

# Der europäische Fokus Schwerpunkte der UIP-Arbeit der kommenden Jahre

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# WHO WE REPRESENT

UIP is the umbrella organisation of **Private Wagon Keepers** and **Entities in Charge of Maintenance** (ECMs) in Europe.



## Our members:



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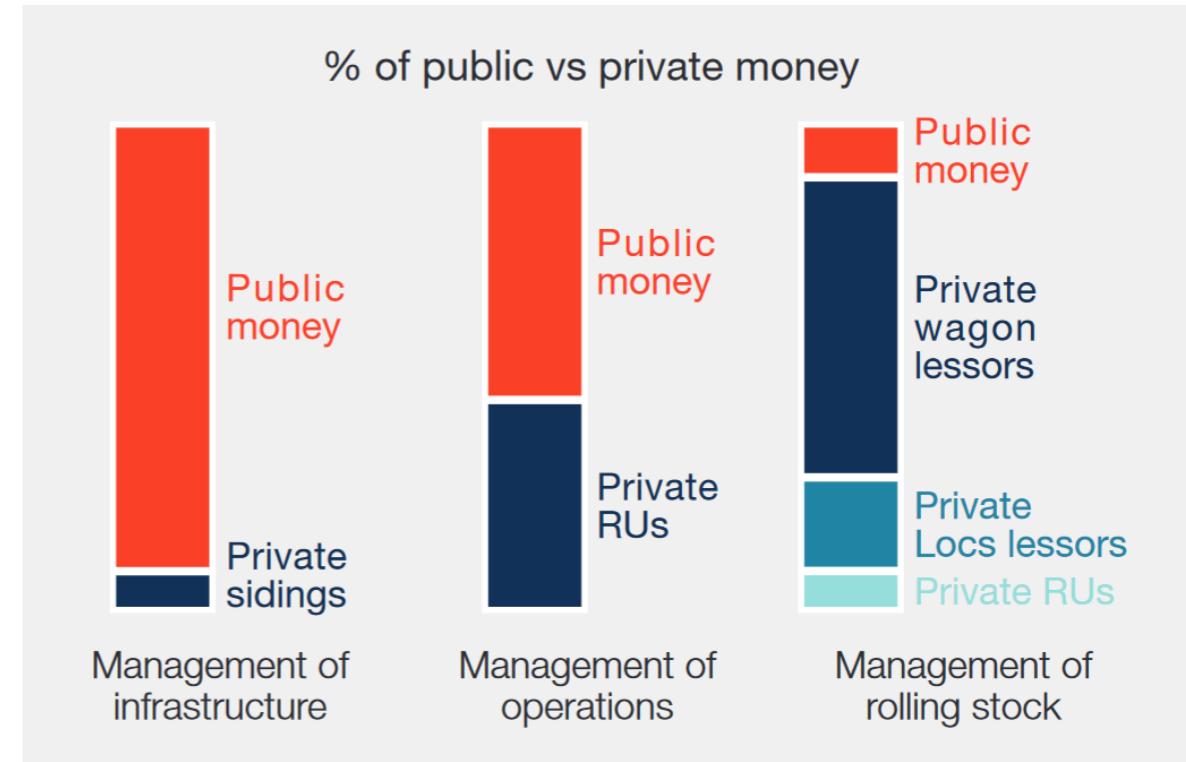


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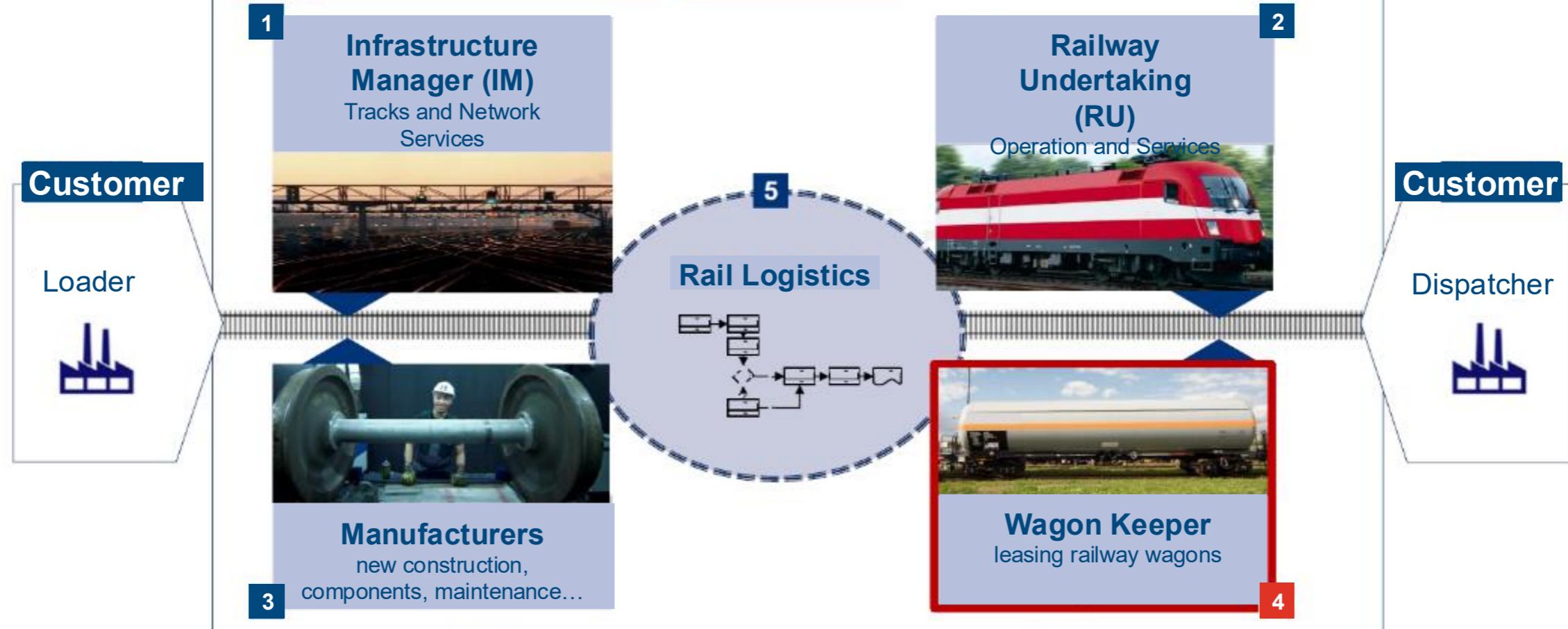
# WHO WE ARE

European Wagon Keepers manage **half of the European rail freight wagon fleet** (~250 000 wagons) and **invest EUR 2 billion annually** in new rolling stock.

They are responsible for **75 % of all new freight wagon registrations**.

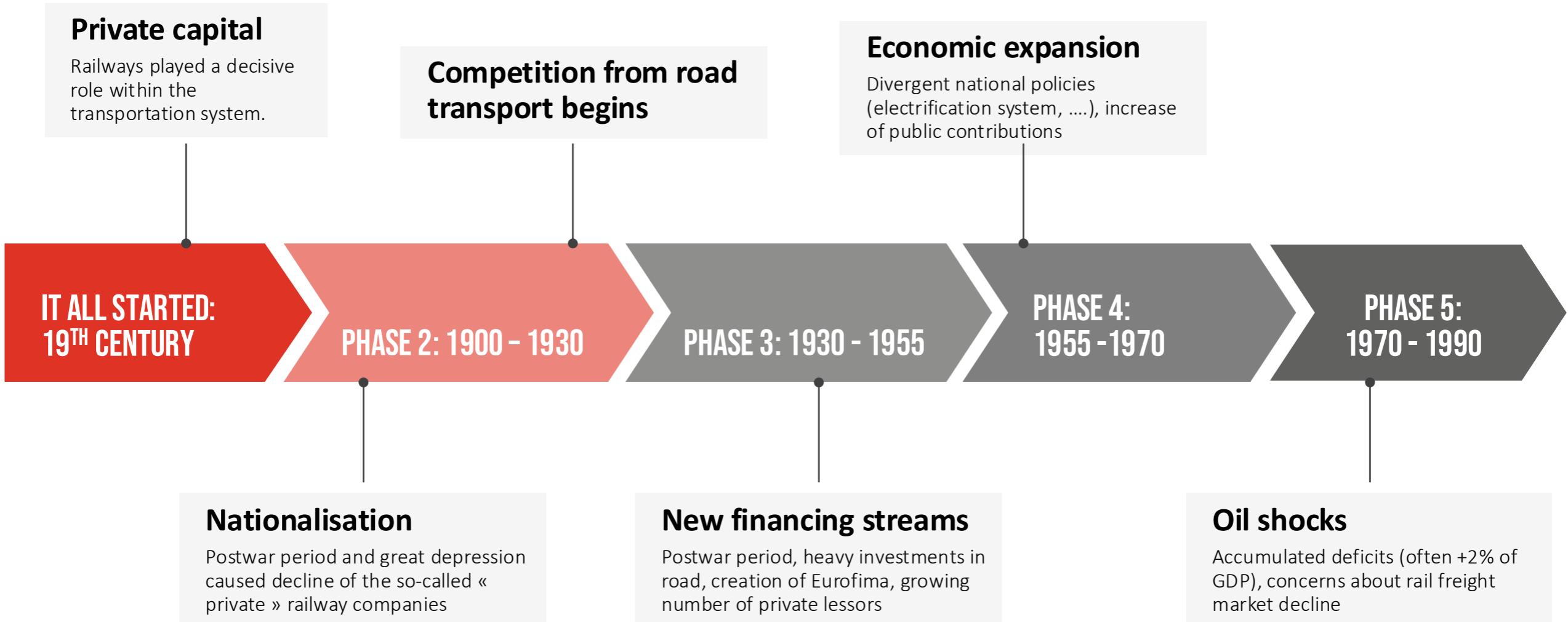


## Main Players in Rail Freight Transport



# FINANCING RAILWAYS

## THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS



# EVOLUTION OF LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN RAILWAY

## 25 YEARS OF EU POLICY



**1990**

91/440 liberalisation directive + 92/106 Combined Transport directive



**1995**

95/18 license RU + 95/19 IM charges + 96/48 Interop HS

**1996 WHITE PAPER** - A STRATEGY FOR REVITALISING THE COMMUNITY'S RAILWAYS

**2000**

1st railway package (2001) + 2001/16 Interop CONV

**2001 WHITE PAPER** – EUROPEAN TRANSPORT POLICY FOR 2010: TIME TO DECIDE

2<sup>nd</sup> railway package (2004) + 2004/881 ERA + 2004/49 Safety

**2005**

3<sup>rd</sup> railway package (2007) + 2008/57 Interop directive + 2008/110 Safety directive addendum

**2010**

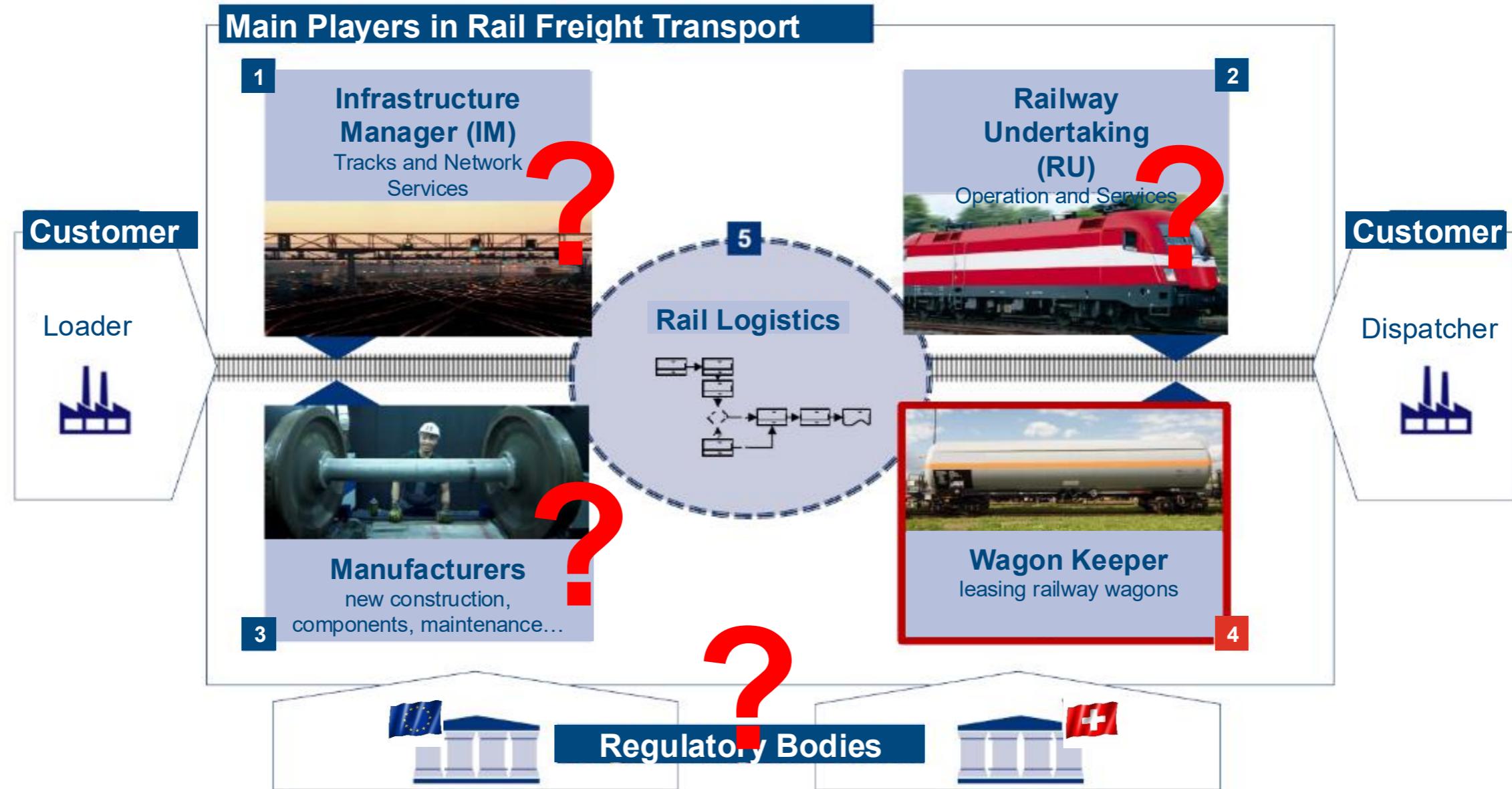
**2011 WHITE PAPER** – ROADMAP TO A SINGLE EUROPEAN TRANSPORT AREA

Recast of 1<sup>st</sup> railway package (2012/34) + Developing and financing common infrastructure policy

**2015**

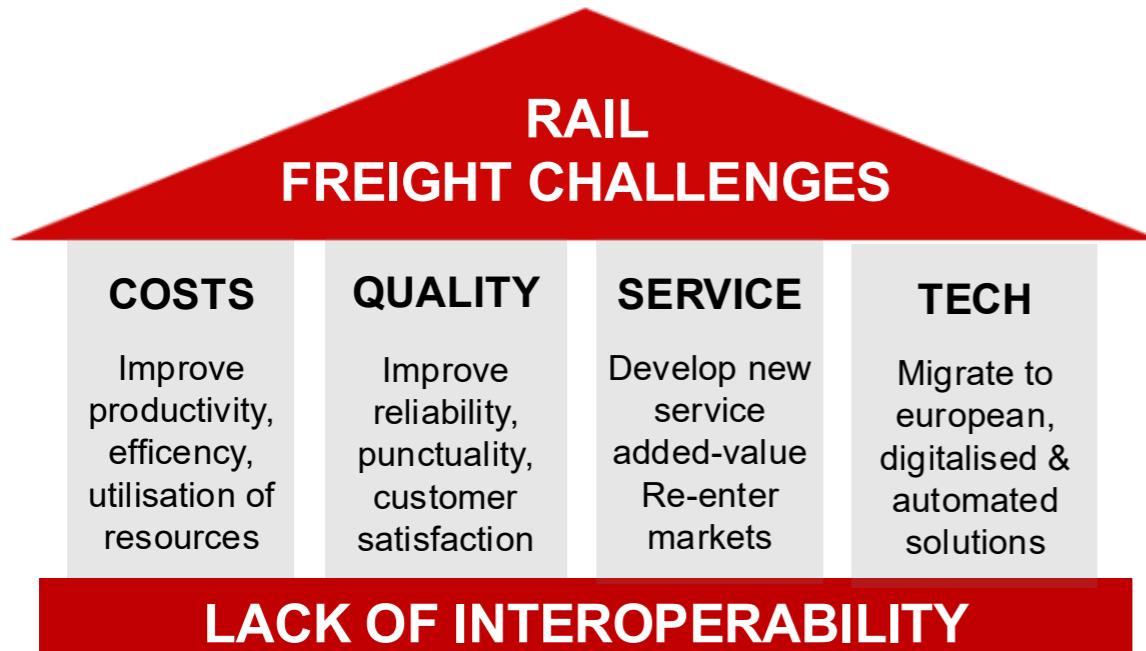
4<sup>th</sup> railway package (2016)

# OVERVIEW – QUESTIONS...



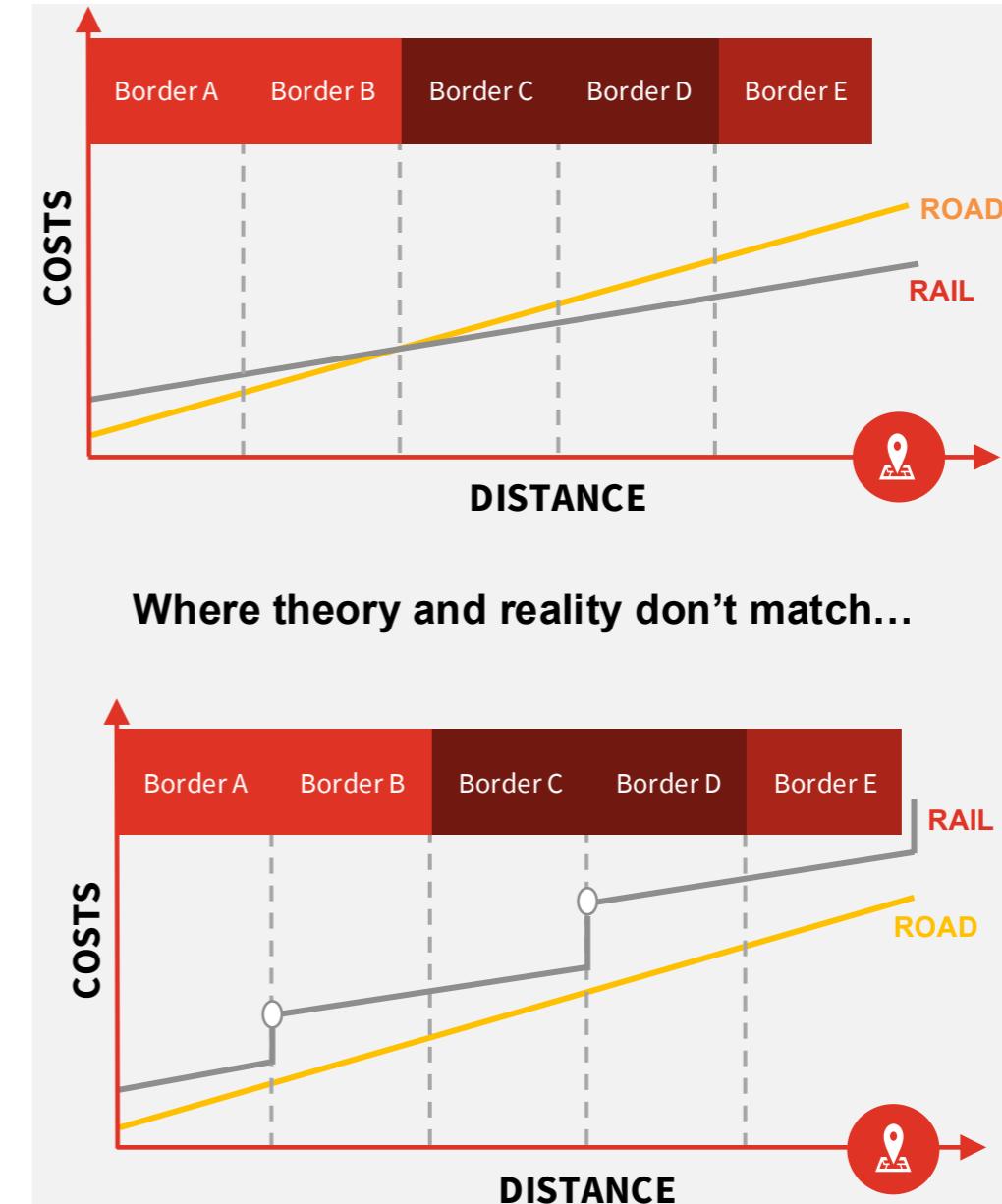
# MAKING A FULLY INTEROPERABLE RAILWAY SYSTEM IN THE EU

## FIRST PART OF THE DIGITAL CHALLENGE



### Addressing the challenges through

- EU regulatory framework
- EU financial support
- Collaboration between Stakeholders



# GENERAL POLICY PRIORITIES

## MOST RELEVANT FACTORS INFLUENCING THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF RAIL FREIGHT

### Infrastructure

- Insufficient and rather old
- Many bottlenecks
- Missing standardisation of last mile
- Insufficient transhipment capacity
- Built to address the needs of passenger traffic (160 – 200 km/h)

→ New TEN-T Regulation and CEF Funding

Infrastructure capacity is still lacking

### Capacity & traffic management

- Rigid timetable planning and not digital
- National thinking of IMs
- No pan-European operator
- Prioritisation of passenger traffic

→ capacity and allocation addressed by the cross-border rail capacity proposal

Traffic management rules remain national

### Train operations

- Inefficient due to lack of automation & digitalisation
- Insufficient customer-orientation
- Nationally fragmented operational rules (e.g. language requirement for train drivers, shunting )

→ Language requirements will be addressed in revision of train drivers Directive. ERA cleans up national rules.

Operations remain manual and non-harmonised

### Wagons (also applies to Locomotives)

- Availability of adequate and modern wagons
- Long life cycle (30-40 yrs)
- Upgrading wagons with innovative components
- Constant private investments
- Gradual shift from RU-owned to Private Keeper-owned wagons

→ Revision of State aid guidelines should facilitate national subsidies for innovation deployment and upgrades

Subsidising new builds distorts the market



DAC would make train operations more efficient, create more infrastructure capacity and increase the availability of rolling stock

# OUR VISION



For rail to take its place as the backbone of Europe's freight mobility, a **digital, automated, connected and customer-centric system** needs to be established, with:

- Enhanced **multimodal integration** of supply chains, and
- Accelerated **digital transformation** of rail freight

## Multimodal integration:

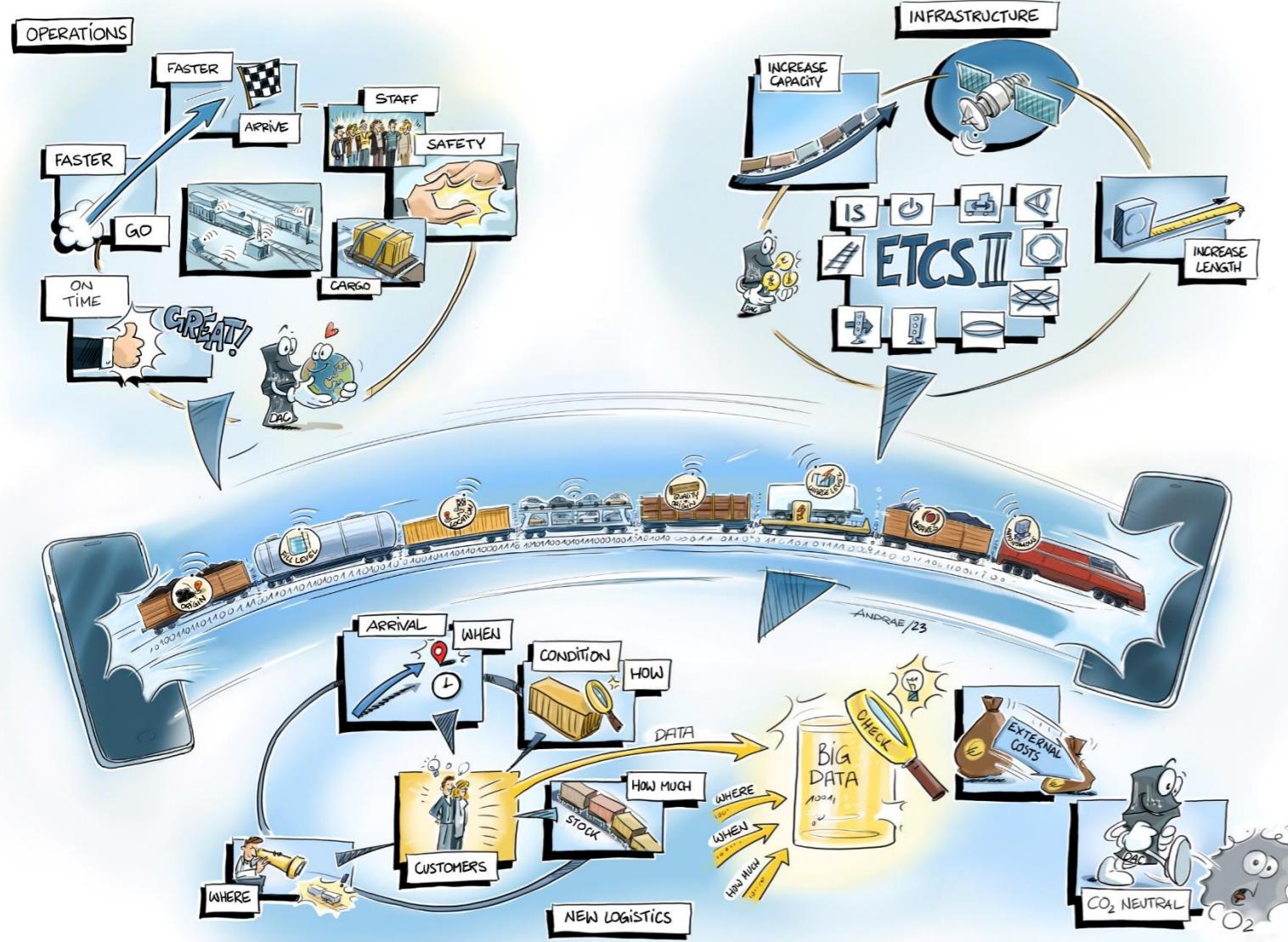
- ✓ Connection to ports and urban nodes
- ✓ Flexible and customized modular systems
- ✓ Integration in land planning to ensure capacity

## Digital transformation:

- ✓ Digital and smart infrastructure
- ✓ Digital processes to improve customer experience
- ✓ Fully digital freight train operations

# THE DIGITAL AUTOMATIC COUPLER

## THE BENEFITS FOR THE SYSTEM AND SOCIETY



### Operations

- “faster”
- safer
- longer / heavier

### Infrastructure

- from ATO to ETCS
- more capacity
- less new construction

### Assets

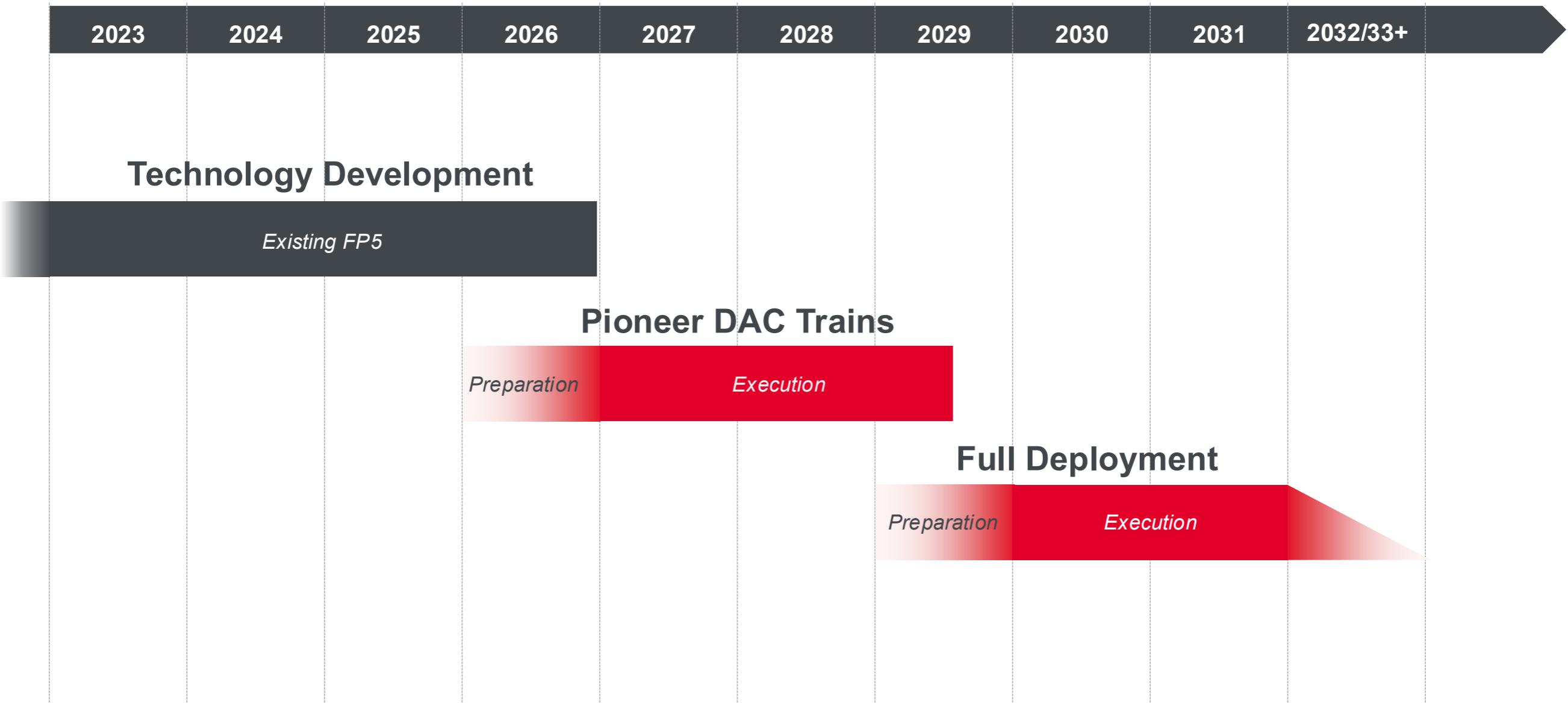
- condition-based maintenance
- attractive
- increased availability

### Customers

- reliable, fast transport, real-time tracking
- efficient cargo traffic ready for modal shift
- fully integrated into supply chains

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## TIMEPLAN - 3 PHASES OF DAC PROJECT



# LOGISTIC AS KEY FACTOR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

## QUESTIONING THE APPROACH AND THE ROLE OF RAIL IN LOGISTICS

Geopolitical risks have a significant impact on the global economic outlook, influencing economic growth, inflation, financial markets, and supply chains.



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 All modes

Or choose

 Air freight

 Sea freight

 Road freight

**Logistics contributes to economic growth, efficiency, and competitiveness**

- Efficient logistic reduces lead times, lowers operational costs, enhancing overall supply chain efficiency and resilience
- Efficient logistic can lead to faster delivery times, improved customer satisfaction, and cost savings, making businesses more attractive to consumers and investors. It provides competitive advantages.
- Efficient logistic enables small and medium-sized enterprises to reach wider markets beyond their local regions. It fosters access to new customers and opportunities, driving business growth and expansion.
- Efficient logistics stimulates economic growth by facilitating trade and consumption. It enables the movement of goods across regions and countries, promoting economic development and prosperity

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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