

# Leveraging new **realities** to increase rail freight attractiveness and market share

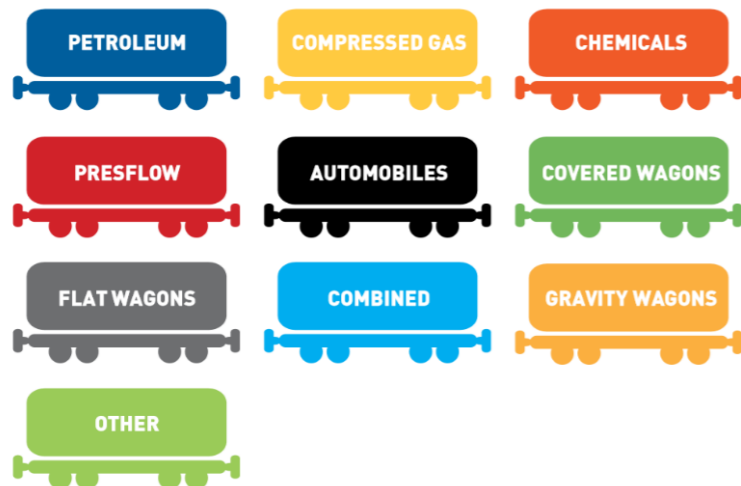
# UIP – INTERNATIONAL UNION OF WAGON KEEPERS

## WHO DO WE REPRESENT ?

# 250



We represent **250** Wagon Keepers and Entities in Charge of Maintenance



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## National Associations



**234,000**

**50%  
TONNE-KM**

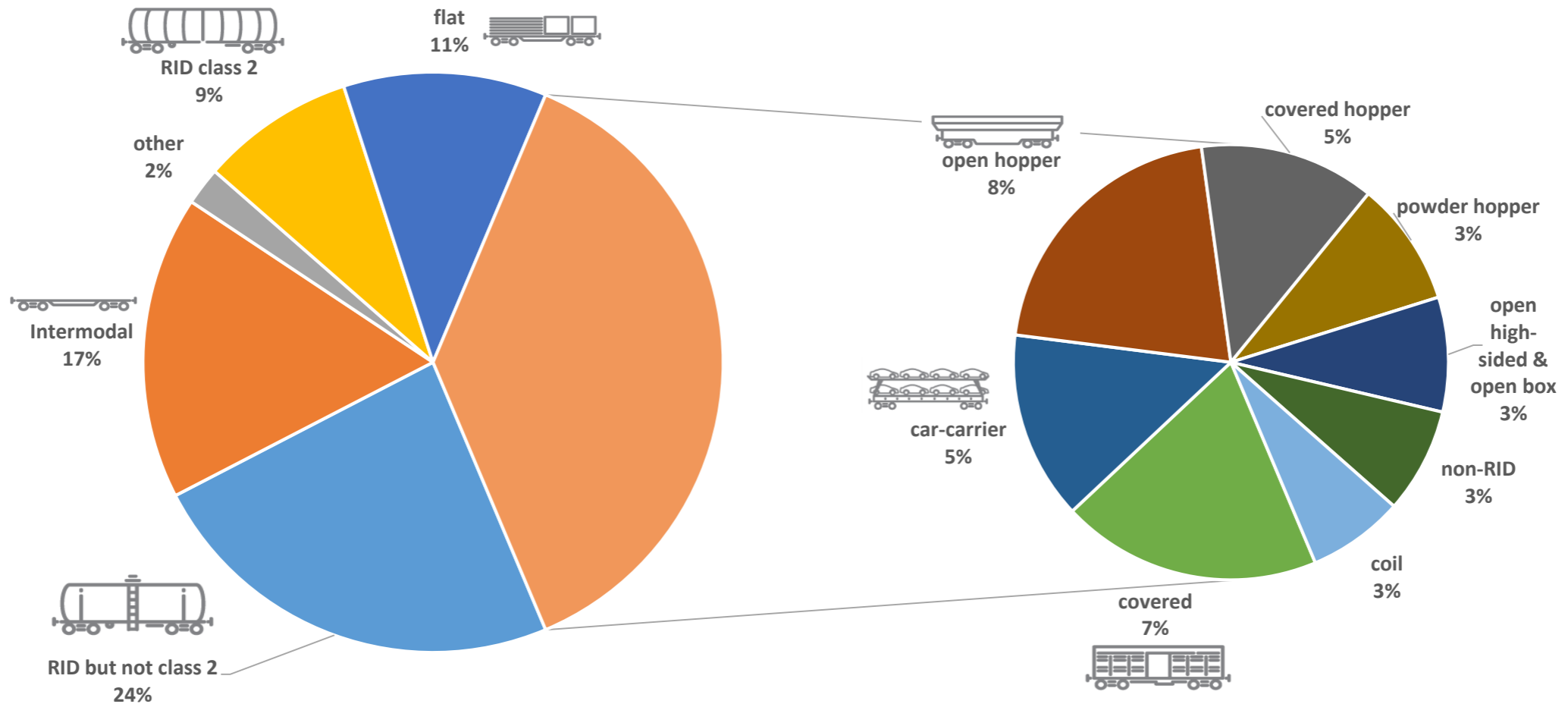
Our members have approximately **234,000** freight wagons that produce **50%** of the total of tonne-kms around Europe.

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## WHAT DO WE REPRESENT ?

A 234'000 rail freight wagons fleet:

- 12bn € investments in rail freight wagons
- yearly 400-500mio € in new rolling stock
- > ~50% of European fleet



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## WHO DO WE WORK WITH?



# THE WAY TO 30% MODAL SHARE – A NECESSARY TRANSFORMATION

RAIL AS THE BACKBONE OF FREIGHT TRANSPORT IN EUROPA UNTIL 2030



## Ports

- gates to the world

## Modular systems

- flexible and adaptable

## Digital Platform

- a new way of working together

## Intelligent Infrastructure

- Cloud-based signalling

## Efficient land use

- loading/ unloading/ transshipping

## Integrated in city logistics

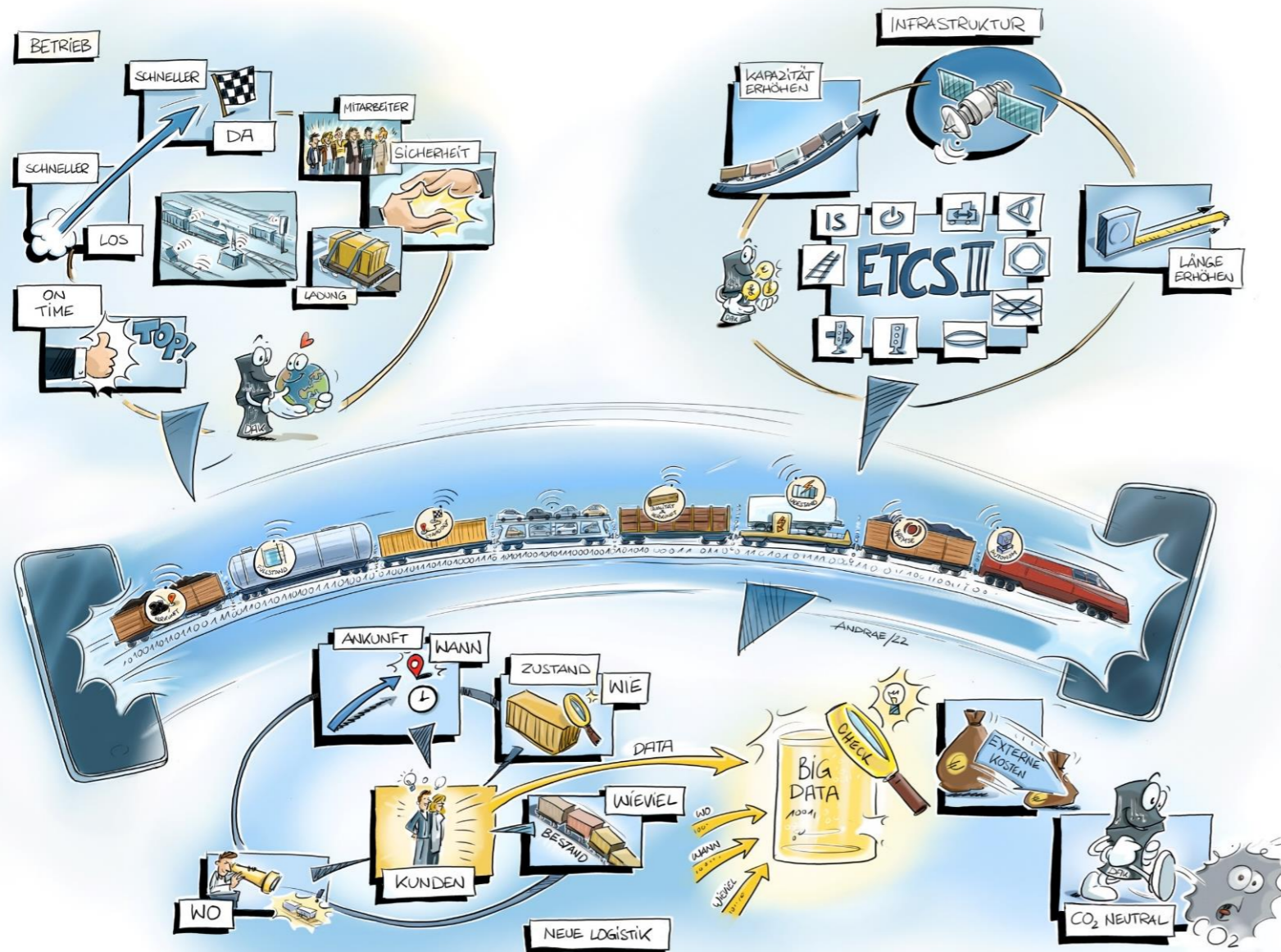
- combined and multimodal

## Digitally connected in the train

- Full Digital Freight Train Operations - **FDFTO**

# THE FUTURE IS DIGITAL

## DIGITAL AUTOMATED CONNECTED: THE BENEFITS OF DAC FOR THE SYSTEM AND SOCIETY



### Operations

- “faster”
- safer
- longer / heavier

### Infrastructure

- from ATO to ETCS
- more capacity
- less new construction

### Assets

- condition-based maintenance
- attractive
- increased availability

### Customers

- reliable, fast transports, real-time tracking
- efficient cargo traffic ready for modal shift
- fully integrated into the supply chain

# DIGITAL AUTOMATIC COUPLER PROJECT

## CURRENT INVOLVEMENT WAGON KEEPERS IN NEW STRUCTURE

**Prerequisites for a European DAC deployment**



ONE European system

Proven technology

Tried-and-tested operational procedures



**Europe's Rail JU Innovation Pillar**



**Flagship Project 5: TRANS4M-R  
DAC / „Full Digital Freight Train Operations“**

**Technology, Tests, Demos, Specifications,  
Authorisation principles (2022-2026)**

**Europe's Rail JU System Pillar**



**Drive standardisation works  
Prepare change requests for revision of TSI  
WAG and OPE (2022-2026)**

Adequate funding available

Manageable authorisation

Viable migration roadmap

**DAC migration EDDP „NEO“**



**Fleet analysis &  
Upgrade Engineering**



**Infrastructure & IT  
adaptations**



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



**Upgrade capacity plan  
(workshops,  
workforce,  
components)**



**Upgrading plan  
(traffic &  
customer sidings  
analysis,  
operational plan)**



**Funding & Financing  
concept**



**Cost / Benefit analysis  
(Updates)**



**Investment &  
procurement plan**

**Other regulatory & legal  
framework plans**



**Develop efficient &  
adequate  
authorisation  
process &  
requirements**

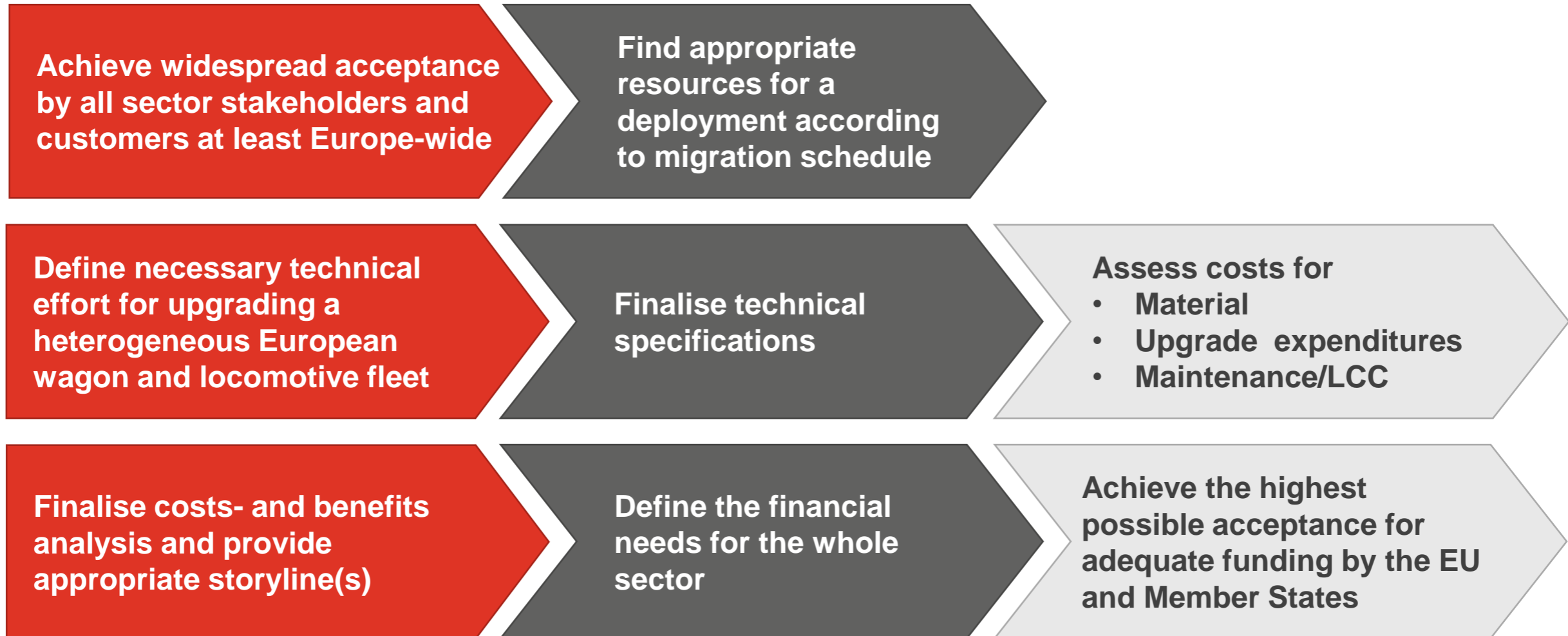


**TSI Revision**

# DIGITAL AUTOMATIC COUPLER PROJECT

## FOLLOW-UP AND PROPOSAL TO PROGRESS ON KEY TOPICS

### The challenges





# DIGITAL AUTOMATIC COUPLER PROJECT

## CURRENT STATE OF PLAY

### DAC & EDDP: a strong initiative from the sector

- Active participation in EDDP increased to almost 90 companies from all around Europe
- ER JU FP5 project started with 27 beneficiaries/ 71 partners
- DAC promotion activities intensified in particular towards SEE/CEE area

### DAC standardisation and technical development is progressing well

- Scharfenberg design chosen as EU standard
- Integration of DAC into the „technical report“ of the TSI revision 2022
- Specifications for DAC (mechanical/pneumatic) are well advanced
- Specifications for DAC (data/ energy) will be completed as quickly as possible

### DAC operational target processes in progress

- Operational target processes nearly ready for first use cases (shunting, train formation, train running), for the first time EU-wide harmonization. Operational tests were carried out (enabled by DAC4EU) and testing continues.

### DAC migration

- Development of solid and feasible migration scenarios
- Analysis of consequences for employees (Safety aspects, new work profiles / skills)

### DAC funding und financing

- Progress in costs-benefits-analysis, currently undergoing the first public consultation
- Work on the European Investment Plan continues

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



Austria



Belgium



Czech  
Republic



France



Germany



UK



Hungary



Italy



Netherlands



Poland



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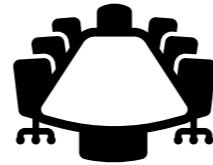
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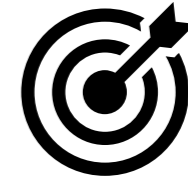
# TRANS4M-R brings together 71 European partners willing to proceed with a paradigm shift



- EUR 40.6m of funding for a duration of 45 months
- More than EUR 100m in TPC



- One consortium with 71 partners
- Well balanced between end-users, large industry, railway undertakings – operators and wagon keepers, SMEs, academia and research



- Willingness to proceed with paradigm shift
- Political awareness is increasing
- More than 100 Deliverables incl demonstrators

# TRANS4M-R divided into two work streams with focus on DAC development and deployment preparation

## Competitive Digital Rail Freight Services

### Full Digital Freight Train Operation

- **Demonstration of Digital Freight Train in 2025** w/ DAC Type 4 & 5 incl. Energy and Data Supply, Hybrid Coupler and automated brake test
- Preparing further development of **Full Digital Freight Train** incl. Distributed Power, EP-Brake for further **Demonstrators** in 2027 and 2030
- Development of systems and solutions for **automated shunting operation**

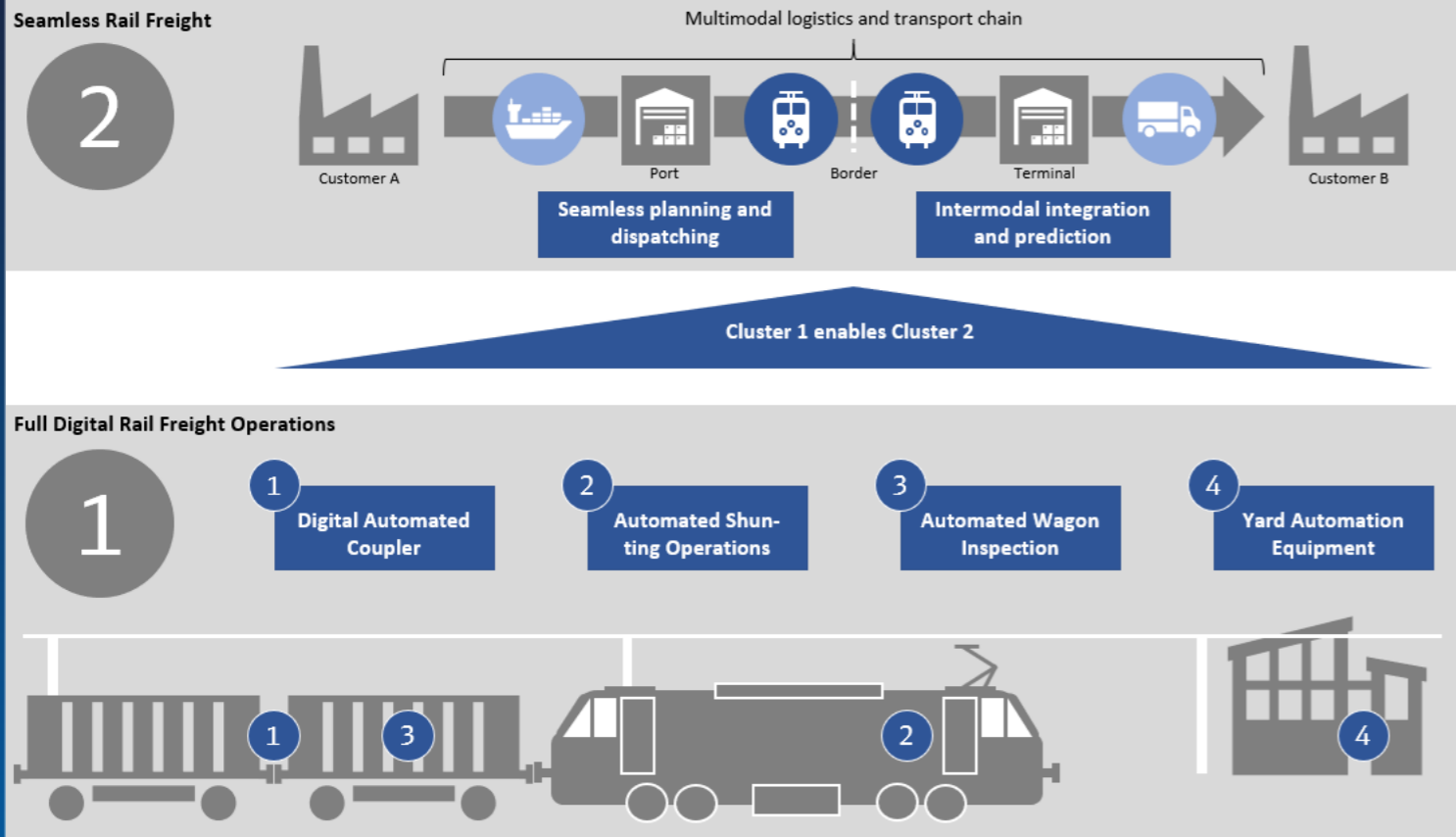
Total Project Costs 2022 to 2026: EUR 80m

### Seamless Freight

- **Real-time data management and processing** to improve cross-border timetable planning, timetable management and train path ordering
- Development of **standardised railway checkpoints** to automate handover controls using e.g. sensors, videogates and handhelds
- Development of **dynamic yard/terminal management** systems

Total Project Costs 2022 to 2026: EUR 20m

# Modal shift towards rail freight based on a full integration in Europe's multimodal transport chain



Project will develop 16 technical enablers, which will be tested and brought up to demonstration in real operational environment while achieving:

- Decrease train formation/ decomposition and preparation time
- Increase average train length and higher loads
- Reduce average transportation time and dwell time
- increased productivity, cost-efficiency and maximized safety of personnel while reducing physical health exhaustion

# Use Cases realised by FP5 dev. technology (I/II)

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benefits =

Gains in the processes (time, system time, cost savings),  
Gains in capacity  
Improved reliability  
Improved quality & safety

+ induced modal shift

### Use Cases intelligent freight train

#### 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

### Technology development within FP5

- › **Qualified interoperable DAC Functional Level 4**
- › **Qualified Interoperable DAC Level 5** ready
- › Qualified Interoperable **Locomotive-Hybrid Coupler** and Wagon DAC for special wagons
- › **DAC energy supply & data, communication** solution
- › Train functions: **Train composition detection** (train inauguration)
- › Train functions: **Automatic coupling and uncoupling** (controlled from a locomotive)

TRL 8

#### DAC shunting



- › Automated parking brake
- › automatically shunting wagons in Flat and Hump Yards (e.g. via Draining of auxiliary air tanks, Automated air valve)

- › Train functions: **Automated parking brake control function** (controlled from locomotive),
- › *Relevant for DAC 5*
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TRL 7

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## DAC train preparation



### Use Cases intelligent freight train

- › Automatic brake test & calculation of brake capacity

### Technology development within FP5

- › Train functions: **Automated brake test**

TRL 8

## DAC train run



- › 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

- › Train functions: **Train integrity monitoring** and **train length determination**
- › Train functions: **Train brake control & monitoring** (via train network parallel; EP-Brake)
- › Train functions: Distributed Power System – **DPS**

TRL 7

# Majority of functional requirements for the DAC defined in DAC specification

## DAC specification

### 71 DAC and 21 vehicle requirements for the DAC defined, e.g.

- Designed for 1,000 kN tensile forces and 2,000 kN compressive forces without any plastic deformations
- Installation space according to UIC 530-1
- Weight of DAC equal or less than screw coupler and buffers
- Gathering range according to UIC 522 (coupling in narrow curves)
- Automatic connection of  $5/4''$  airpipe for brake system
- Four draft gear categories for DAC (like for side buffers)
- Safety requirements

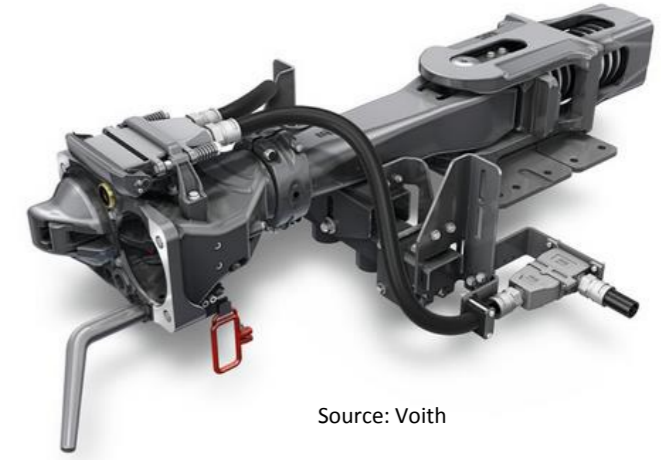
## Hybrid coupler specification

### 83 hybrid coupler and 18 vehicle requirements for the hybrid coupler defined, e.g.

- Functionalities for DAC coupling
- Functionalities for screw coupler coupling
- Definition of switching mode from DAC to screw coupler v.v.
- Safety requirements
- Manual coupling adapter



Source: Dellner



Source: Voith



Source: Knorr-Bremse



Source: Wabtec



# DAC open technical issues in the DAC SPEC

## Open technical issues

Standardized technical design for manual uncoupling functionality from the side of the wagon

Evaluation of technical concepts ongoing in ER JU FP5

Standardized technical design for preventing coupling (buffer position) and release of buffer position

Evaluation of technical concepts ongoing in ER JU FP5

Standardized technical design for electrical coupler

Assessment process for electrical coupler initiated in ER JU FP5

Validation of limit value for longitudinal compressive forces (LCF) and proof of running safety

Derailment tests and running safety assessment in ER JU FP5

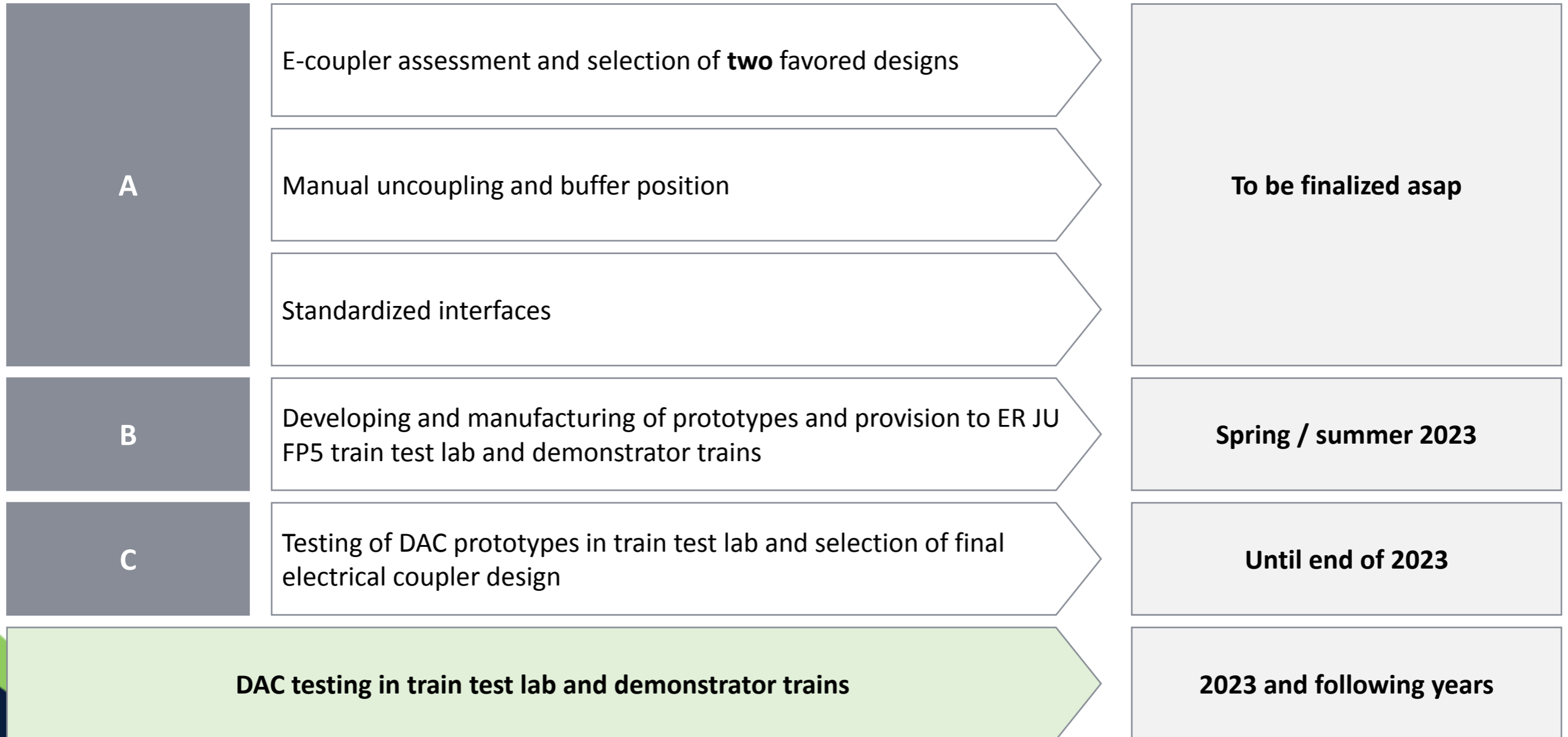
Technical design for avoidance of open covers in front of the electrical contacts of the e-coupler for workers protection (400V AC)

Evaluation of concepts for protection of electrical contacts against access in ER JU FP5

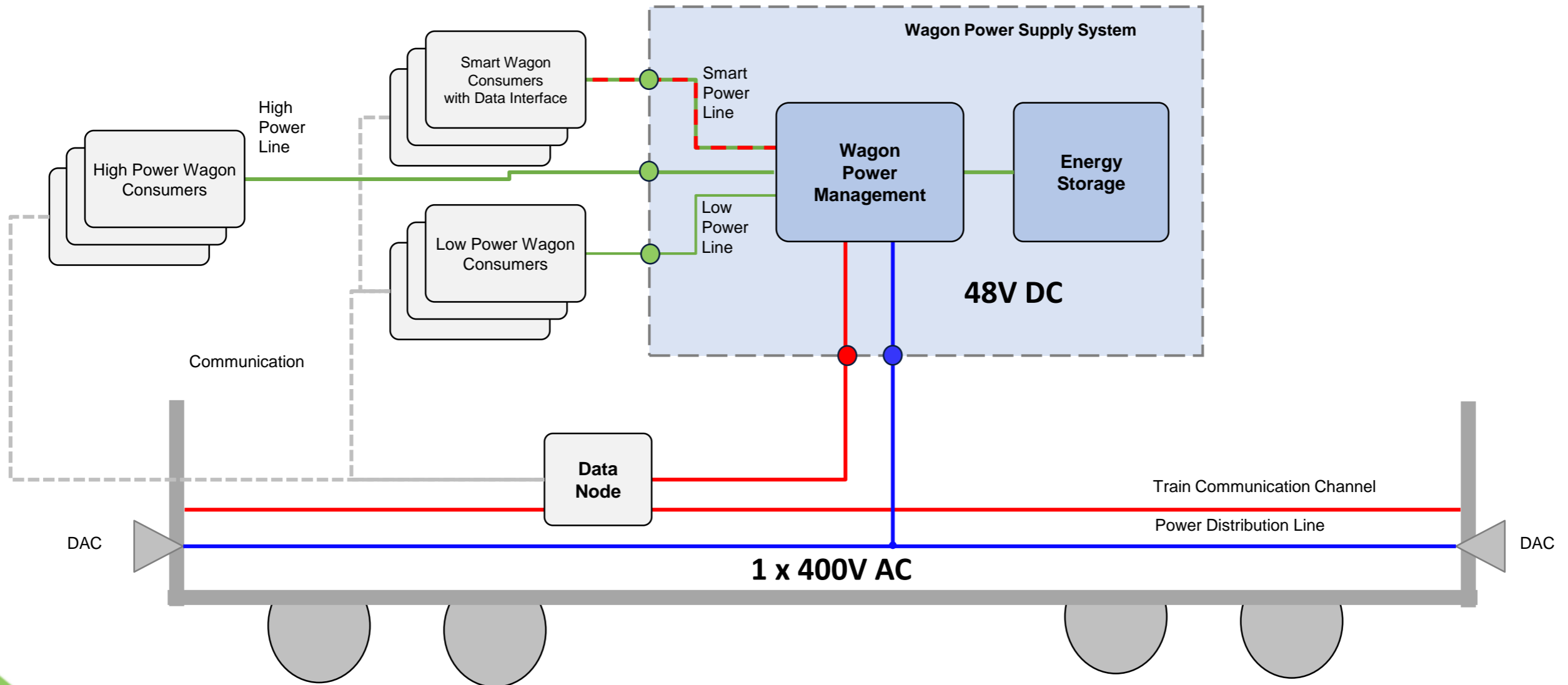
Standardization of interfaces for the DAC

Standardization activities in CEN/TC256/WG33 ongoing

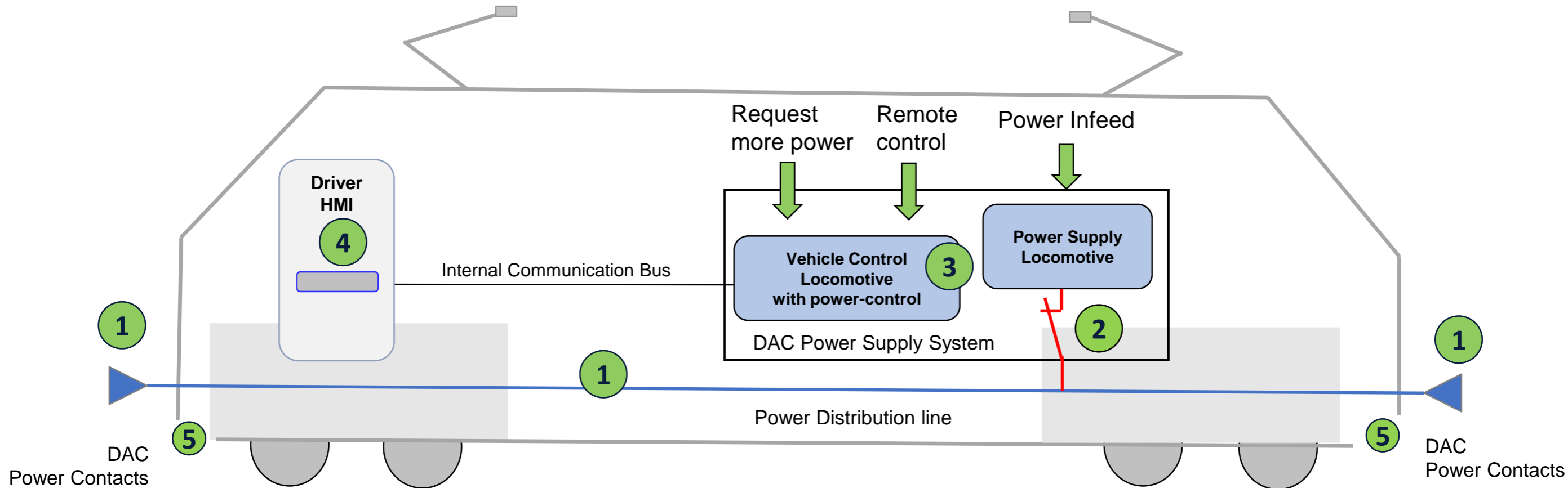
# All open technical issues need to be solved during next months to start testing



# Draft system architecture of electrical energy system on the wagon



# Draft system architecture of electrical energy system on the locomotive



- 1** DAC with coupler contacts and uninterrupted power distribution line
- 2** Power supply system of the locomotive for DAC
- 3** Functionality of locomotive power management
- 4** Operation and control for the locomotive driver
- 5** Push-buttons for switching-off electrical energy at the sides of a loco (optional)