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## Article 4.3 Directive 2001/14/EC

Infrastructure managers shall cooperate to achieve the efficient operation of train services which cross more than one infrastructure network. They shall in particular aim to guarantee the optimum competitiveness of international rail freight and ensure the efficient utilisation of the Trans-European Rail Freight Network.

## Article 4.3 Directive 2001/14/EC (cont)

They may establish such **joint organisations** as are appropriate to enable this to take place.

Any cooperation or joint organisation shall be bound by the rules set out in this Directive.

## Article 15.1 Directive 2001/14/EC

### Cooperation in the allocation of infrastructure capacity on more than one network

Infrastructure managers shall cooperate to enable the efficient creation and allocation of infrastructure capacity which crosses more than one network. They shall organise international train paths, in particular within the framework of the Trans-European Rail Freight Network. ...

## RailNetEurope - Gateway to Europe

RailNetEurope business objectives are to

- increase the rail traffic on the European rail infrastructure network
- enable easy and fast access to the European rail infrastructure
- enhance the quality of the rail services offered and
- raise the efficiency of the related timetabling and operations processes.

To achieve these goals, RailNetEurope and its members act as ONE European Rail Infrastructure Company within the field of international rail traffic.

## Article 2 (j) Directive 2001/14/EC

"**network statement**" means the statement which sets out in detail the general rules, deadlines, procedures and criteria concerning the charging and capacity allocation schemes. It shall also contain such other information as is required to enable application for infrastructure capacity.

## Article 2 k) Directive 2001/14/EC

"railway undertaking" means any public or private undertaking, licensed according to applicable Community legislation, the principal business of which is to provide services for the transport of goods and/or passengers by rail with a requirement that the undertaking must ensure traction; this also includes undertakings which provide traction only

## Article 2 a) Directive 2001/14/EC

"applicant" means a licensed railway undertaking and/or an international grouping of railway undertakings, and, in Member States which provide for such a possibility, other persons and/or legal entities with public service or commercial interest in procuring infrastructure capacity, such as public authorities under Regulation (EEC) No 1191/69 and shippers, freight forwarders and combined transport operators, for the operation of railway service on their respective territories



## Article 3 Directive 2001/14/EC

- **Network statement**

1. The infrastructure manager shall, after consultation with the interested parties, develop and publish a network statement obtainable against payment of a duty which may not exceed the cost of publishing that statement.

## Article 3 Directive 2001/14/EC

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- **Network statement**

2. The network statement shall set out the nature of the infrastructure which is available to railway undertakings. It shall contain information setting out the conditions for access to the relevant railway infrastructure. The content of the network statement is laid down in Annex I.

- **Article 3 Directive 2001/14/EC**  
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**Network statement**

3. The network statement shall be kept up to date and modified as necessary.
4. The network statement shall be published no less than four months in advance of the deadline for requests for infrastructure capacity.

## **Annex I Directive 2001/14/EC**

### **Contents of the network statement**

The network statement referred to in Article 3 shall contain the following information :

1. A section setting out the nature of the infrastructure which is available to railway undertakings and the conditions of access to it.
2. A section on charging principles and tariffs.
3. A section on the principles and criteria for capacity allocation.

## Network Statement Working Group

**Initial Objective:** elaborating common guidelines for the contents of a Network Statement within the framework of directive 2001/14/EC with specifications for the minimum information level as well as the presentation format.

**New Objective:** support the development of user-friendly and customer-orientated Network Statements by defining a common presentation format.

## Remember:

- Determine the Target group
- Determine the Interested parties
- Long-term planning
- Access conditions
- Infrastructure's main characteristics
- Deadlines for applying
- Services
- Charges
- The information in the Network Statement has impact on the infrastructure manager's activities