

# Forum Train Europe FTE

The European coordination platform of  
railway undertakings



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PLANNING TRAINS TO CONNECT EUROPE

## Redesigning Timetabling (TTR) for Effective Capacity Management

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# Who we are?



## Mission

FTE is the European platform for Railway Undertakings for Capacity Management and Timetabling



## What is FTE about?

- 🚂 Discussion platform for passenger and freight RUs to consolidate the positions towards projects and key stakeholders (e.g. IMs)
- 🚂 Promotion of European-wide standardisation
- 🚂 Advisor and co-developer of European capacity management processes (e.g. TTR program) and IT (e.g. PCS, ECTM)
- 🚂 Timetabling conferences to coordinate international trains
- 🚂 Networking

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Almost 90 members in all over Europe

Passenger and Freight RUs

incumbents & new entrants

Non-RU capacity applicants

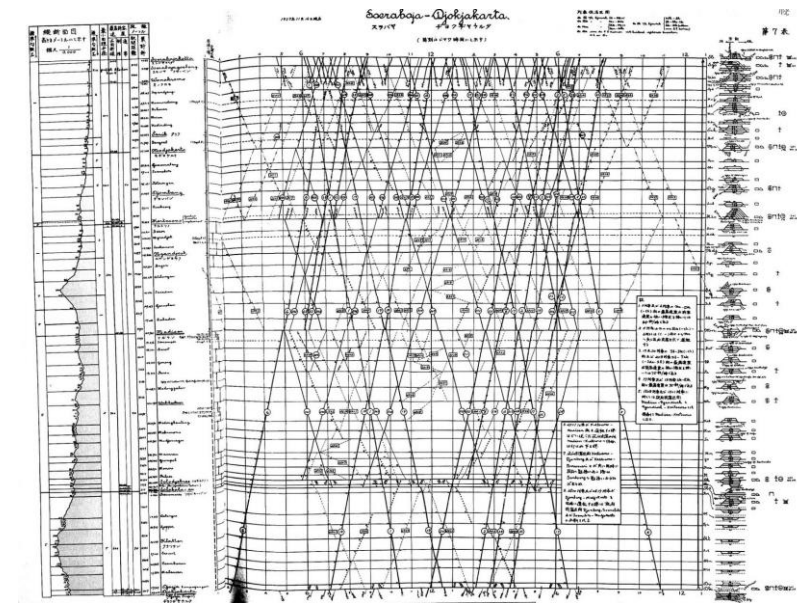
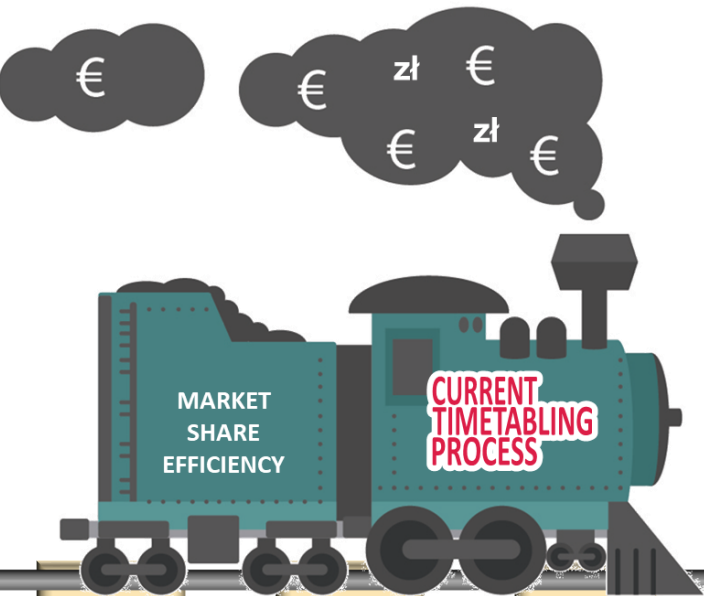
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# — What is TTR?

The **Timetabling Process Redesign** (TTR) is a programme:

- To upgrade capacity management processes to the 21st Century needs
- Make the Single European Railway Market reality in the Capacity Management
- Digitalise and automatise the processes



## — TTR – the sector approach

Joint TTR programme was launched in 2014 by FTE/RNE with the support of ERFA. Today has full attention of the EC, IRG-Rail and other stakeholders.



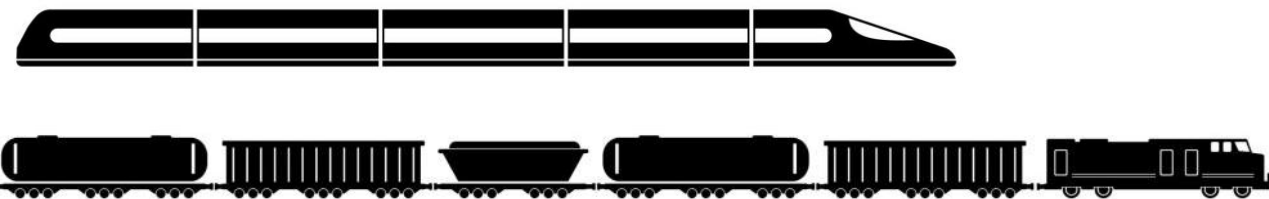
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**Already in 2014 was late!**  
**Changing system and philosophy takes years...**

# What should TTR bring to the sector?

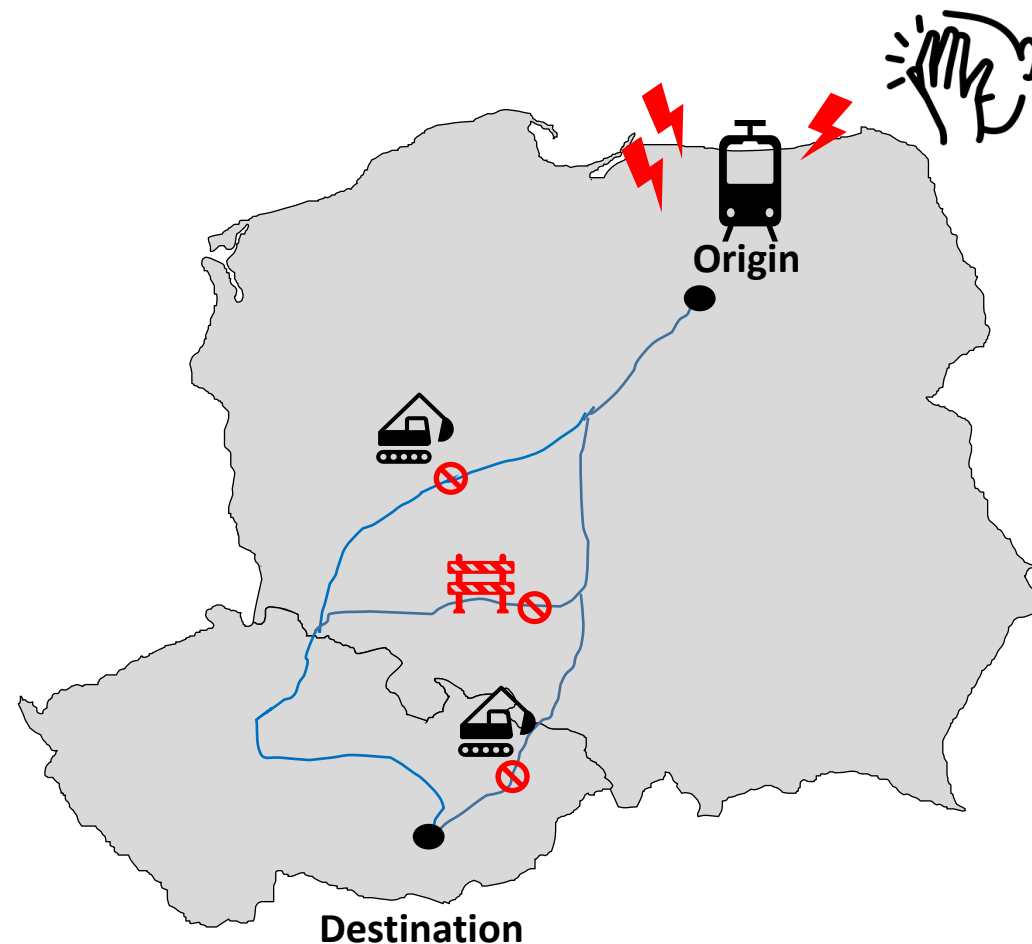
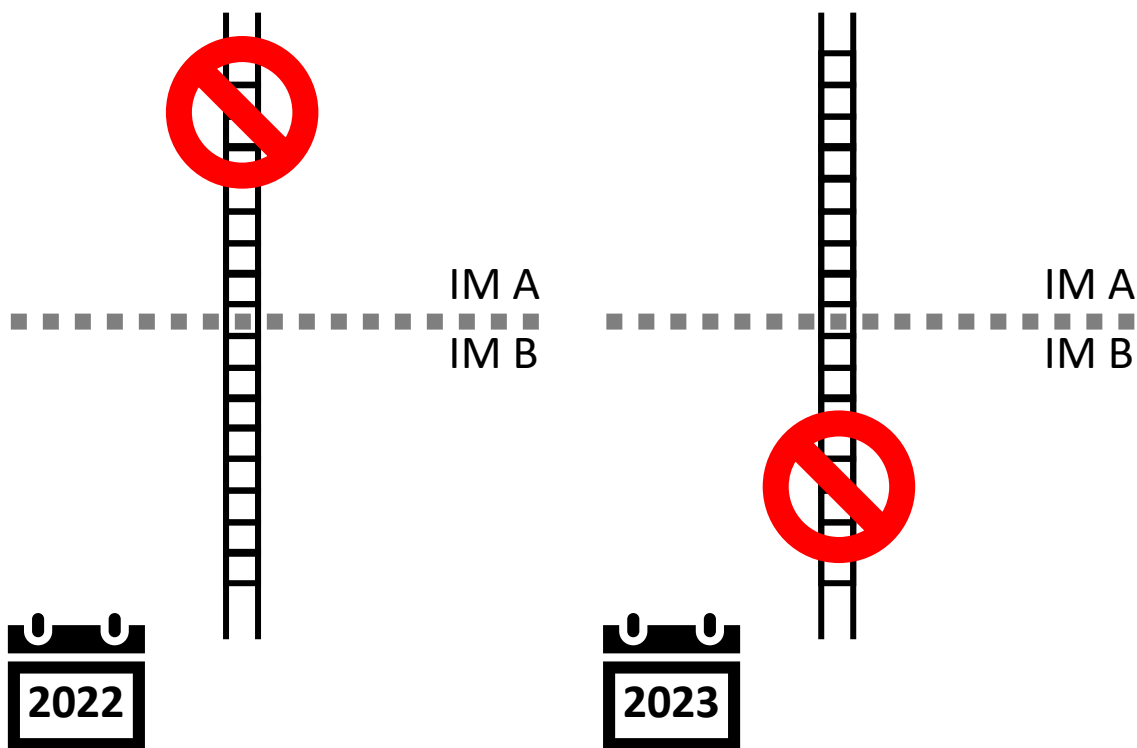
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# Temporary Capacity Restrictions (TCRs) not coordinated

1 one TCR ends, another begins on the same line

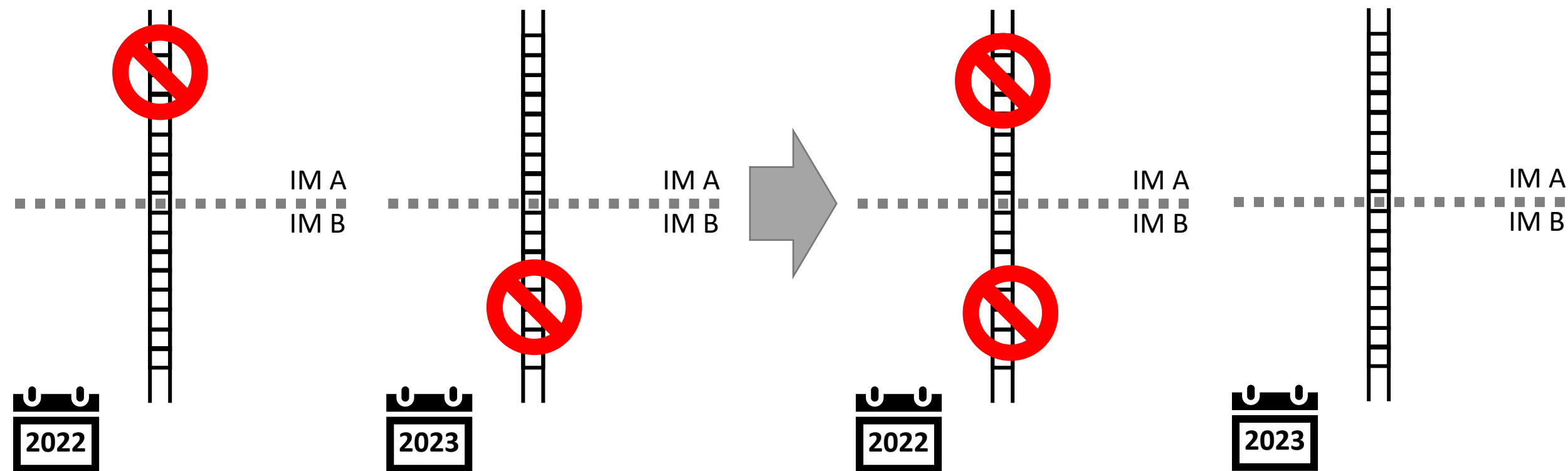
2 TCRs at the same time on re-routing lines





# — Proper and reliable TCR planning

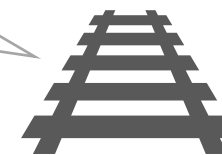
- Timely TCR planning – coordination nationally and internationally  
→ **more capacity on existing infrastructure**



# TCR planning

Information about TCRs often too late  
TCR information is not user-friendly

Here is the TCR overview  
for next 3 months!



OKRESOWY HARMONOGRAM ZAMKNIĘĆ TOROWYCH W OKRESIE 13.03.2022 - 11.06.2022																	
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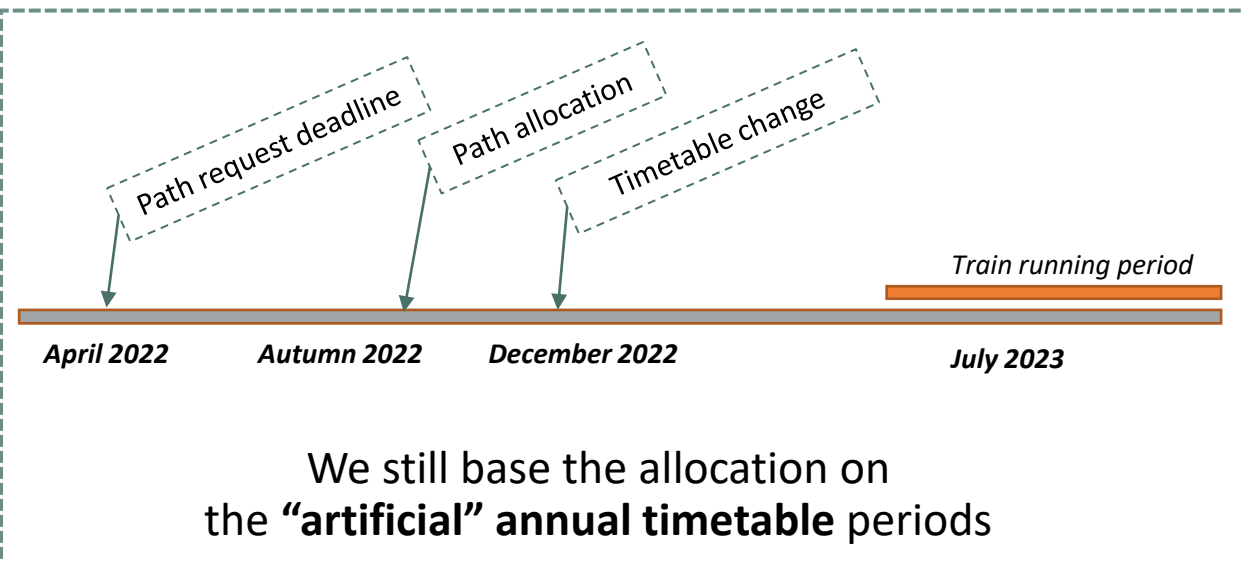


Excel file...2653 rows with TCRs?  
And that is only 1 IM

Train cancellations...  
Longer and more  
expensive re-routings...


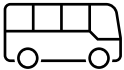



# Capacity allocation: behind the market needs



**The allocation for passenger RUs is too late!**

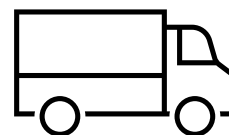
Current start of ticket sales

	1-2 months in advance
	4-5 months in advance
	6-11 months in advance

Better to know  
8-15 months  
ahead...

**The allocation for freight RUs  
is too early and not flexible**

Just tell me  
the day before



## — Earlier ticket sales

Annual timetable allocation will be earlier than today:

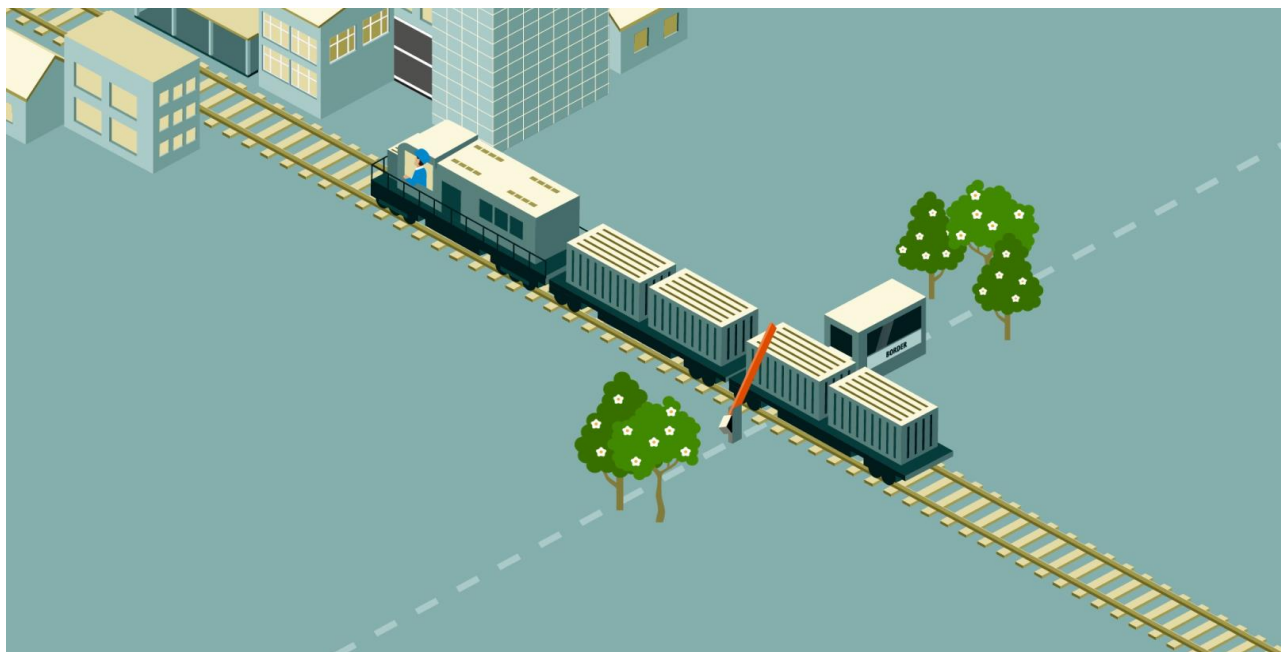
→ **Earlier ticket sales** for passengers (tickets for Christmas already in summer)



# — Earlier and more stable TCR planning

Stabilisation of timetables **several month prior the train departure:**

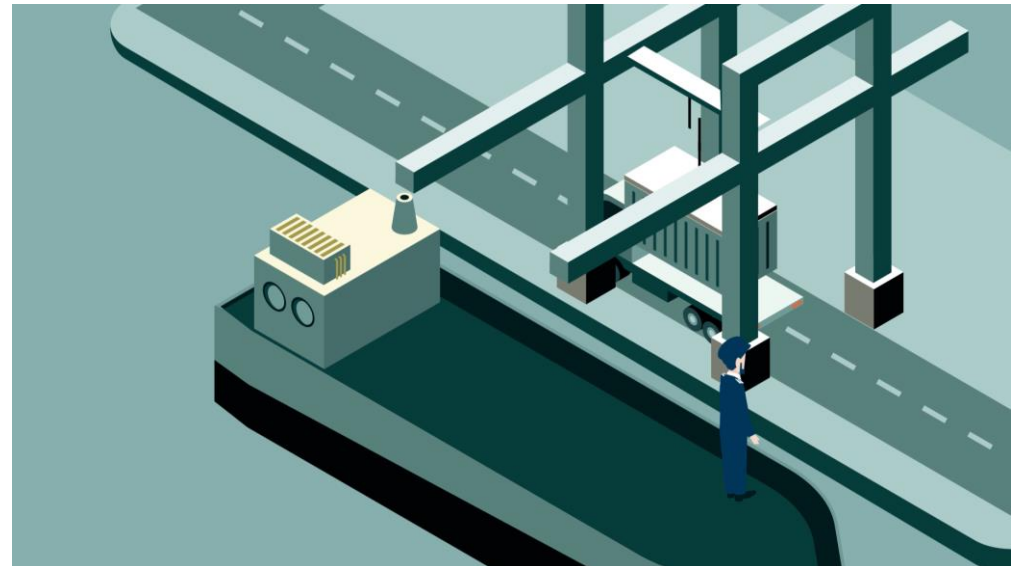
- **Earlier ticket sales** for passengers
- **Higher passenger satisfaction** (no changes in timetables after ticket is sold)
- Easier shift and loco planning for both passenger and freight RUs
- **Higher predictability and better service** for rail freight customers





# — New product: Rolling Planning

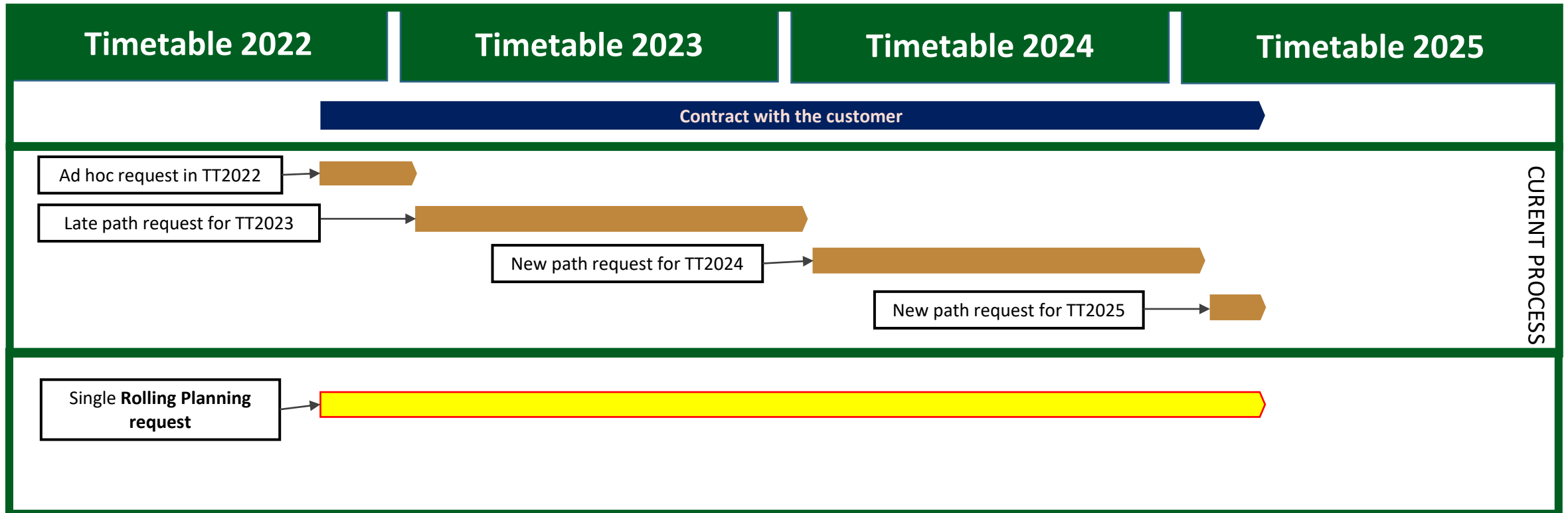
- Freight RUs get contracts every month – freight **cannot wait 8-15 months** for good capacity.
  - Need for **good safeguarded capacity\*** from Annual Timetable, ready for requests when the freight RU already knows the contract details.
- **Competitive capacity at short notice**



\* Not only residual capacity after TCRs for ad hoc.

# — New product: Rolling Planning

- Freight contracts (compared to passenger) do not correspond to annual timetable period  
→ **Single request with multi-annual validity** for the whole transport contract period.  
→ No need to request several times in several TT-periods.



# Critical problem: National thinking

Often good  
intentions

Negative  
impact



National thinking



Network thinking

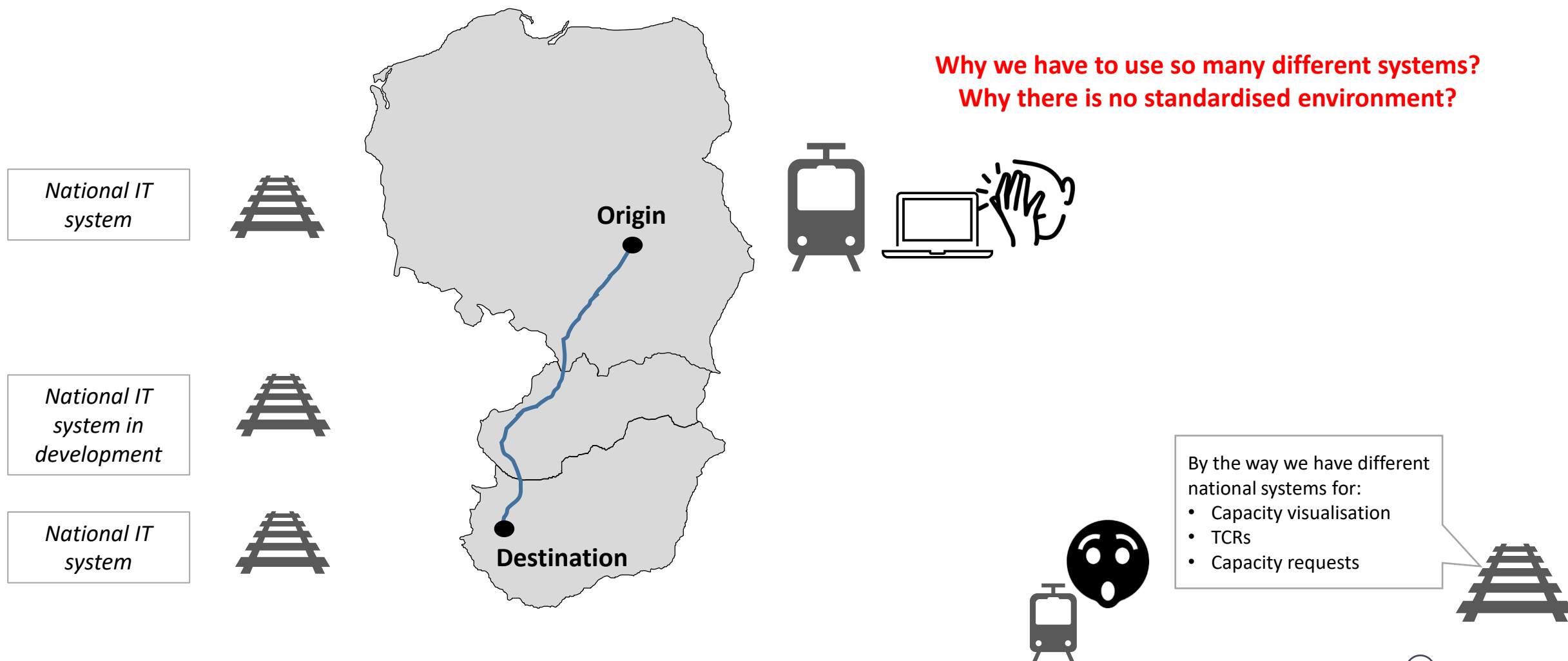
## — Harmonisation of national processes

Fragmented national capacity management processes will unify. Easier access to capacity, easier cross-border operation: **all countries = same rules** → **less workload, less bureaucracy**

**Single European  
Railway Area**



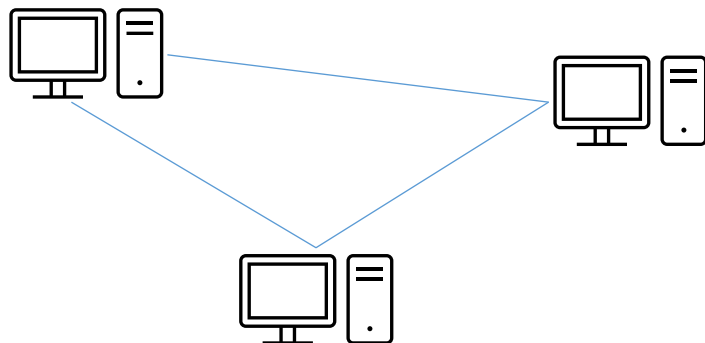
# — National thinking (process and IT)



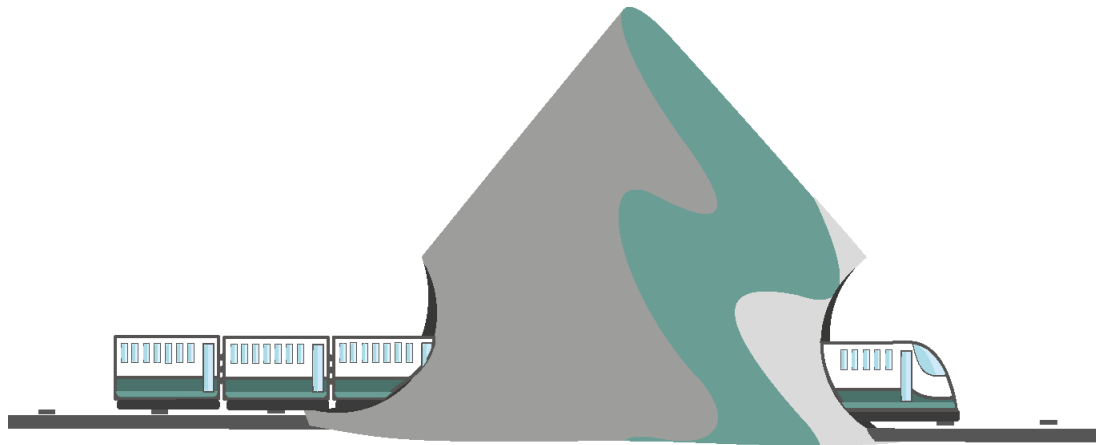


# — Digitalisation

- All **systems connected to European IT Landscape**
- Requesting paths for all countries via common standardised TAF/TAP TSI ecosystem\*
- Visualisation of capacity and TCR impact (stop to extensive excel files)
- **Automation and optimisation** of processes:
  - Better quality of timetables
  - Lower workload – less costs



# Summary and TTR implementation



# — Overview: Benefits, Challenges, Threats

## Benefits

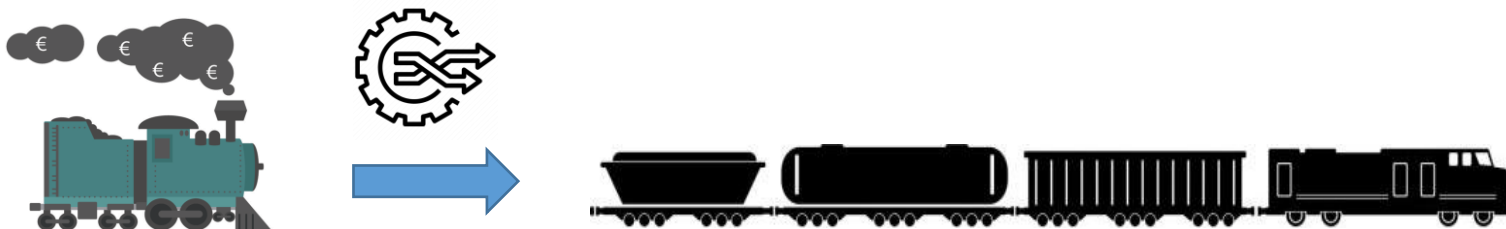
- **Conceptual and long-term planning**
  - stable and predicative business
  - less replanning, lower costs
- **Better utilisation of existing capacity**
  - more capacity, shorter travel times
  - Higher competitiveness for rail,
  - New business opportunities
- **Transparent environment**
- **Process harmonisation** in whole Europe
  - easier operation internationally → lower costs
- **Digitalisation and automation**
  - lower costs

## Challenges

- Change Management → organisations and thinking must change (both IMs and RUs)
- IT systems might need investments

## Threats

- Countries will do own “national” TTR interpretation
- IMs implement in different speed
- RUs and sector not ready on time
- Low awareness of TTR and disinformation



# — Low awareness of TTR

- Low awareness → disinformation
- Examples of repetitive mistakes:

✗ *TTR is only about international timetabling*



✗ *TTR is not possible when there are many infrastructure upgrades (TCRs)*



✗ *In TTR, RUs will have to request capacity 2-3 years ahead  
...flexibility will be lower...*

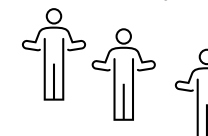
~~ad hoc~~

✗ *TTR is only for western EU countries*

We are special  
I am different



We are special



# — TTR implementation

The European plan is to implement TTR for 2025  
(with first deliverables already in 2022)

Some IMs are progressing (also in CEE region)

The European Commission:

- started the process of EU law revision to support TTR
- made available funding for implementation



**We need you on board! And now!**  
**It is an opportunity!**  
**Together IMs-RUs can make future better!**



IMs implementing TTR and having national project manager



# Where to get more information about TTR?

- TTR Article in Polish in Miesięcznik Rynek Kolejowy (10/2022)
- TTR video in English / Polish: Forum Train Europe [YouTube](#)
- TTR Brochure in English: <https://ttr.rne.eu/ttr-media-2/>
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