



Brussels, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Attn.: Licensed passenger railway undertakings in the EU and EEA

## **Invitation to participate in the TAP TSI implementation reporting – 4<sup>th</sup> company-specific report**

Dear colleagues,

In accordance with the regulation on the Technical Specifications for Interoperability relating to the telematics applications for passengers (“TAP TSI”), the European Commission has given the mandate to the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) to assess the implementation across Europe. For the purpose of TAP TSI, ERA has established the ‘TAP TSI Implementation Cooperation Group (ICG)’.

The purpose of the TAP TSI is to define European-wide procedures and interfaces between all types of railway industry actors such as passengers, railway undertakings, infrastructure managers, station managers, public transport authorities, ticket vendors and tour operators. The TAP TSI is designed to contribute to an interoperable and cost-efficient information exchange system for Europe that enables the provision of high quality journey information and ticket issuing to passengers in a cost effective manner, thus also fulfilling requirements of the Passenger Rights Regulation.

The Cooperation Group consists mainly of Member State (‘National Contact Point’), rail sector and ticket vendor representatives. Its main task is to collate and assess the status of TAP TSI implementation against the sector’s TAP TSI Implementation Masterplan of early 2013, to which many of your companies have contributed<sup>1</sup>.

For the upcoming third company-specific reporting campaign, the passenger railway undertakings are again asked to provide their implementation status reports, which will be submitted in a consolidated manner to the Agency via the rail sector’s representative bodies that are working together in the TAP TSI Common Support Group (CSG). The CSG is the key central driver of the rail sector for the TAP TSI implementation. It is composed of representatives and speakers of the relevant sector associations and their respective member railways.

Under the CSG a reporting tool was developed. It is hosted by CER to collect the TAP TSI implementation reports from your companies with the following benefits:

- report structure agreed between the Agency and CSG;

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<sup>1</sup> This masterplan is available for download at <http://www.era.europa.eu/Document-Register/Pages/TAP-TSI-Implementation.aspx>

- harmonised roadmap towards the upcoming TAP TSI Implementation Cooperation Group meetings led by the Agency;
- preliminary check and approval by the CSG before submission to the Agency.

With this letter, the CSG invites all passenger railway undertakings to use the CSG Reporting Tool as a service to meet TAP TSI obligations. The link to the CSG Reporting Tool will be provided to the appointed Company Project Managers at the beginning of the campaign.

If not yet done, you are kindly invited to appoint a Project Manager at your company who is in charge of TAP TSI implementation. You are also kindly asked to communicate his/ her name and contact details to Stefan Jugelt (TAPTSIProject@era.europa.eu) and to your National Contact Point, with copy to CSG staff <tap-irg.spk@cer.be>.

The **CSG Reporting Tool will be open for data input from from 26<sup>th</sup> November until 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**. This campaign for RU reporting concerns the TAP TSI retail functions related to Reservation, Ticketing, Timetable and Tariff data.

For any questions please contact the CSG staff <tap-irg.spk@cer.be>.

Thank you in advance for your collaboration and continued support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JM' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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