Roles in developing TSIs

Railway Interoperability and Safety Committee (RISC)
- Provides Commission with an opinion (a ‘vote’) on TSIs
- See note 4

European Commission
- Adopts and publishes TSIs

European Rail Agency (ERA)
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Other Sector Organisations
- Set up support group for each TSI to establish sector view
- Provide members (‘Speakers’) for ERA Working Parties

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UK MS
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DfT representative
- Is briefed by the TSI GB MG on progress with the TSI

ORR representative
- RSSB representative
- DfT representative
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RSSB
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GB Mirror Group (MG)
- Advises GB members of sector organisations
- Briefs the DfT representative at RISC on progress with the TSI as needed
- Develops GB specific cases
- Establishes a common GB view on TSI issues
- Drafts GB ‘TSI Strategic Direction’ for ISCC approval
- Briefs ISCC on progress with the TSI as needed

ERA working party (WP)
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UNIFE support group
- RIA

CER support group
- ATOC

EIM support group
- Network Rail

ISCC
- Approves TSI Strategic Direction
- Provides guidance to GB Mirror Groups

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1. Industry

The DfT circulates RISC papers to the industry in its Interoperability News Flash.

Where sufficient availability of papers is given, the GB mirror group establishes the GB industry view on the text of the TSI to be ‘voted’ on at RISC. The Chair of the GB mirror group briefs the DfT representative.

If the papers relating to a TSI that is subject to a ‘vote’ at RISC are available at short notice (a week or less before the RISC meeting), there would be no opportunity for the GB mirror group to coordinate the GB industry view. In this case, organisations in the GB rail industry should advise the DfT directly on their view of the TSI response to the Interoperability News Flash. This link is shown as a dotted line in the diagram.

2. ORR member at the ERA working party

The UK NSA (ORR) sends a member to the ERA working party. The ORR member at the ERA working party is appointed by the ORR Programme Board.

It is also very useful if the ORR member of the ERA working party is the same person as the ORR representative on the GB mirror group.

3. European Railway Agency

The European Railway Agency (ERA) sets up a project team to draft the TSI. The project team takes account of the views of the ERA working party, which reviews the draft TSI and proposes amendments as necessary.

The ERS also drafts the ‘recommendation’ on the TSI and the implementing of articles of the TSI for the European Commission. The implementing articles are the articles of the decision or regulation that implement the TSI. The TSI is an Annex to the decision or regulation.

4. RISC

The member state representatives at RISC express an opinion (‘vote’) on the implementing articles and the TSI.