of Annex III to the TEN-T Regulation, the RFC Baltic Sea-Adriatic Sea has been extended to Croatia and Hungary so that its current structure is as illustrated in the table on the front page. As a consequence, the governance framework of the RFC has been updated to include the relevant actors.

Accordingly, the Agreement among the RBs also requires alignment with the extension, namely with the RBs of Croatia and Hungary becoming parties to it.





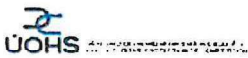







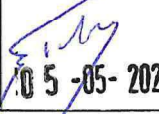
To this end, all interested RBs have agreed to maintain the content of the current Agreement, which they hereby endorse, so that it remains in full force and effect, and forms an integral part of the present text.

The Parties further note that, at present, the Management Board of the RFC Baltic Sea - Adriatic Sea is legally incorporated in Italy. Accordingly, in the event referred to under letter b), point 2), on page 2 of the Agreement, the competent RB shall be the Autorità di Regolazione dei Trasporti (ART-IT).

This amendment shall enter into force upon signature by all parties.

ART-IT shall transmit it to the Management Board of the RFC Baltic Sea – Adriatic Sea for inclusion in the Corridor Information Document. The amendment, together with its annex, shall also be published on the respective websites of the Parties.

Signatures

Austria	Schienen-Control GmbH 	Maria-Theresia Röhsler Managing Director	13.4.26 
Croatia	Hrvatska regulatorna agencija za mrežne djelatnosti (HAKOM) 	Tonko Obuljen President of the Council	 15.04.26
Czech Republic	Úřad pro ochranu hospodářské soutěže (ÚOHS) 	Petr Solský Vice-Chair	JUDr. Petr Solský 
Hungary	Építési és Közlekedési Minisztérium Vasúti Igazgatási Szerv  ÉPÍTÉSI ÉS KÖZLEKEDÉSI MINISZTERIUM	Viktor Szabó Head of Rail Regulatory Body	Digitálisan aláírta: Szabó Viktor Dátum: 2026.04.16 11:25:53 +02'00' Szabó Viktor
Italy	Autorità di Regolazione dei Trasporti (ART) 	Nicola Zaccheo President	
Poland	Prezes Urzędu Transportu Kolejowego (UTK) 	Ignacy Góra President	Elektronicznie podpisany przez Ignacy Bogdan Góran Góra Data: 2026.04.22 21:53:34 +02'00'
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Slovakia	Dopravný úrad 	Martin Erdöšsy Chairman	 05-05-2026

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Between the Regulatory Bodies situated in the countries of Rail Freight Corridor N° 5, "Baltic - Adriatic":

*Gdynia-Katowice-Ostrava Zilina-Bratislava Vienna Klagenfurt-Udine-Venice / Trieste /
Bologna / Ravenna*

Graz-Maribor-Ljubljana-Koper / Trieste

Austria: Schienen-Control GmbH, Linke Wienzeile 4/1/6, 1060 Vienna

Czech Republic: Ora.fui ufad, Wilsonova 300/8, CZ-121 06 Praha 2

Italy: Autorità di regolazione dei trasporti, Via Nizza 230, IT-10126 Torino

Poland: Urząd Transportu Kolejowego, Aleje Jerozolimskie 134. 02-305 Warszawa

Slovakia: Dopravný úrad (Transport Authority), Letisko M.R. Stefanika, 823 05 Bratislava

Slovenia: AKOS - Agencija za komunikacijska omrežja in storitve Republike Slovenije,
Stegne 7, 1000 Ljubljana



In accordance with Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 913/2010, hereafter 'the Regulation', in conjunction with Article 57 of Directive 2012/34/EU the Regulatory Bodies of Austria, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia (countries of the Corridor "Baltic - Adriatic") have agreed on the following way of cooperation.

The signature of the present agreement expresses the consent of the Regulatory Bodies to be bound by this agreement. Signatory Regulatory Bodies agree to review this agreement every two years or if at least one of them considers it is necessary.

Principles of cooperation

Article 20 of the Regulation in conjunction with Directive 2012/34/EU, provides the legal basis for Regulatory Bodies to monitor the definition of train paths to avoid discrimination.

In accordance with Article 13.5 in conjunction with Article 20 of the Regulation, Regulatory Bodies are jointly responsible for monitoring the activities of the Corridor One-Stop Shop (hereafter C-OSS) and for ensuring non-discriminatory access to the corridor.

a) Complaint relating to infrastructure management:

As the territorial principle applies, national Regulatory Bodies regulate the activity of infrastructure managers in accordance with their national provisions (Article 20 of the Regulation).

The Regulatory Body concerned should inform other Regulatory Bodies involved in the corridor.

b) Complaint related to the Corridor One-Stop shop:

Owing to the multiple responsibilities for regulating the C-OSS, and in order to guarantee fast decision-making, the Regulatory Body responsible for taking a decision in the event of a complaint regarding the C-OSS will be identified as follows:

- 1) Should the Regulatory Bodies of the corridor jointly come to the conclusion that the cause of complaint is related to only one single country, the Regulatory Body responsible (hereafter "ResprB") will be the competent regulatory body for that country.
- 2) For other cases, the ResprB for handling the complaint will be the Regulatory Body of the country where the C-OSS is legally seated. If the C-OSS is not organized as a separate legal entity, the ResprB will be the RB in the country where the Management Board has its seat.

Depending on the circumstances, it is possible that more than one Regulatory Body could be involved in a matter concerning the regulation of the corridor. As all Regulatory Bodies concerned by a complaint must be consulted in the investigation process, in accordance with Article 20.3 of the Regulation, the process of co-operation is set out below.

Initial review:

Any Regulatory Body, hereafter referred to as RB(a), on the corridor can be solicited by a complainant. Upon receipt of a complaint related to the C-OSS, the RB(a) acknowledges receipt.

RB(a) conducts a formal review of the complaint and checks if the information given by the complainant is complete and sufficient to initiate a case.

When the information is incomplete or insufficient, RB(a) requests the complainant to provide that information without delay.

RB(a) informs other Regulatory Bodies concerned and asks them for comments.

Regulatory Bodies determine jointly if the cause of the complaint is related to only one single country or not.

If the cause of the complaint is related to one single country, the competent Regulatory Body of that single country will be the RespRB for handling the complaint.

If the Regulatory Bodies determine that the complaint is not related to one single country, the RespRB for handling the complaint will be the Regulatory Body of the country where the C-OSS is legally seated. If the C-OSS is not organized as a separate legal entity, the RespRB will be the Regulatory Body in the country where the Management Board has its seat.

If RB(a) is not the RespRB, it sends all relevant information to the RespRB, informs the complainant that it is not competent to handle the complaint and advises the complainant to introduce the complaint at the RespRB.

The RespRB continues with the review of the complaint.

Review:

The proceeding is based on ResprB's national law in the context of the Regulation. The ResprB which is responsible for the complaint sets the deadlines according to its national rules. The final decision is taken no more than two months after having received all information (in compliance with time frame foreseen in the applicable European legislation).

ResprB informs concerned parties in writing that it has received the complaint. Subsequently, it sends to these parties appropriate information, including letter (in English and/or in one of the official languages of the country where the ResprB is located), and asks for comments on the complaint. Such parties might include railway undertakings, infrastructure managers, the C-OSS, other Regulatory Bodies or any other stakeholder.

ResprB reviews all the information and comments received from the applicant and other parties and, if necessary, requests further information.

All Regulatory Bodies on the Corridor 5 ensure their cooperation in the investigation of the ResprB by providing all information legally available within their powers.

ResprB drafts a decision and informs, within the limits of its national legislation, the Regulatory Bodies involved. The Regulatory Bodies involved can comment on the proposed decision (deadline defined by ResprB on a case to case basis).

After having consulted, where applicable, the Regulatory Bodies involved, the ResprB decides and informs properly (according its national legislation) the complainant, the C-OSS and, where applicable, the infrastructure manager that is involved.

ResprB sends the decision and a summary of the decision in English to all Regulatory Bodies affected by the decision.

After the publication of the decision, the RBs monitor together whether the C-OSS complies with it. If the C-OSS does not comply with the decision, the ResprB in cooperation with the other RBs follows an enforcement procedure.

The exchange of information between Regulatory Bodies will be in English and by e-mail.

The decision is subject to judicial review according the national legislation of the ResprB.

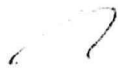
In order to assure the transparency of this Cooperation Agreement, the signatory RBs will:

- publish this Cooperation Agreement on their websites;
- jointly ask the management board to publish it in the Corridor Information Document.

This agreement shall enter into force upon signature by all Regulatory Bodies.

Por Schienen-Control GmbH

Mag. Maria-Theresia Rohsler, LL.M., MBA



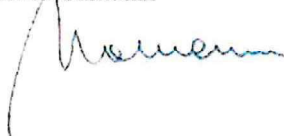
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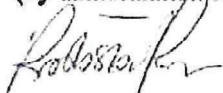
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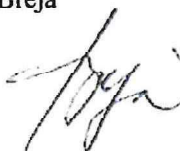
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For Dopravny urad (Transport Authority)

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For **Agencija za komunikacijska omrežja in storitve Republike Slovenije**

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