

# European Freight DAC Delivery Programme

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# Europe's Rail: Vision

## European Green Deal

EU policy priorities

An economy that works for people: New Industrial Strategy

A Europe fit for the digital age: Shaping Europe's Digital Future

Europe in the world

## Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy

### EU-RAIL VISION

*To deliver, via an integrated system approach, a high capacity, flexible, multi-modal, sustainable and reliable integrated European railway network by eliminating barriers to interoperability and providing solutions for full integration, for European citizens and cargo.*



**CAPACITY INCREASE**



**OPERATION RELIABILITY**



**REDUCE EMISSIONS**



**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**



**LCC REDUCTION**



**INCREASE PUNCTUALITY**



DELIVER AN **INTEGRATED EUROPEAN RAILWAY NETWORK BY DESIGN**



DEVELOP A **UNIFIED OPERATIONAL CONCEPT AND A FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE** FOR INTEGRATED EUROPEAN RAIL TRAFFIC AND CCS/AUTOMATION



DELIVER A **SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT RAIL SYSTEM**



DELIVER A **COMPETITIVE, GREEN RAIL FREIGHT FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE LOGISTICS VALUE CHAIN**



DEVELOP A **STRONG AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE EUROPEAN RAIL INDUSTRY**

# EUROPE'S RAIL: ONE INTEGRATED R&I PROGRAMME

## SYSTEM PILLAR

OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS

FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

**A SINGLE COORDINATING BODY FOR THE WHOLE SECTOR EVOLUTION**

OPEN INTERFACES TO OTHER TRANSPORT MODES AND BUSINESSES

SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

## INNOVATION PILLAR

*TECHNOLOGICAL AND OPERATIONAL SOLUTIONS FOR SERVICES OF FUTURE*

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

LARGE-SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS

EXPLORATORY AND FUNDAMENTAL R&I

1

**EUROPEAN RAIL TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT**

Manage and improve rail traffic at EU level

Adjust rail traffic management in function of the mobility demand

2

**DIGITALISATION & AUTOMATION IN TRAIN OPERATIONS**

ATO implementation

Digital train operations

3

**SUSTAINABLE AND DIGITAL ASSETS**

Integrated assets testing & life-cycle framework

Zero-emission, silent rail system

4

**COMPETITIVE, DIGITAL, GREEN RAIL FREIGHT**

New digital customer interaction & innovative rail freight services

Multimodal and rail freight innovation integration

5

**REGIONAL RAIL SERVICES IN LOW DENSITY AREAS**

New system approach to regional rail services in low density areas

## DEPLOYMENT GROUP

FUTURE SOLUTIONS DEPLOYED IN A COORDINATED AND CONSISTENT WAY AT EUROPEAN LEVEL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALTERNATIVE ROLLOUT SCENARIOS, BEHAVIOURAL AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES, SYNERGIES WITH OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORT

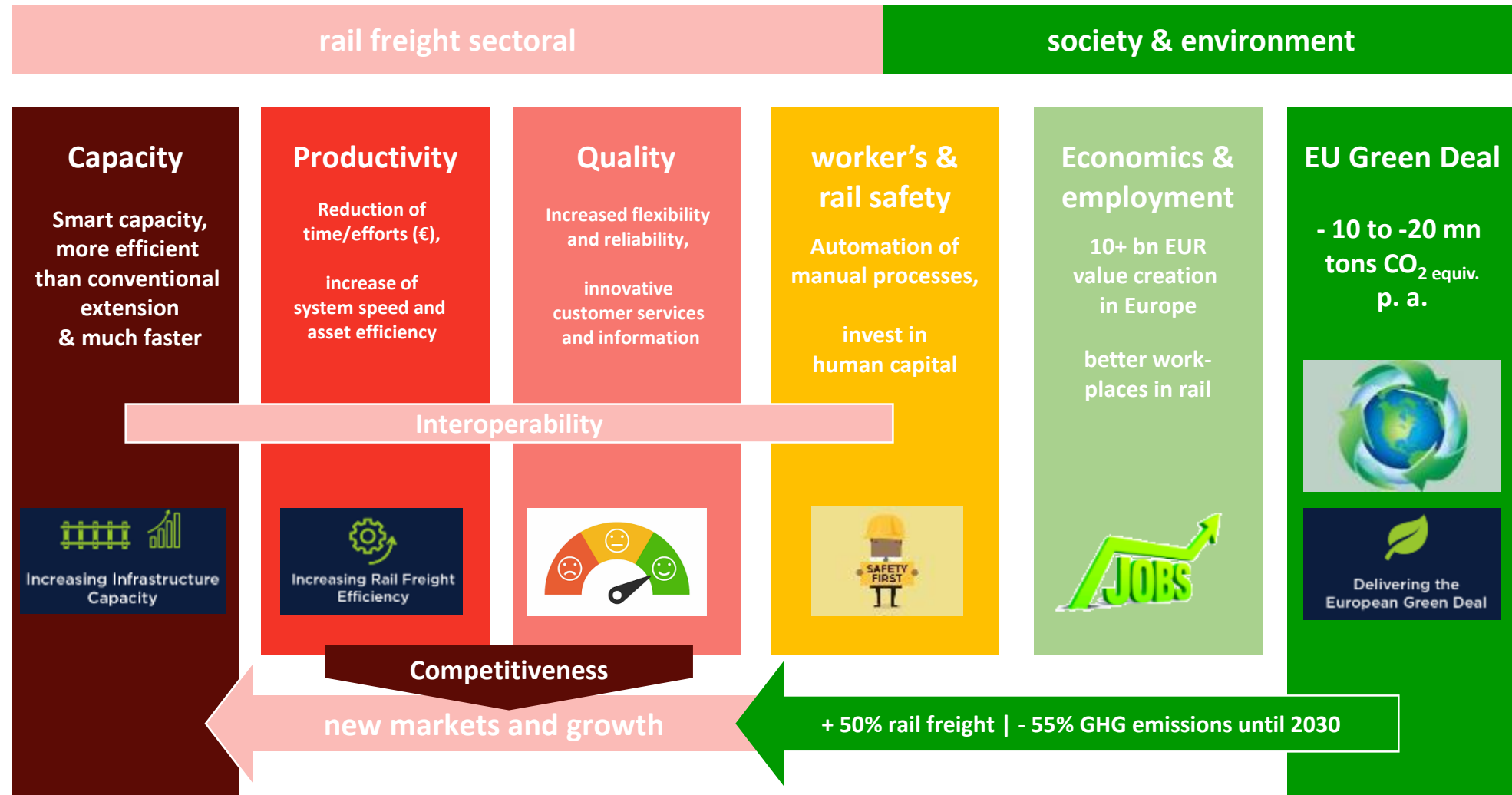
# Transforming the European Rail Freight System

Capacity

Productivity

Quality & Safety

# The DAC and automation benefits for EU



# Use cases: DAC Core system and DAC applications (Full Digital Freight Train Operations)

benefits =

gains in the  
processes  
(time,  
system time,  
cost savings,  
capacity,  
reliability,  
quality,  
safety)

+ induced  
modal shift

## DAC Core system



- › Automated coupling & manual uncoupling and digital backbone
- › Recording of train composition
- › Automatic (remote) uncoupling
- › Heavier & longer trains (within existing infra limitations)
- › Increased payload
- › Increased speed via improved longitudinal forces

## DAC train preparation



- › Automatic brake test & calculation of brake capacity
- › Automated technical wagon inspection

## DAC telematics (wagon & goods monitoring)



- › Predictive / preventive maintenance
- › detection of cargo condition
- › Cargo surveillance, intrusion alarm
- › Wagon data & loading information on mobile device

## DAC shunting



- › Automated parking brake
- › Draining of auxiliary air tanks
- › Automated air valve
- › Rear view camera for train driver
- › Proximity detection
- › Sound signals when train in motion

## DAC train run



- › Tail light (train integrity prior OTI function)
- › Train end device (intermediate solution?)
- › Vital on train integrity (OTI), enabling ETCS L3 moving block operations
- › Increased speed via better braking performance
- › Multiple loco traction and trains up to 1500m
- › Derailment detection

## DAC loading & unloading



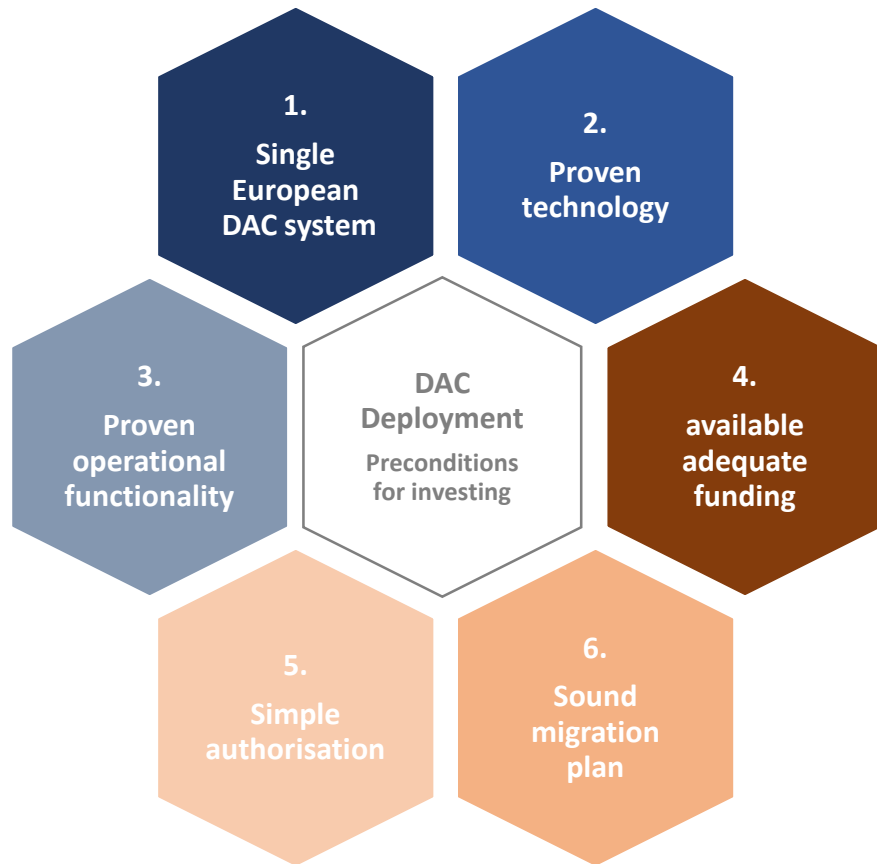
- › Automatic loading/unloading processes (replacement of hydr/pneum components, electro-mechanical actuators for bridge plates, automated cargo securing, heating elements for defrosting, ...) via ext. energy supply
- › illumination for worker's safety & interior

# DAC: state of play

- › **EDDP participation** increased to more than **80 actively participating companies**
- › **ER JU FP5 TRANS4M-R** project has been **awarded** and **started**, with 27 Beneficiaries/71 partners,> 100 Mio. TPC, 2022-2026
- › **DAC4EU project** will **continue** its work
  
- › **Scharfenberg design** selected as a EU-standard (09/21), inclusion of DAC in the technical report of **TSI revision 2022** (05/22)
- › **DAC specification (mechanical/pneumatical)** far progressed and transferred to EU-Rail Flagship Project 5
- › **DAC specification “energy”** closed and transferred to FP5, **DAC spec “communication”** to be closed asap in FP5 after tests
  
- › **DAC target operational procedures** nearly ready for the first use cases (first EU-harmonised basis ever)
  
- › **Operational DAC tests** (enabled by DAC4EU) took place in European countries
- › Development of solid and feasible **migration scenarios** (first time ever in Europe)
- › Analysis on impact on workers (worker’s safety, new job profiles / skills)
- › **Cost-Benefit Analysis under sector consultation** (until 31/10)
- › Ongoing work on a **European Investment Plan for DAC**
  
- › Intensified **dissemination activities** (e. g. SEE/CEE)
- › **Further developed EDDP structure** complementing EU-Rail’s Innovation & System Pillar activities on DAC

# Preconditions for investing in DAC deployment

(= everything that needs to be proven before investment decisions will be taken)

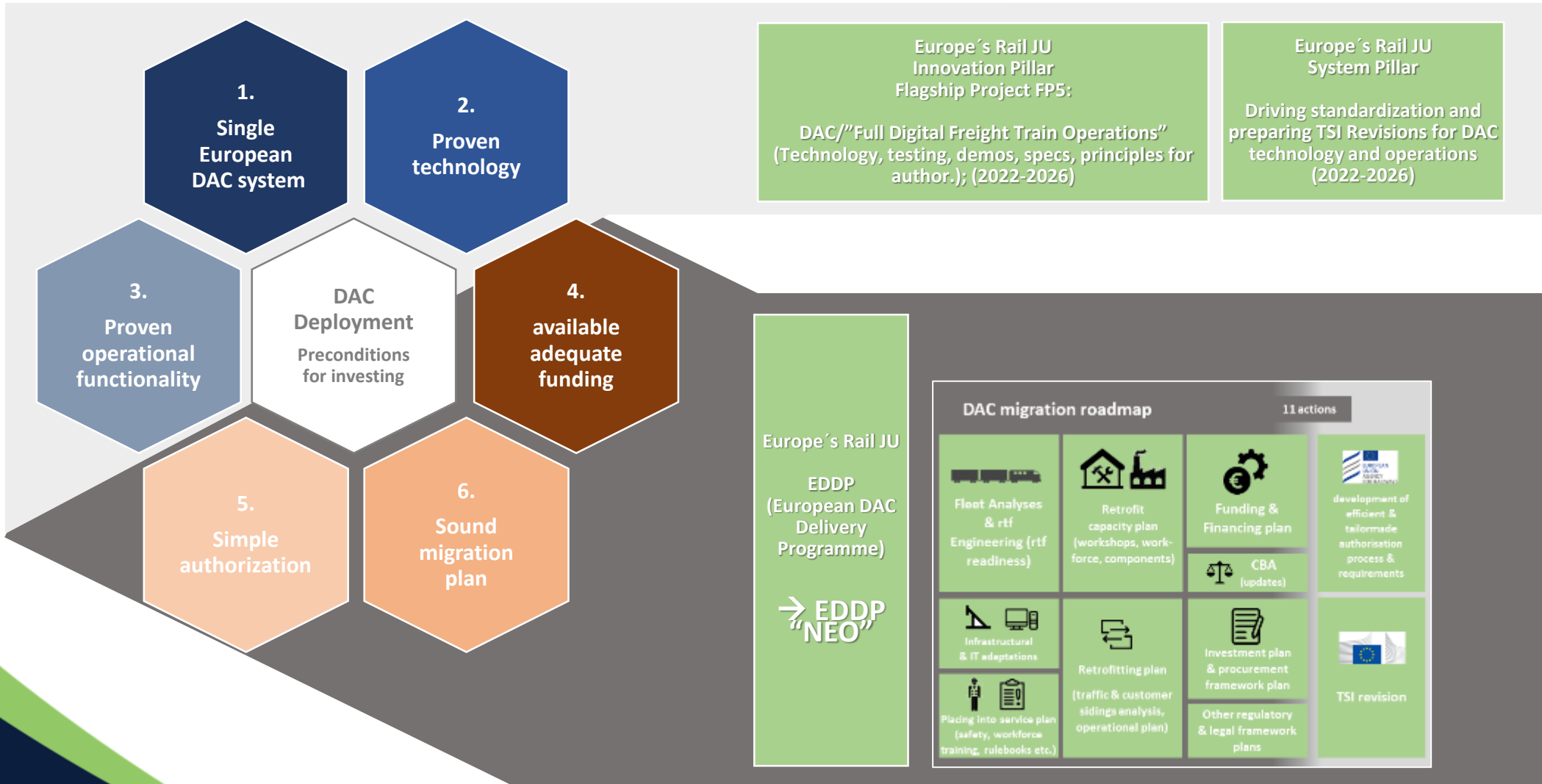


1. DAC-Technology (incl. additional DAC based technology) and DAC-operations/functionalities are clearly defined (tech. package) and **harmonised (Single European DAC System)**
2. The **technology** meets all essential requirements - in particular in the area of RAMS (reliability-availability-maintainability-safety/security) - proven through large demonstrations
3. The **operational functionalities/use cases** bring the expected benefits - proven through large demonstrations incl. safety aspects
4. Positive **CBA incl. adequate funding programs** (by EU and MS) are made available and guaranteed
  - to all European wagon and locomotive operators (RU) and keepers (as they will have to invest)
  - in order to generate positive business cases in a maximum 10y perspective
  - considering the individual/regional conditions such as the cases where upgrading is not possible/feasible
5. Simple, tailor-made **“fast-lane” authorisation** procedures are available & authorization risks are mitigated **procedures** for wagons and locos (incl. availability of relevant documentation)
6. A **sound migration plan** is set, guaranteeing simultaneous deployment in Europe (sector agreement and legal framework) based on available and adequate funding programs, established capacities for production and upgrading of wagons and locomotives, staff training, and availability of the necessary infrastructure and IT adaptations



# The DAC initiative is built on several elements

## we need to focus on the overall picture in order to achieve progress



# Future interconnection of all DAC-related activities elements to be worked on

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Flagship Project 5

EDDP «neo» development/follow-up of migration roadmap, sector-wide coordination, risk management, prep. of decision-making



EC/ERA

Europe's Rail  
System Pillar

ESOs

FP 5 FDFTO  
sounding boards



Technology  
(mirroring & sector feedback)



Operational  
Procedures  
(mirroring & sector feedback)

## DAC migration roadmap

11 actions



Fleet Analyses  
& rtf Engineering  
(rtf readiness)



Retrofit  
capacity plan  
(workshops, work-  
force, components)



Funding &  
Financing plan



development of  
efficient &  
tailormade  
authorisation  
process &  
requirements



operational  
procedures  
standardisation  
(plan & execution)



CENELEC



Executing  
European  
standardisation



Infrastructural  
& IT adaptations



Retrofitting plan  
(traffic & customer  
sidings analysis,  
operational plan)



Investment plan  
& procurement  
framework plan



TSI revision



Placing into service plan  
(safety, workforce  
training, rulebooks etc.)

Other regulatory &  
legal framework  
plans

Technical  
harmonisation:  
preparing TSI  
revision & driving  
EU standardisation

alignment of  
rail & DAC system  
architecture

DAC/"Full Digital  
Freight Train  
Operations"

target operat. proc.  
functional requ'mts  
system architecture  
tech. development  
testing & demos  
tech. specification  
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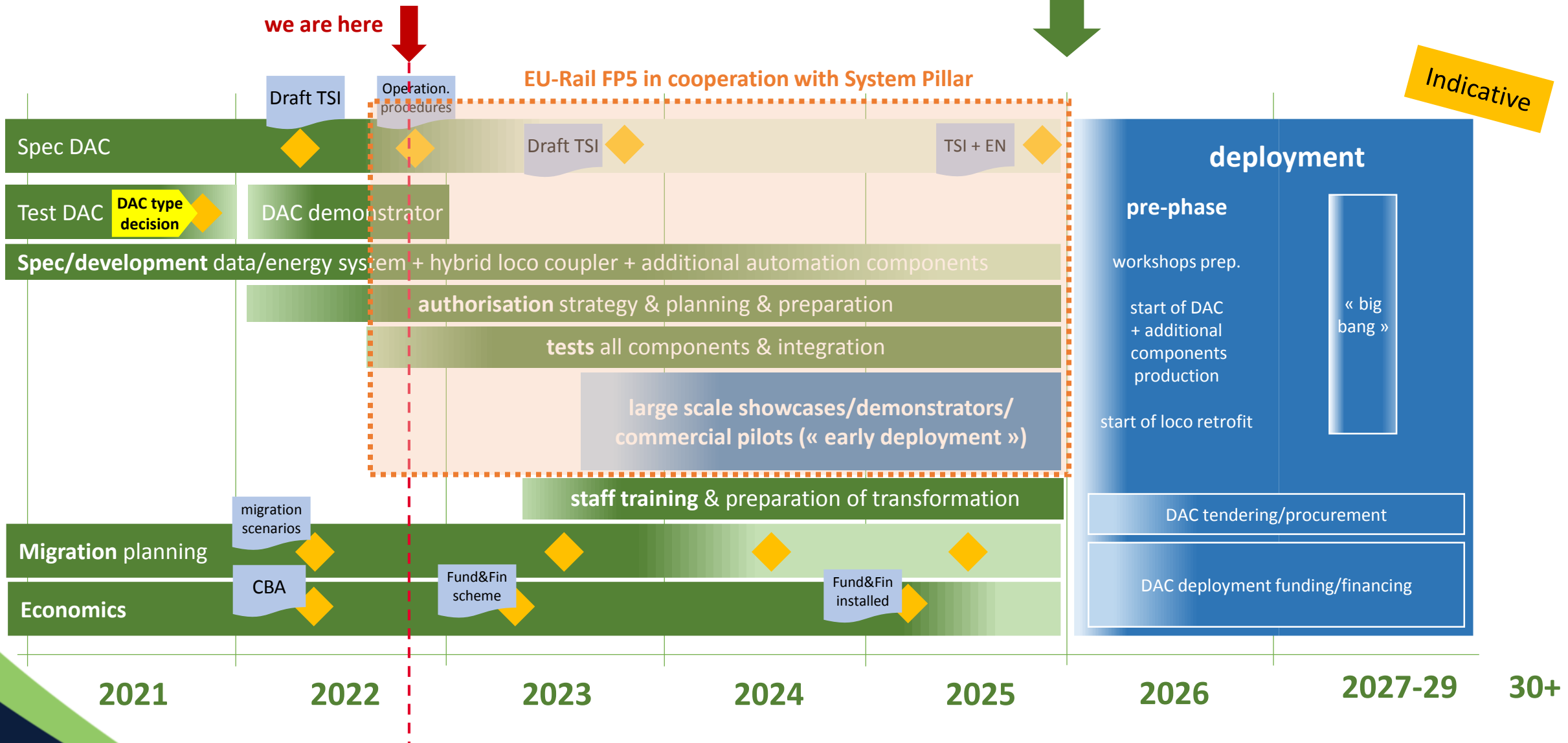
# DAC current challenges

1. Target **operational procedures** (shunting, train prep, train run) based on consolidated use cases
2. Critical **technical points/issues list and open points for decision** (techn. package, e-coupler design,...)
3. **Transition** EDDP → EDDP neo + ERJU FP5+SP (incl. ramp-up)
4. Starting work on tailor-made “**fast-lane**” **authorization** procedures are available & authorization risks are mitigated **procedures** for wagons and locos (incl. availability of relevant documentation)
5. Key **stakeholder outreach** (in particular SEE/CEE) as well as “daily” **management**
6. **Migration Roadmap** (fleet analysis !!!, capacities of workforce and workshops, resources for migration plan development etc.)
7. **CBA/ funding** financing (setting the scene)

# European Investment Plan: status update

- › **EY** has been **contracted** by **Europe's Rail** to work on a study “ European Investment Plan” in Feb 2022
- › The study **builds upon work of EDDP** WP3 Migration and EDDP WP5 CBA
- › Baseline findings:
  - › **No funding / financing plans available** at EU level yet
  - › **No coordinated** and consistent **deployment** at European level established **yet**
- › **Alternative models based on limitations are analysed** for: EU/MS grants, EIB, subsidies during ramp up phase operations, stakeholders' equity /debt
- › **Assessment criteria for alternative options:** fragmentation of sources, engagement risk, transaction costs, funding / financing risk, financial sustainability for the EU DAC migration plan, necessity of subsidies during ramp up phase, requirement of a financial vehicle (SPV), etc.
- › **Common conditions:**
  - › Establishment of a **central** and **single control booth** to **manage complexity** and **synchronization** of the DAC **migration** plan across all the EU Stakeholders
  - › **Public funding optimized** to address the market failure and by **avoiding over-subsidization** and **distortion of competition** of any kind

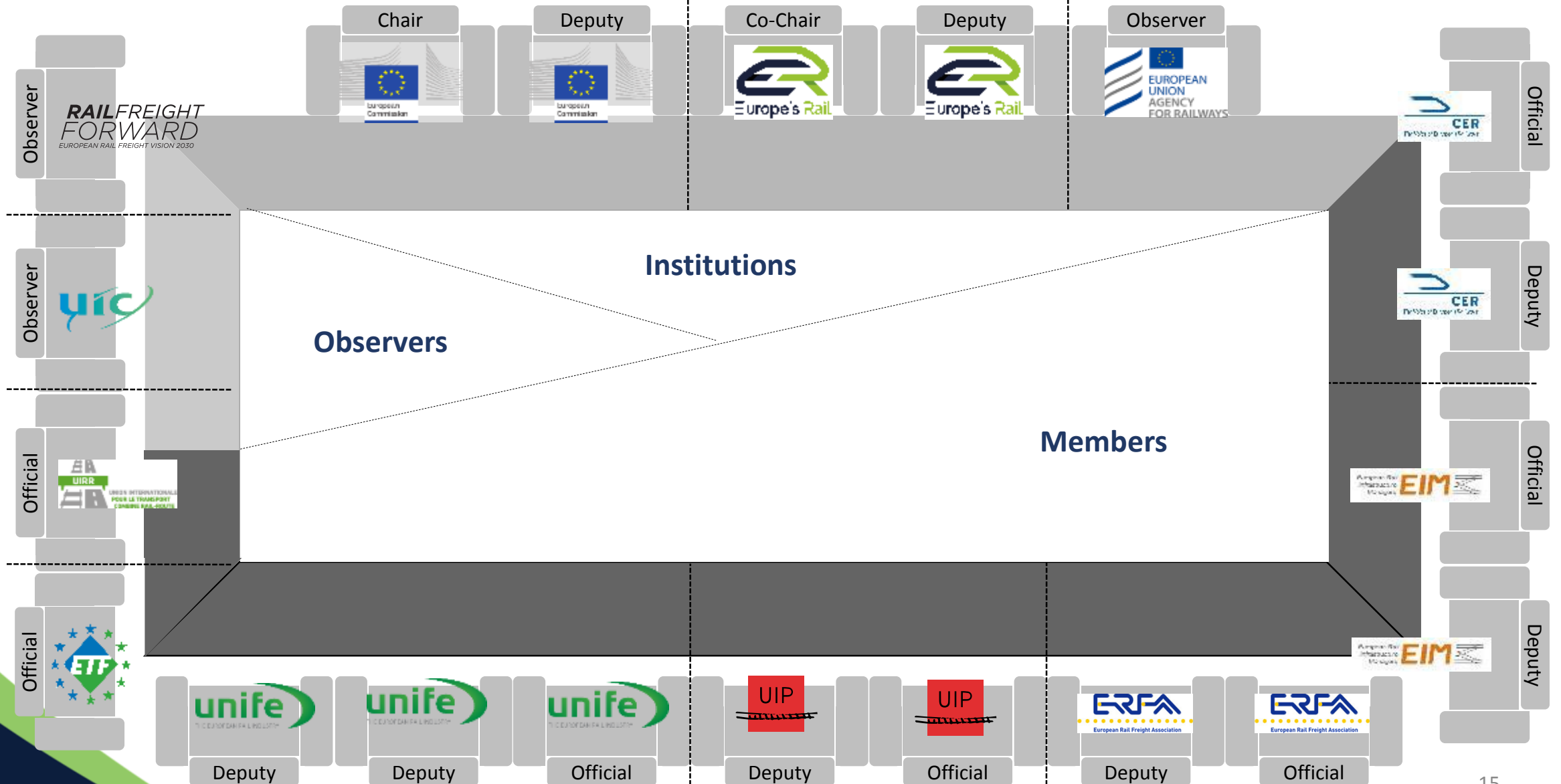
# Indicative overall time plan



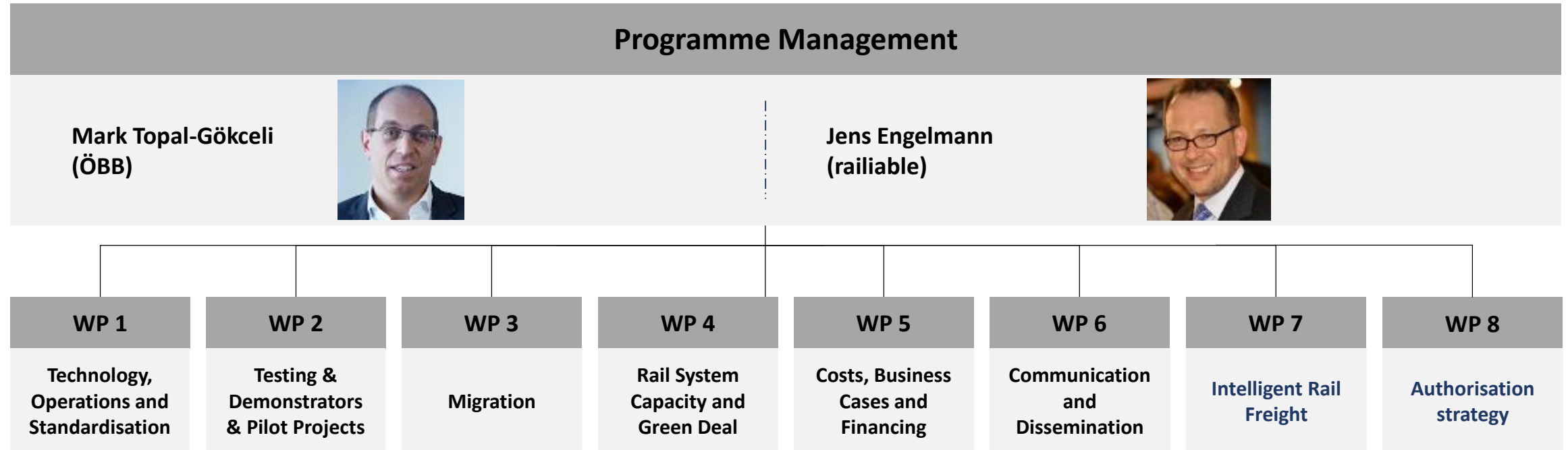
# EDDP Governance – Programme Board



# EDDP Governance – Supervisory Board



# EU DAC Governance – programme and WPs





# Tests and validations within S2R IP5

## Aims & Goals

- Test the different DAC Prototypes in preparation for the selection of the future DAC standard at an EU level.
- At second stage focus on testing the selected Scharfenberg Latch type to assure product adherence to specifications.
- Test DAC integration with locomotives in hybrid DAC versions.



# Winter tests in Sweden



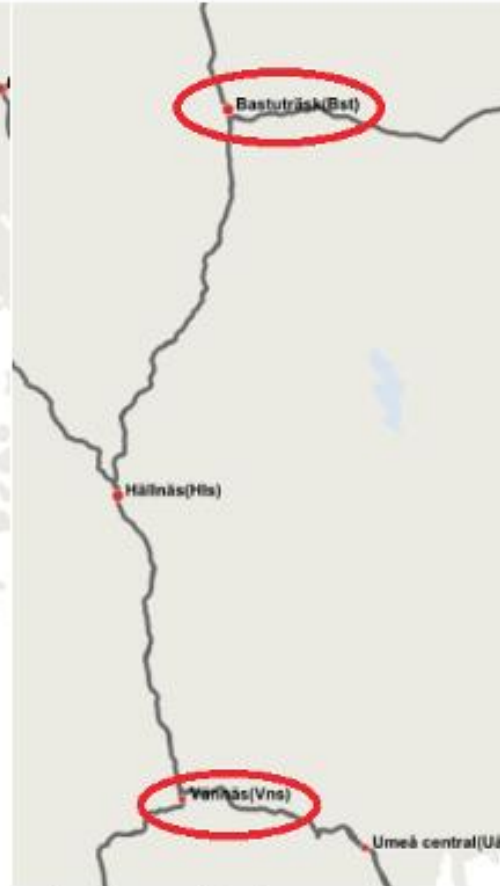
# DAC tests in FR8RAIL IV led by Trafikverket



Test tracks



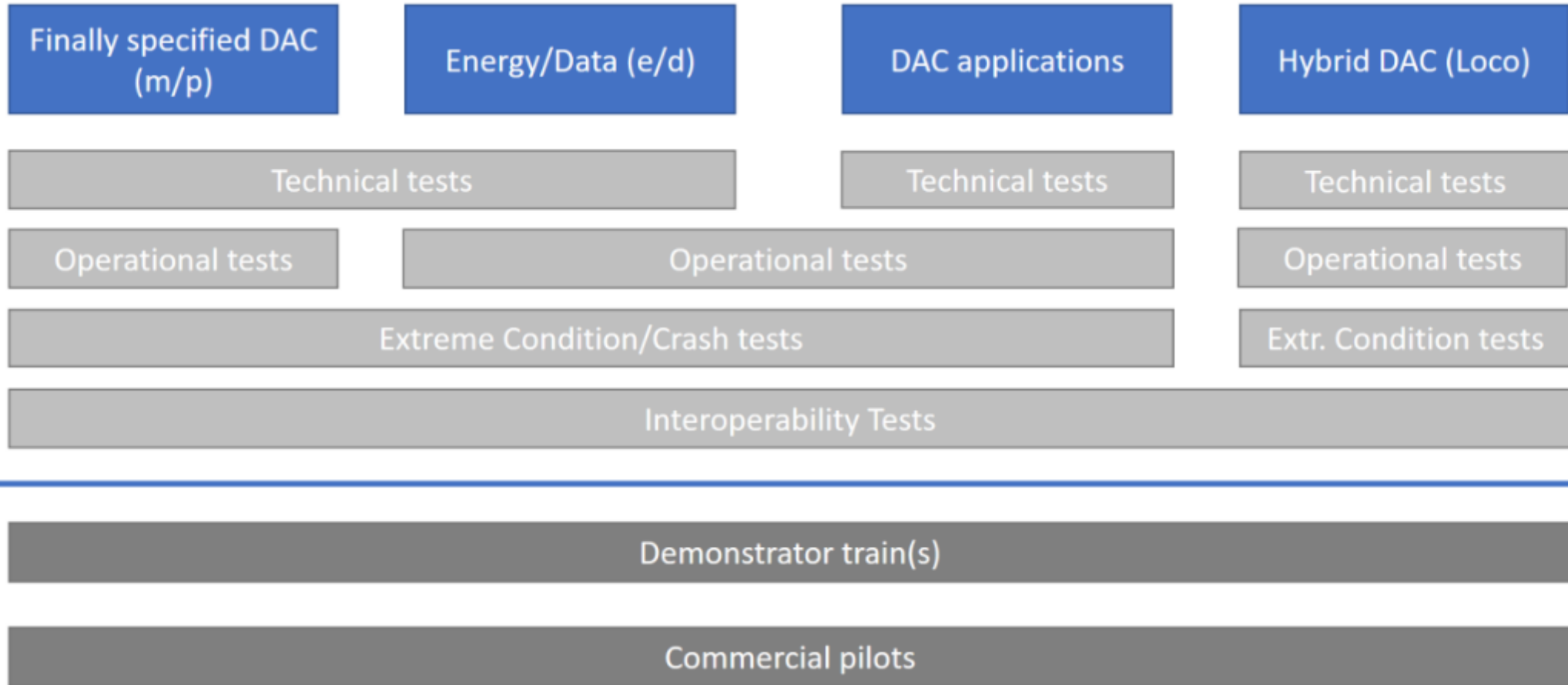
1st campaign (A)



2nd campaign (B)



# Next: Test Programme to ensure market ready DAC



# Europe's Rail

Delivery of the demonstrators validating:

- Full Digital Freight Train Operations based DAC Type 4 in different regions with several train sets under real operational condition including technical enablers
  - energy supply & data/communication solution
  - Type 5 upgradability,
  - Retrofitting process of existing wagons with DAC technology and existing locomotives with
  - Hybrid DAC
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- DAC-based telematic applications for: transported goods monitoring, asset performance management, condition-based management, distributed power system and electro-pneumatic brake.
  - Yard automation equipment, wagon identity system allowing automatic shunting, video gates and way side check points with visual recognition and AI tools for yard automation.

# Demo trains

Sweden

Norway

Germany

Austria

Italy

Switzerland









# Testing the DAC in Operation throughout Europe

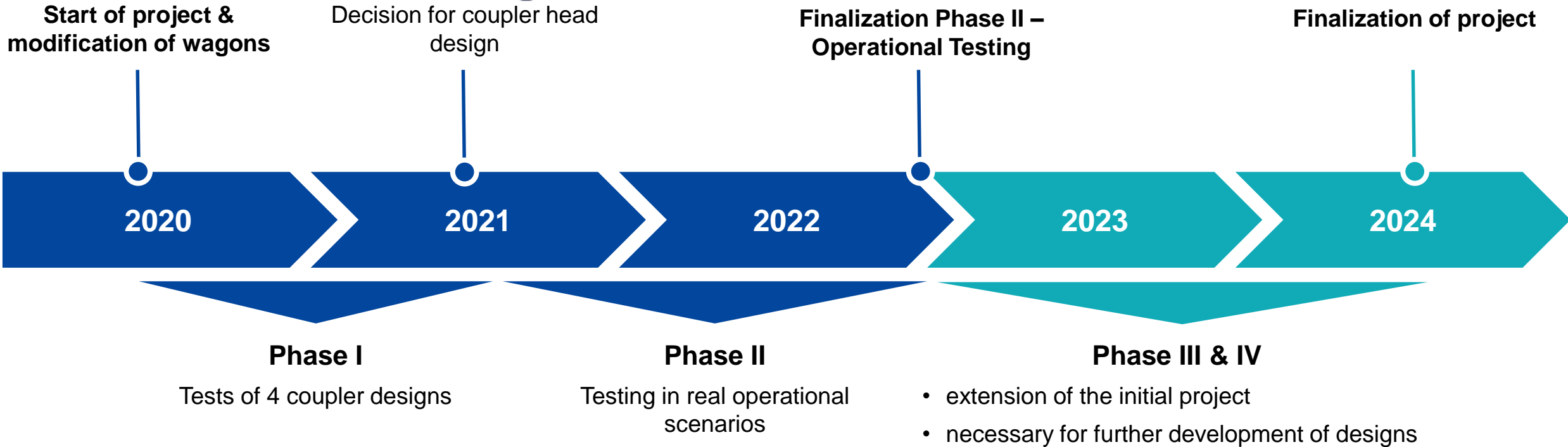
European DAC Day  
Prague  
2022-10-04



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# Project Overview

## Schedule



# Phase I – Design Evaluation

## Single Coupler Tests

- Dedicated test site
- Climate chamber
  - Dry and wet
  - -25°C to +40°C
  - Snow and ice

## Outcome:

- 2000 individual tests
- 200 climate tests

→ For KO-workshops



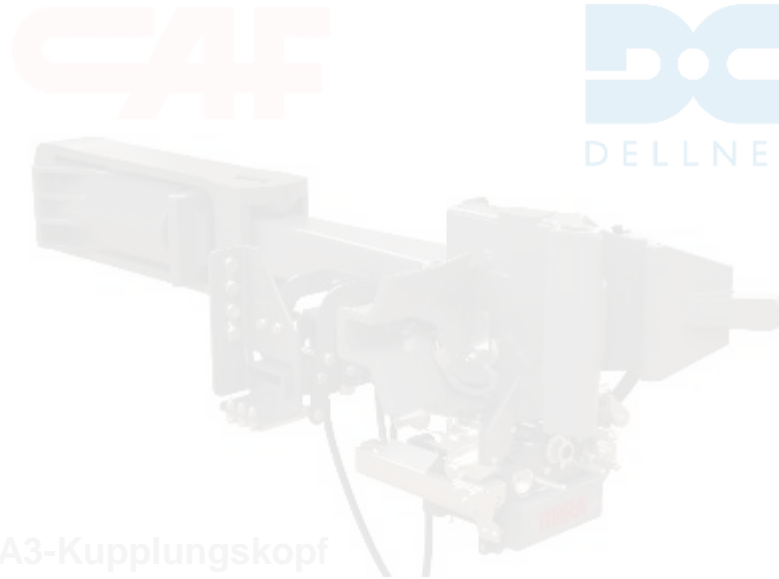
# Phase II – Operational Testing

## Coupler Configuration

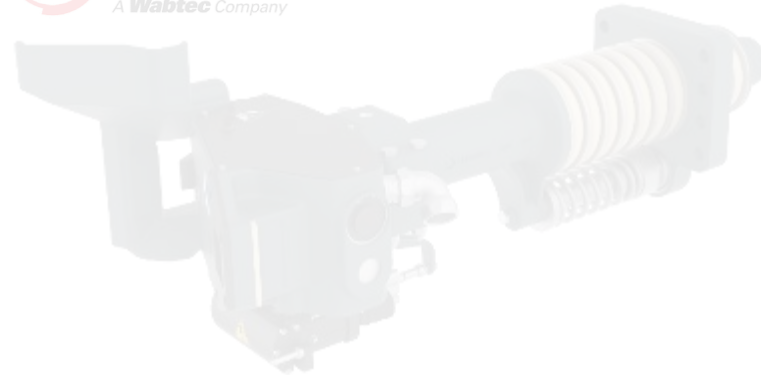


### Decided for the Latch-Type / Scharfenberg Coupler Head

- 84 organizations
- > 232 participants
- from 20 countries



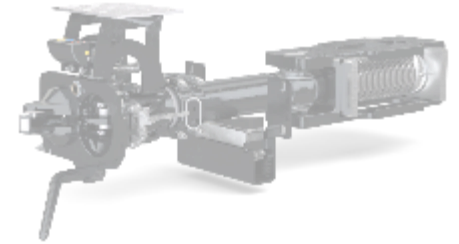
SA3-Kupplungskopf



Schwab-Kupplungskopf



Generation 1



Generation 2



Latch-Type-Kupplungskopf



Scharfenberg-Kupplungskopf

# Phase II – Operational Testing

## Wagon Composition



Eanos x-059



EX90 Fanps



Zags 119



Sgmmns 40



Hbbins 306



m<sup>2</sup>-wagon

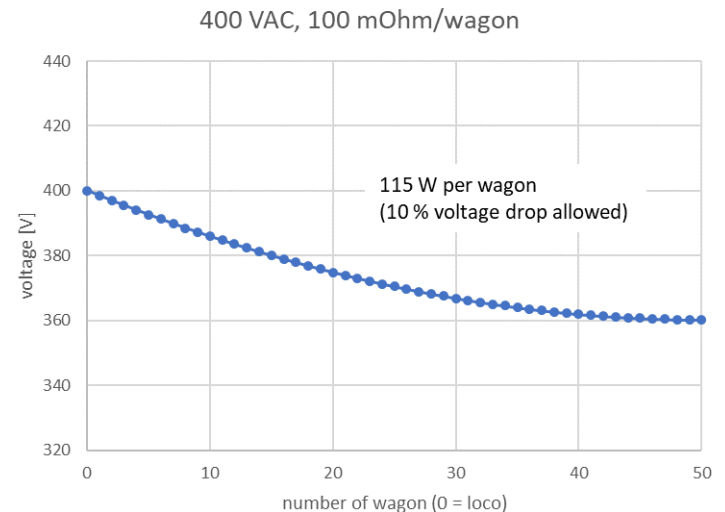
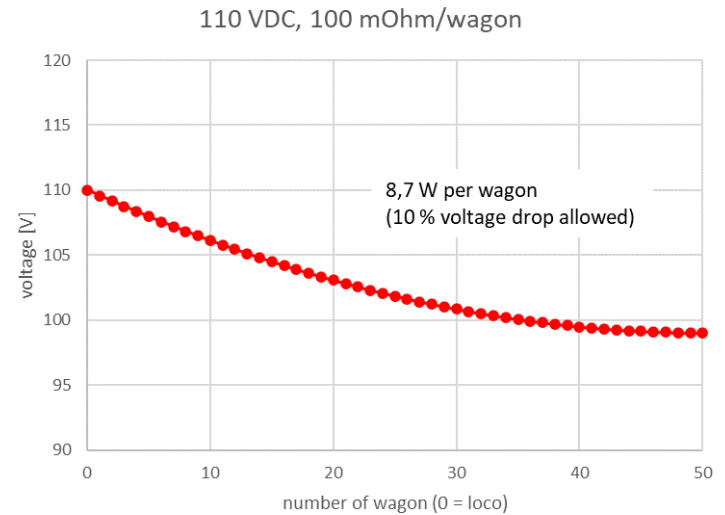


# Phase II – Operational Testing

## Results Power Transmission

### Based on the tests, we could show:

- For 110V DC only ~9W per wagon in 50-wagon-configuration available
- Changing voltage to 400V AC enables 115W per wagon
- *Calculation based on 16mm<sup>2</sup> cable cross section with a voltage drop of 10% from loco to last wagon (e.g. EN 50388:2012)*

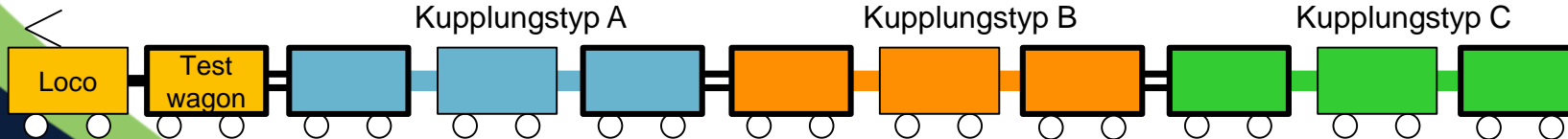


Kupplungstyp A



Kupplungstyp B

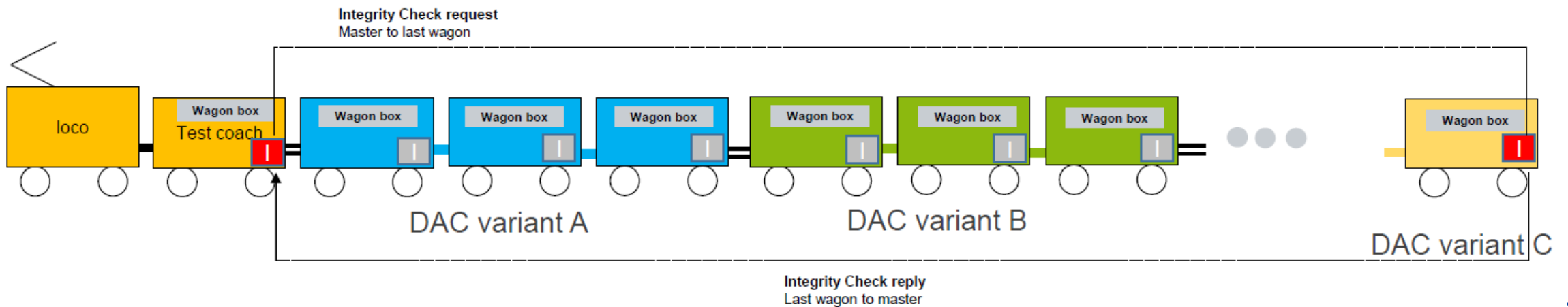
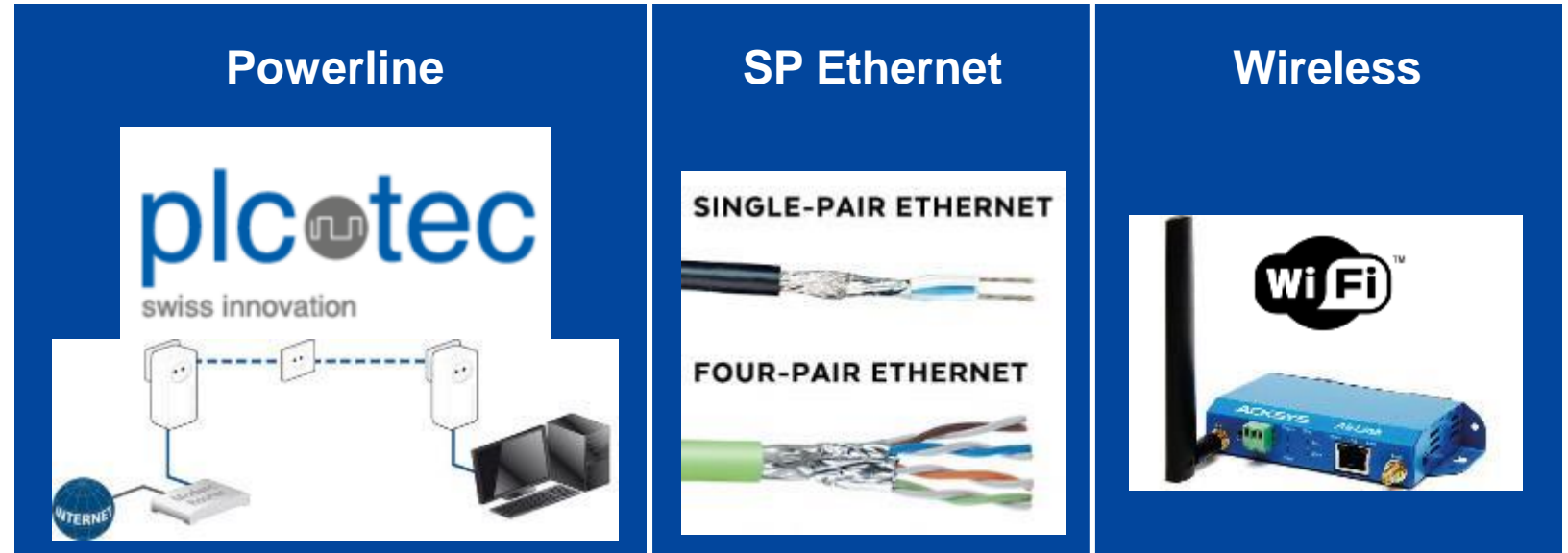
Kupplungstyp C



# Phase II – Operational Testing

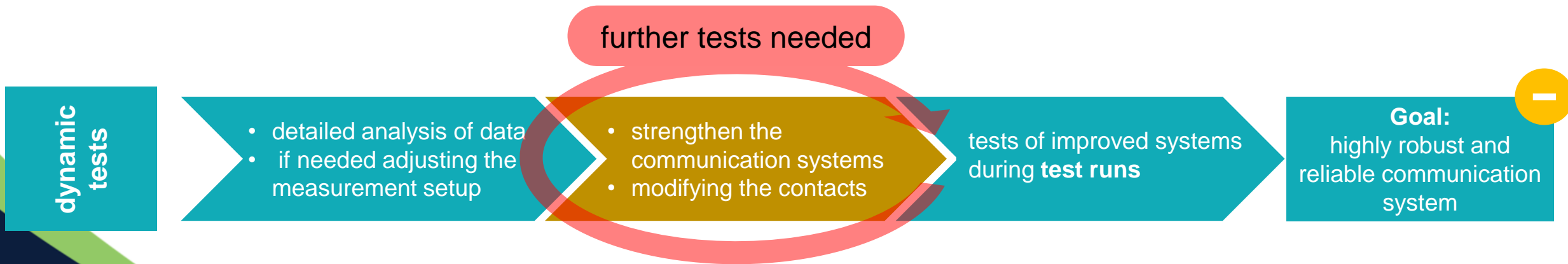
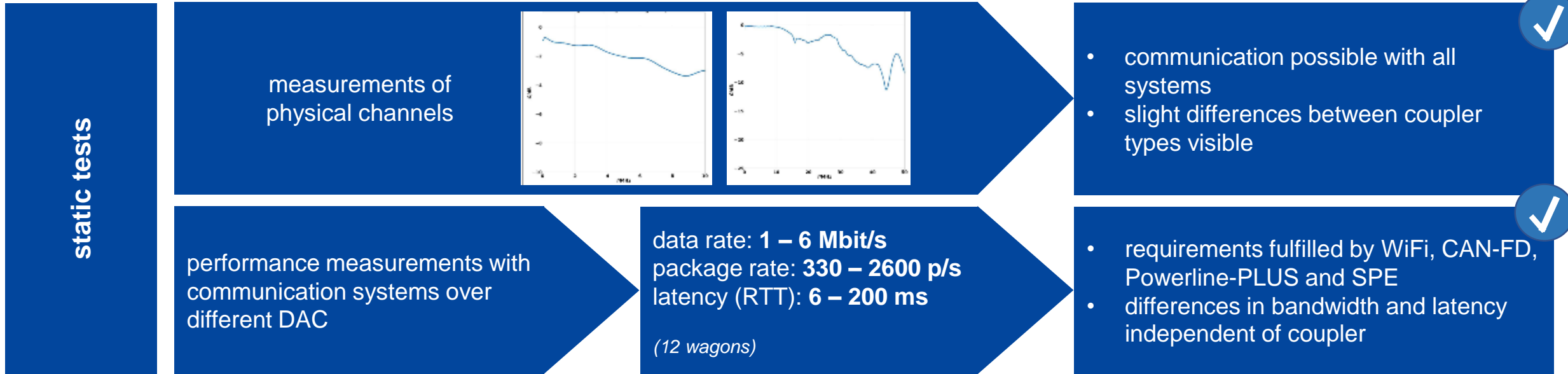
## Data Communication

- Performance and reliability
- Show cases for:
  - train integrity
  - train inauguration
  - wagon order and direction



# Phase II – Operational Testing

## Results Data Communication



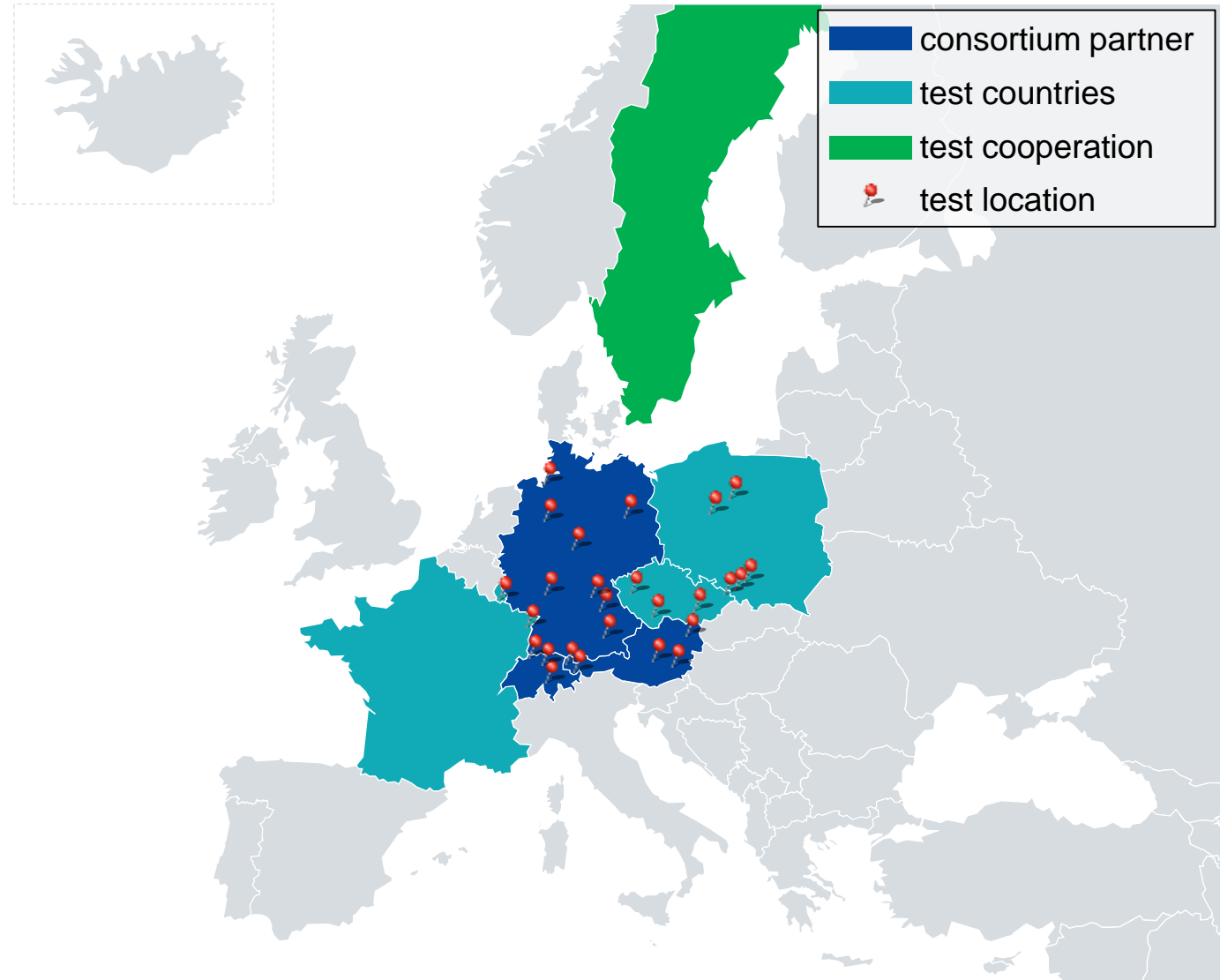


# Phase II – Operational Testing

## Testing in Europe



- over 25 test locations in 7 countries
- tests in France and Luxembourg planned for end 2022
- close exchange with Trafikverket (Sweden)
  - winter tests
  - high mileage testing



→ Operational requirements for DAC all over Europe

# Phase II – Operational Testing

Testing in Czech Republic

Thanks to support from ČD Cargo we were able to test in Czech Republic as well

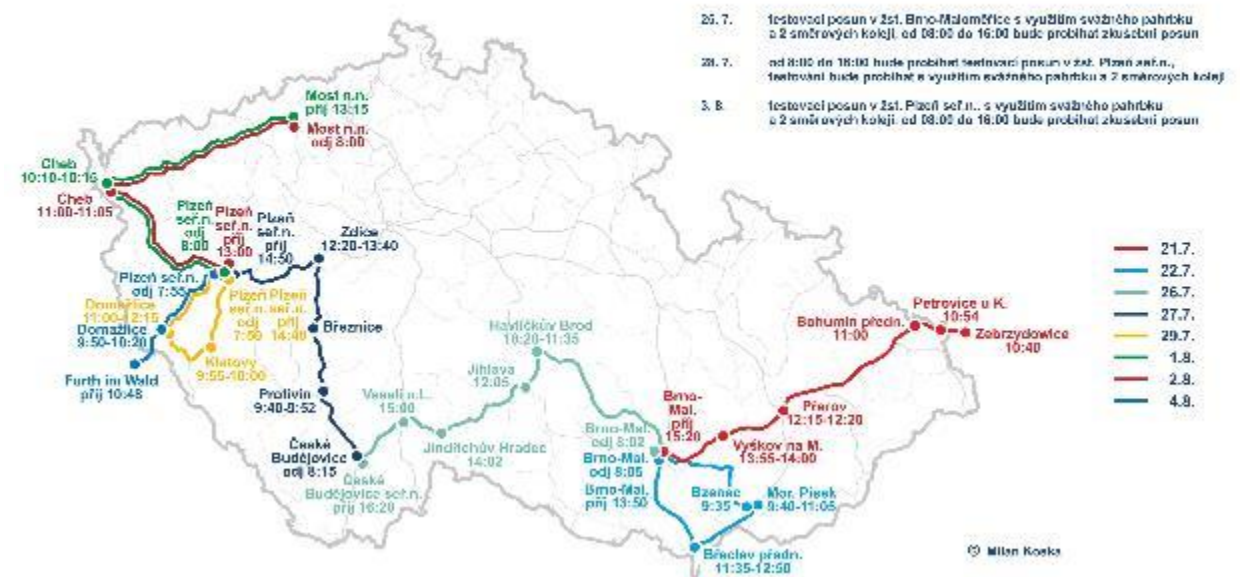
- yards for shunting tests
- drives for running tests
- mostly running with double traction
- extensive and well-organized program

## Conclusion:

- we could further confirm our findings
- by chance testing at high temperatures



Jízda testovacího vlaku s automatickým spřáhlem v ČR 2022



# Phase II – Operational Testing

## Intermediate Conclusion Operation

- 3 major technical/ operational requirements were identified

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### uncoupling from side of wagon

- otherwise uncoupling while wagons are moving not possible
- much easier and more efficient handling

### blocking of re-coupling

- allows for pushing of wagons
- for marshalling yards with a hump absolutely necessary
- must be disengaged automatically

### prepared for Type 5

- goal is to enable full-automatization
  - DAC type 4.5 tests showed big potential for usage of actuators
  - avoid several migration waves
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For all three points there is a prototype

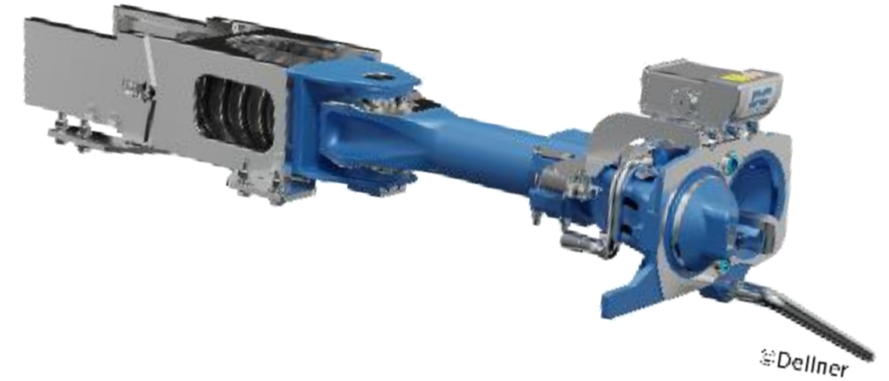
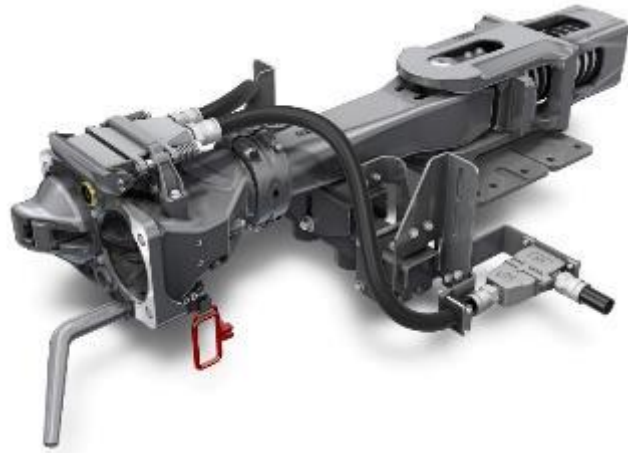


- no prototype fulfills all three at the same time
- integration into wagon and infrastructure must be improved

**Further development and continuation of testing is absolutely necessary**



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# How to deploy DAC in Europe?

# DAC technology



'Scharfenberg' latch-type design selected for future Europe-wide Digital Automatic Coupling (DAC) standard coupler head



DAC data/energy

DAC mechanical/pneumatical

DAC 4: manual uncoupling  
 DAC 5: automatic uncoupling



# DAC migration/deployment scenarios

## Principles:

- › **No compatibility between screw coupling and DAC**
- › **No hybrid couplers for wagons**
- › Migration period as short as possible (2026-2030)
- › Scope: in principle all wagons.  
Exceptions to be defined
- › Locos to be retrofitted before migration with hybrid loco couplers
- › **Preparatory measures** for production of DAC and retrofitting capacities **before migration**
- › Aligned and available funding / financing & regulation (e.g. TSI= for synchronised migration in Europe)



## “Instruments”/methods/tools

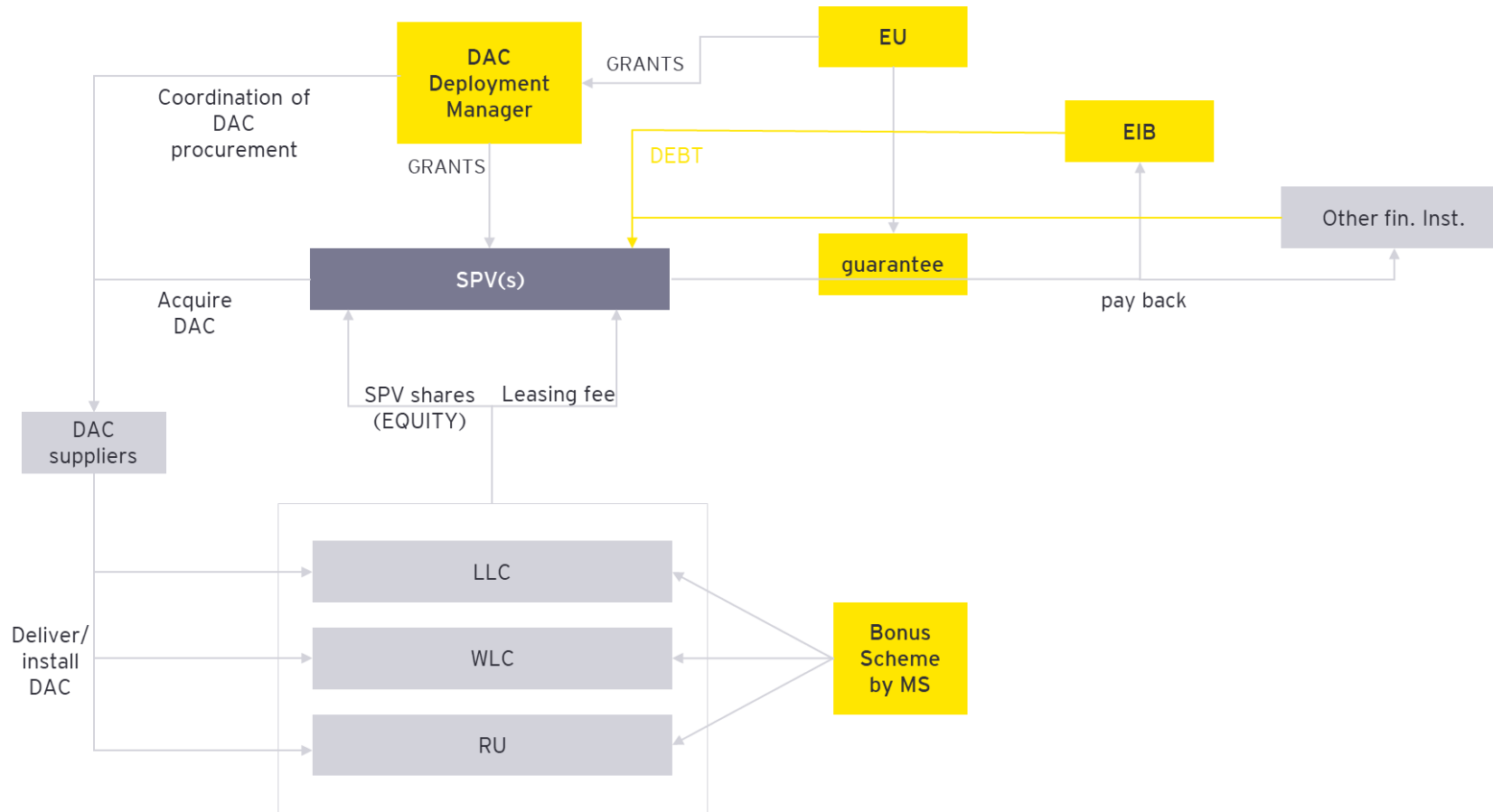
for feasible operational/technical/economical deployment:

- › **Block trains, closed systems**, etc. :  
migration in continuous **step-by-step approach**
- › **Mixed/network traffic**: migration in **“Big Bang” approach** (max. preparation, min. migration time)
- › **“DAC-ready”**: prepare wagons during regular maintenance and then DAC “plug and play conversion” during Big Bang
- › Some tricks, as “wagon pairing” and “swapping”
- › *Wagon pool for exchange wagons during workshop stay (funded)*
- › *Scrapping bonus*

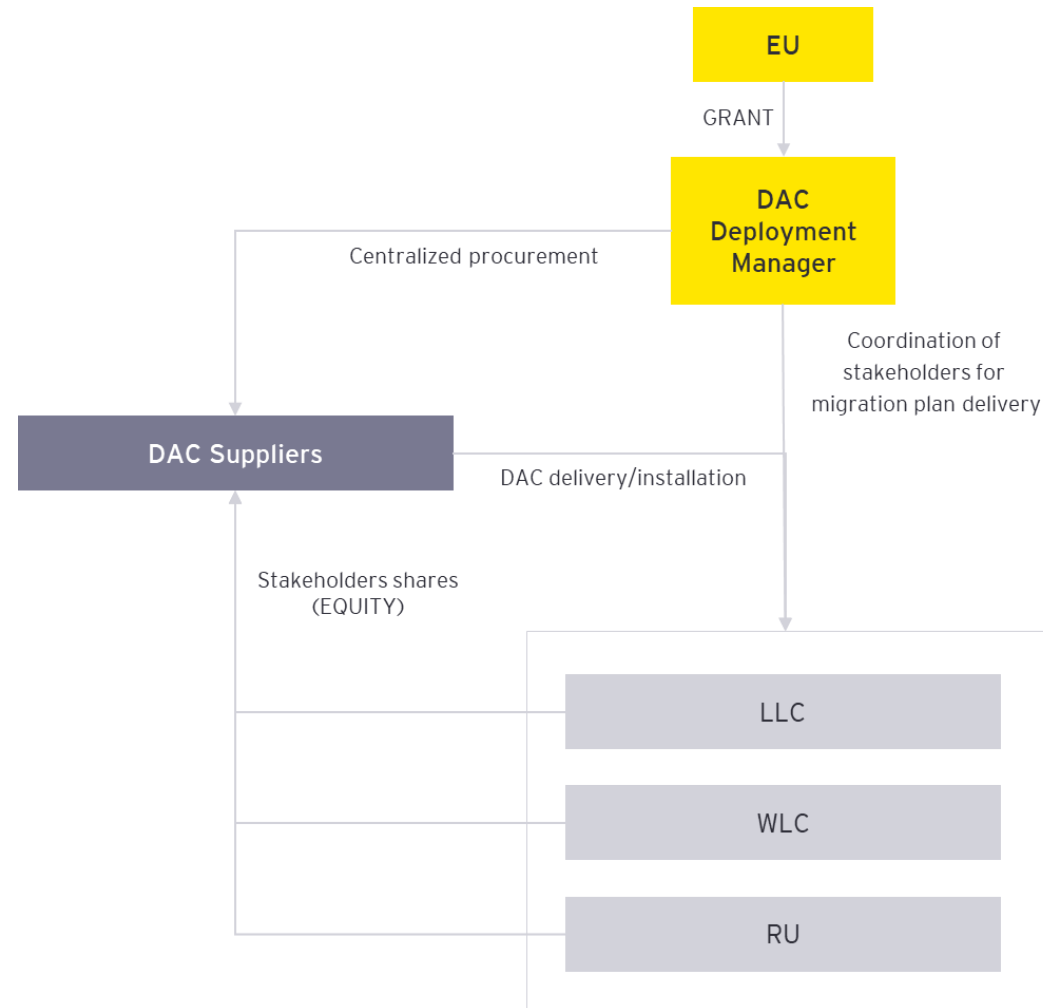
# Initial concepts about Investment Plan



# Blended financing (draft)



# Up-front public funding (draft)



# What we need urgently

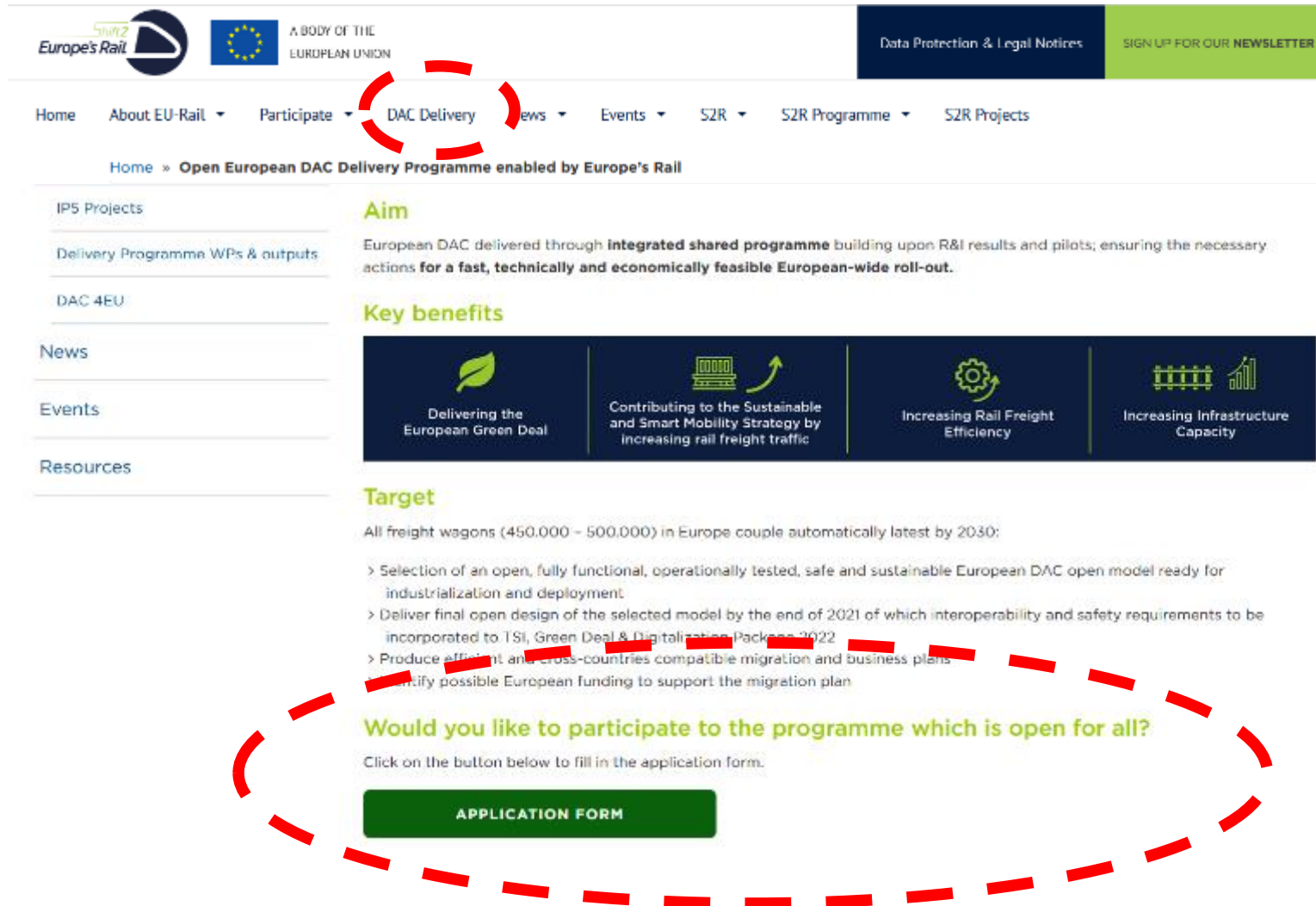
## In-depth cooperation on

- Fleet analysis (loco & wagons): technical, age, ...
- Workshop & workforce analysis
- Traffic & operations analysis
- CBA & funding/financing

**We would like to welcome you all on board!**

# A single entry point for all Europe and beyond

<https://rail-research.europa.eu/european-dac-delivery-programme/>



The screenshot shows the website for the European DAC Delivery Programme. At the top, there are logos for Europe's Rail and the European Union, along with navigation links for 'Data Protection & Legal Notices' and 'SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER'. The main navigation menu includes 'Home', 'About EU-Rail', 'Participate', 'DAC Delivery', 'News', 'Events', 'S2R', 'S2R Programme', and 'S2R Projects'. The 'DAC Delivery' menu item is highlighted with a red dashed circle. Below the navigation, the breadcrumb trail reads 'Home » Open European DAC Delivery Programme enabled by Europe's Rail'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with links for 'IP5 Projects', 'Delivery Programme WPs & outputs', 'DAC 4EU', 'News', 'Events', and 'Resources'. The main content area features a green 'Aim' section, a 'Key benefits' section with four icons (leaf, train, gear, and infrastructure), and a 'Target' section. The 'Target' section lists goals such as 'All freight wagons (450.000 – 500.000) in Europe couple automatically latest by 2030:'. Below this, there are three bullet points detailing the selection of an open model, the final open design, and the production of migration and business plans. A green button labeled 'APPLICATION FORM' is prominently displayed at the bottom of the page, enclosed in a red dashed oval.

# EUROPE'S RAIL JU:

## RAIL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TO MAKE RAIL THE EVERYDAY MOBILITY

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