

# SFERA STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

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Communication with Driver Advisory Systems  
IRS 90940

# INTRODUCTION (11:00-12:00)

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## *THE SFERA PROJECT / Organisation*

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# WHO WE ARE



Cooperation  
between Railway Undertakings and  
Infrastructure Managers

- + Coherency
- + Interoperability
- + Competitiveness

# WHO WE ARE



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

| Making railways greener, quieter and more energy efficient



CO2 reduction  
Standardization of energy  
management

# WHO WE ARE

## Infrastructure Manager

DB Netz  
SNCF Réseau  
ProRail  
Infrabel  
SBB  
Trafikverket  
ÖBB  
Bane NOR

## Railway Undertaking

DB Cargo  
SNCF Mobilités  
NS  
SNCB  
SBB



#Drivers

#DAS

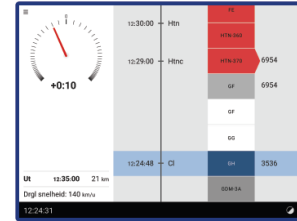
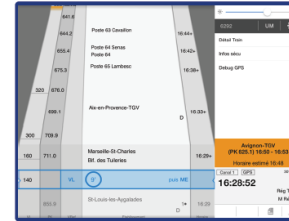
#Traffic management

#Energy management

# WAS IST DAS ?

## Driver Advisory System

- Tool providing advice to the driver in order to **be on time & save energy**.
- It can be **stand-alone** or **connected** to the Traffic Management System.



# SFERA PROJECT

**Smart communications  
For  
Efficient  
Rail  
Activities**

## TARGETS



- Facilitate the use of Connected-Driver Advisory Systems (C-DAS) for international traffic by standardizing the data exchange between on-board systems and Traffic Management Systems (TMS).
- Automate the transmission of TMS decisions to all trains in a multi-RU environment, by implementing the conditions for the development of "off the shelf" C-DAS products.

The scope includes both ERTMS/ETCS Limited Supervision and Class B train protection systems.



## OUTPUT

UIC International Railway Solution 90940 (IRS 90940) defining these data exchange requirements : model, content, format and mechanisms of C-DAS data exchange between on-board and ground systems



# WHY WE DO IT ?

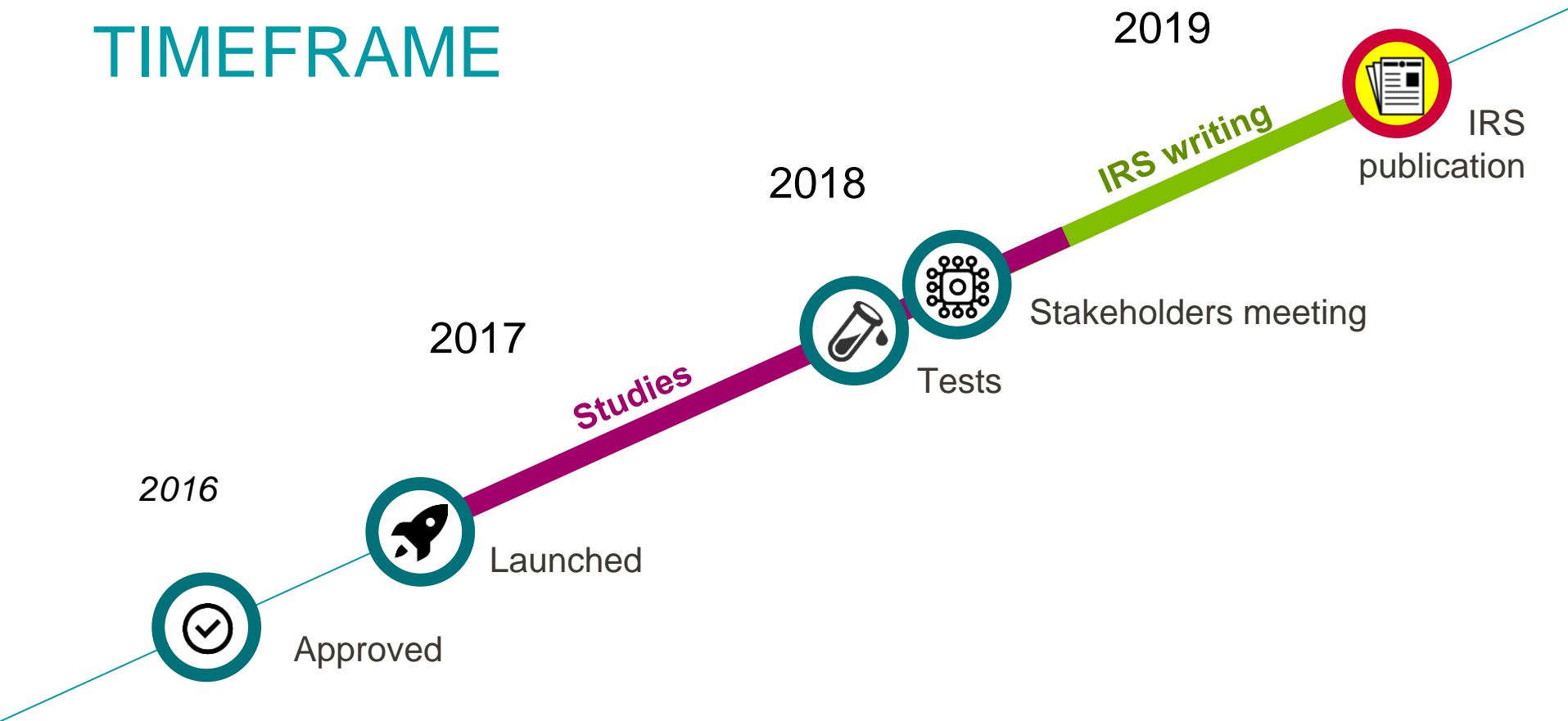
- Energy costs for EU railways total about 6 Billion € per year
- DAS is a **major lever to reduce energy consumption**: average savings are estimated between 5-10% for simple DAS and up to 12% for connected-DAS
- Current **implementation is very low**
- **Different solutions** are developed
- **Different communication protocols** used by infrastructure managers

# WHAT'S THE PROBLEM ?

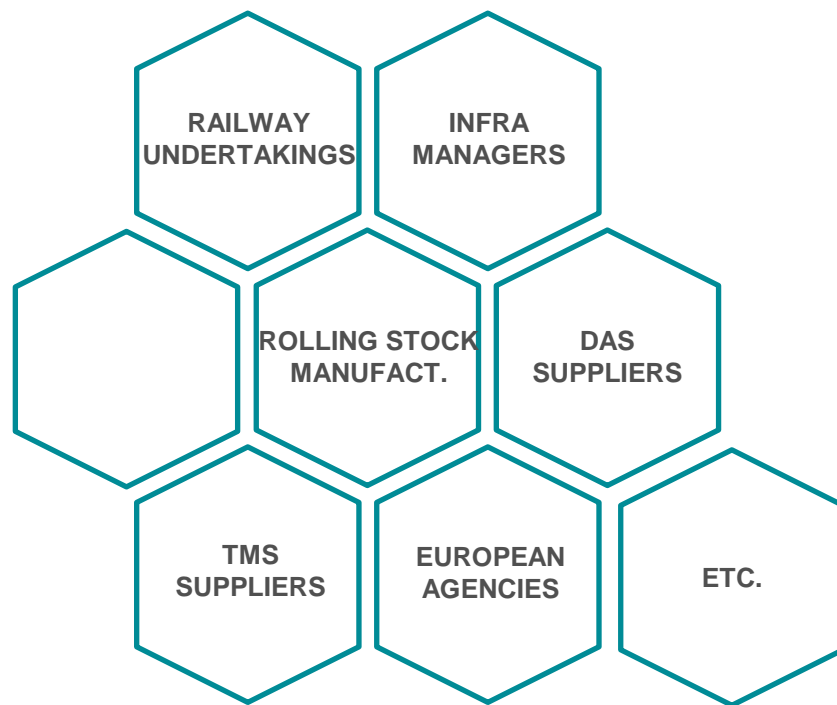
If we don't do SFERA, the risks are :

- ✗ Each actor will develop a system on its own (algorithm, data, functional rules...)
- ✗ Systems will not be interoperable → difficult for international railways to reduce their energy consumption and costs
- ✗ Infrastructure Manager will have to be able to handle different languages according to the DAS used by the railway operators
- ✗ Higher costs for DAS systems if each project needs to define its own protocol
- ✗ Difficulty in the evolution of the systems
- ✗ ...

# TIMEFRAME



# WHO YOU ARE



# WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Get your feedbacks in order to improve the IRS :



QUESTIONS



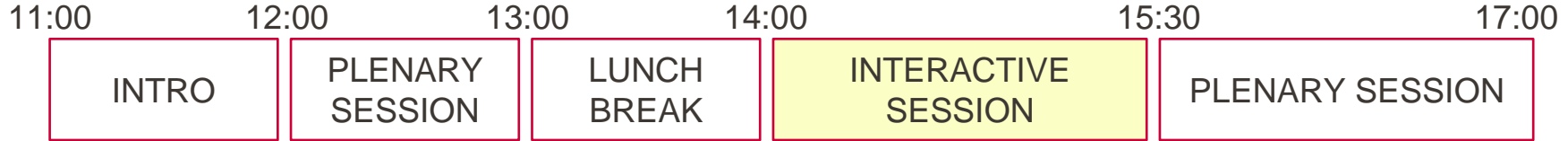
RISKS IDENTIFIED



REMARKS

And after the meeting on: [sferafeedback@gmail.com](mailto:sferafeedback@gmail.com)

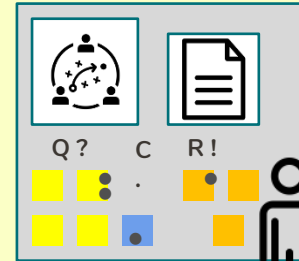
# ORGANIZATION OF THE DAY



6 stands = 6 topics  
2 project members

## 1 / Write down on post-its :

- → Your questions
- → Your comments
- → The risks that you identify



## 2 / Vote with stickers on the post-its that make sense to you



# INTRODUCTION

## *THE SFERA PROJECT / How we do it*

Jan HOOGENRAAD – NS

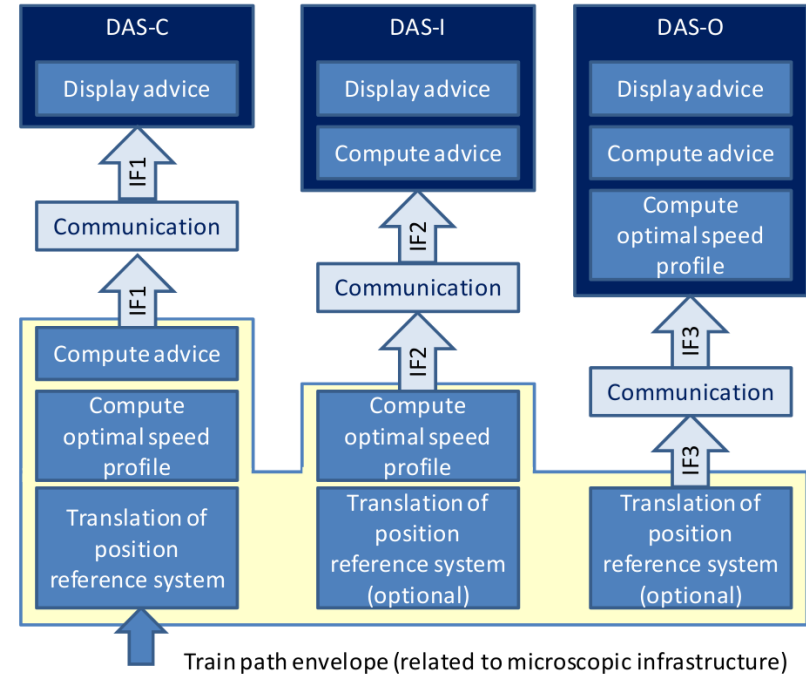
# PROBLEM DEFINITION – BIRDS EYE



- DAS and ATO need good data
- The simplest case is S-DAS, where data is loaded once to train / tablet
- S-DAS should be internationally interoperable, too
- Even for S-DAS, no data standard was present
- C-DAS is just data updates (DAS-O) or moving parts of calculations (DAS-I, DAS-C)

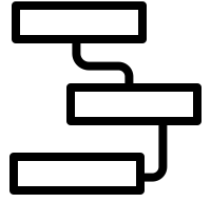
So:

- SFERA project first tackled S-DAS
- Then, the project proceeded to C-DAS and ATO





# WORK PACKAGES



## Work Package 1: S-DAS (Standalone DAS)

- ➔ Main objective: Define data format
- ➔ Formalise data communication roles and processes

## Work Package 2: C-DAS (Connected DAS)

- ➔ Extend S-DAS work and define
  - Use cases
  - Model
  - Data format

## Work Package 3: DX (Data Exchange)

- ➔ Define data exchange methods and protocols between on-board and ground (TMS) systems

# WAY OF WORKING



- Group with representatives of IM-s and RU-s
  - Takes into account all national particularities
  - Consults with internal organisation and suppliers
  - Makes a proposal
  - Bi-weekly conference calls
  - Bi-monthly group meetings
- 
- End product tested

# RELATED PROJECTS



For each of the projects below, Link person(s) have been assigned from SFERA

ON-TIME Project (*Optimal Networks for Train Integration Management across Europe*)

- Link: ON-TIME has developed a “Specification of a driving advisory systems (DAS) data format” ([Deliverable 6.1](#))

ERA/Shift2Rail ATO (Automatic Train Operation)

- Link: ERA and Shift2Rail are working on ATO over ERTMS. They limit their scope to C-DAS and ATO under ETCS Full Supervision, not covering other train protection systems.

railML and RailTopoModel

- Link: railML is a language to model railway data and RailTopoModel is a topology model of the railway system.

# QUALITY PROCESS SETUP



## INTERNAL APPROVAL

IRS should be accepted by all opt-in members.

## STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

External parties (e.g. non-SFERA RUs, IMs, manufacturers of TMS + DAS systems, ERA, Shift2Rail, railML) are welcomed to give feedback

## IMPLEMENTATION & TESTING

The SFERA railways have performed the following 4 tests and reported the results:

1. First test: Develop test tools (proof-of-concept) that convert existing data to SFERA format
2. Second test: Convert data to SFERA and from SFERA to specific S-DAS devices
3. Third test: Live train runs for S-DAS
4. Fourth test: Validate compatibility with subset-126

# QUALITY OUTCOMES



## INTERNAL APPROVAL

All opt-in members support the solution, and are preparing for implementation

## STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

This workshop, and follow-up review rounds

## IMPLEMENTATION & TESTING

The SFERA railways have performed the following 3 tests and reported the results:

1. First test: Converted existing data to SFERA format from Infrabel, SNCF, NS, SBB
2. Second test: SFERA converted specific S-DAS devices: SNCF, NS
3. Third test: Live train runs for S-DAS: Thalys
4. Fourth test: Validate compatibility with subset-126



# IS THIS SUFFICIENT ?

PLEASE HELP US TODAY

Is the SFERA process sufficient to mitigate the risks ?

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