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Rail Freight Corridor 4

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European rail freight corridor adding France, Spain and Portugal to the rest of Europe.

More than 4300 km's railway network

Single or double track with 2 types of width:

- European (1435 mm)
- Iberian (1664 mm)

3 types of electric power :

- France 1500V CC
- Spain 3000V CC
- Portugal 25000V CA

More than 3 types of signalisation.

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Rail Freight Corridor 4 Implementation Status

■ Implementation of governance structure

- Executive board : memorandum of understanding has been signed on the 9th of May 2012, 1st meeting is expected before summer 2012
- Management board : status of new EEIG CEM4 would be approved and signed by its members (RFF, ADIF, REFER) at the beginning of summer 2012, 1st meeting is expected in summer 2012

■ Program of implementation plan

- Market study : contract signed with French, Spanish, Portuguese and Swiss engineering grouping, results are expected at the beginning of 2013,
- Catalogue paths 2014 : allocation capacities and work program along the corridor are on progress between infrastructure managers (IM)
- Advisory group of terminals and railway undertakings (RU) : 1st meeting is expected in autumn 2012
- Corridor OSS : organisation will be defined before the end of 2012.

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Corridor specific issues

- Competitive freight by train on corridor 4 requires to act on the following parameters :
 - Time of transport, including change of locomotive and/or mechanical
 - Offer of international paths for freight trains during day and night along the corridor
 - Reliability of railroad service offered by infrastructure managers (IM), terminal operators and railway undertakings (RU)
 - Information about traffic situation along the corridor, especially in case of disturbances
 - Train's speed in relation with their length and load
 - Time of freight transfer in frontier between Spain and France, including documentation of the train's composition
 - Progressive program of infrastructure's investments to improve the interoperability between Portugal, Spain and France according to the rest of Europe