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SFERA (Smart communications For Efficient Rail Activities)

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Final Goal

Reduce energy consumption & costs through standardization of digital language used by connected Driving Advisory Systems (c-DAS) (reduce technical barriers for the exchange of data and prices)



Use of DAS in Europe is very low (1-3%)

There is a large potential for expansion leading to energy & cost savings

Standardization is needed to assist market uptake of the best technology; c-DAS (in preference to DAS level 1)

- conclusion of the Eco-driving, DAS and ATO Workshop at UIC on 10th February 2016



Added Value

- What's in?
 - Data exchange between trains and traffic management, in case of disturbed traffic in order to improve energy consumption and punctuality
- How will this develop the future European railway system?
 - Standardized language is needed by traffic control to manage multiple operators, or operators using different DAS systems
 - Standardization will allow the development of more DAS products, improving efficiency and performance whilst reducing costs

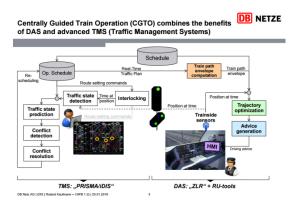


Project duration and financial advantages

- 3 years (2017, 2018 and 2019)
- Financial benefit: Supporting c-DAS deployment
 - Current energy traction costs for EU rail sector about 6,000 million Euros per year
 - Connected-DAS leads energy reductions between 8% and 12%. A reduction of 5% will result in an annual saving around 300 million Euros.
 - SFERA project will support the deployment of connected-DAS systems









Planned strategy for implementation

- Main actions to obtain the standard will include:
 - To identify data exchange formats

 (from previous projects, On-Time, Capacity for rail, etc..)
 - Interviews with key stakeholders
 - Working group to define technical requirements
 - To create a standard for data exchange
 - To review and approve the final output within the frame of the Working Group
- International Railway Standard (IRS) will be the final outcome of the project
- All the inputs on the topic are welcome



Interested Members

- Support of main UIC groups on energy efficiency
 - EES Platform (Willy Bontinck, Chairman)
 - Energy Efficiency and CO2 Experts Network
- 8 UIC members have already expressed their technical interest to develop the project
- For additional interested UIC members, please contact castanares@uic.org
- Final decision and next steps of the project will be approved by the end of the year



■ ■ Thank you for your kind attention!

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