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## **PCS Community: Cooperation between RNE and FTE**

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## General

## The FTE



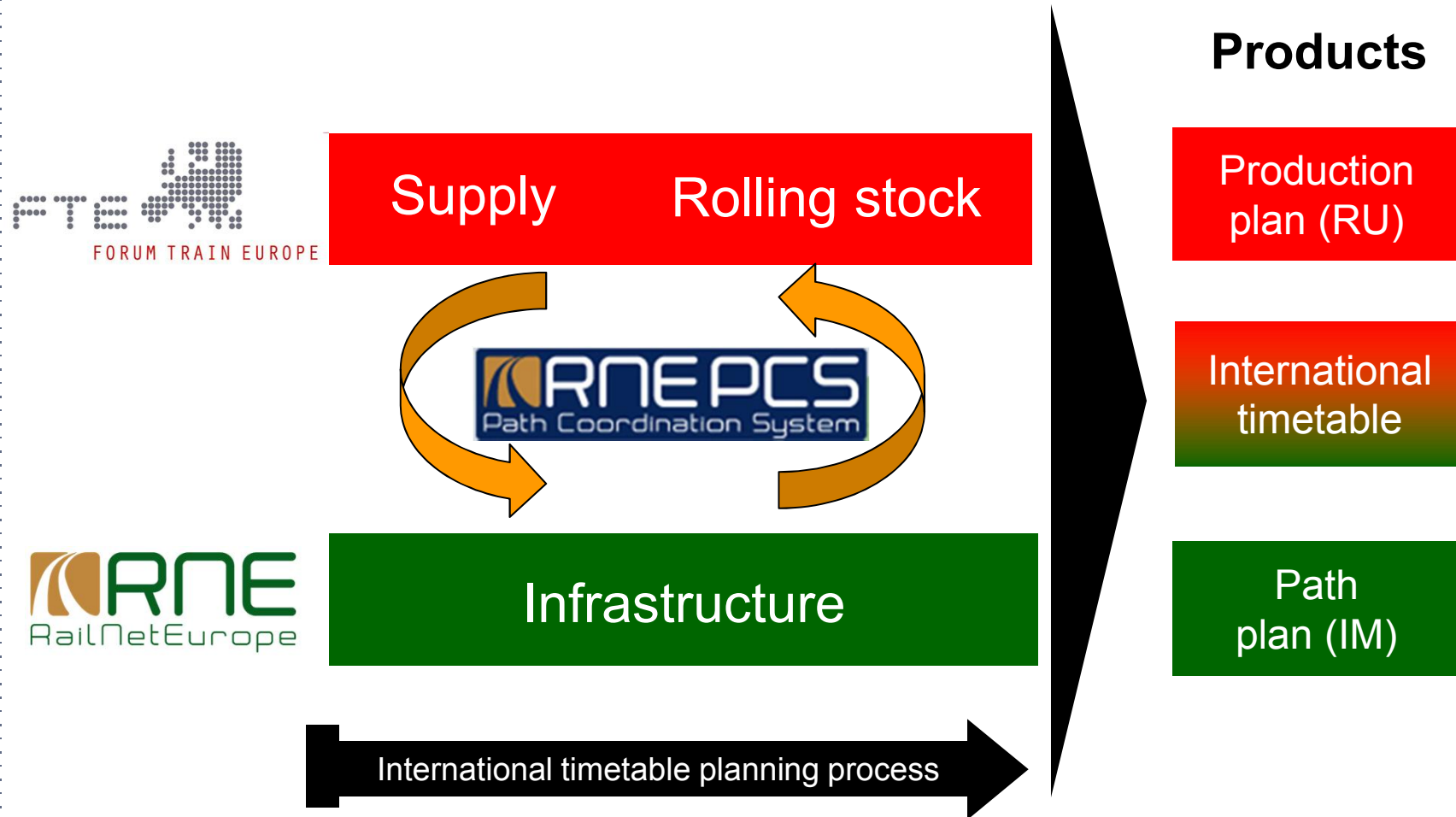
- Züge planen, die Europa verbinden
- Planifier les trains, connecter l'Europe
- Planning trains to connect Europe



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- European organisation of railway undertakings and service providers
- Supporting cross-border coordination and production planning
- Ongoing development of international planning processes
- Currently consists of 100 members from 35 countries

## FTE and RNE are the process leaders





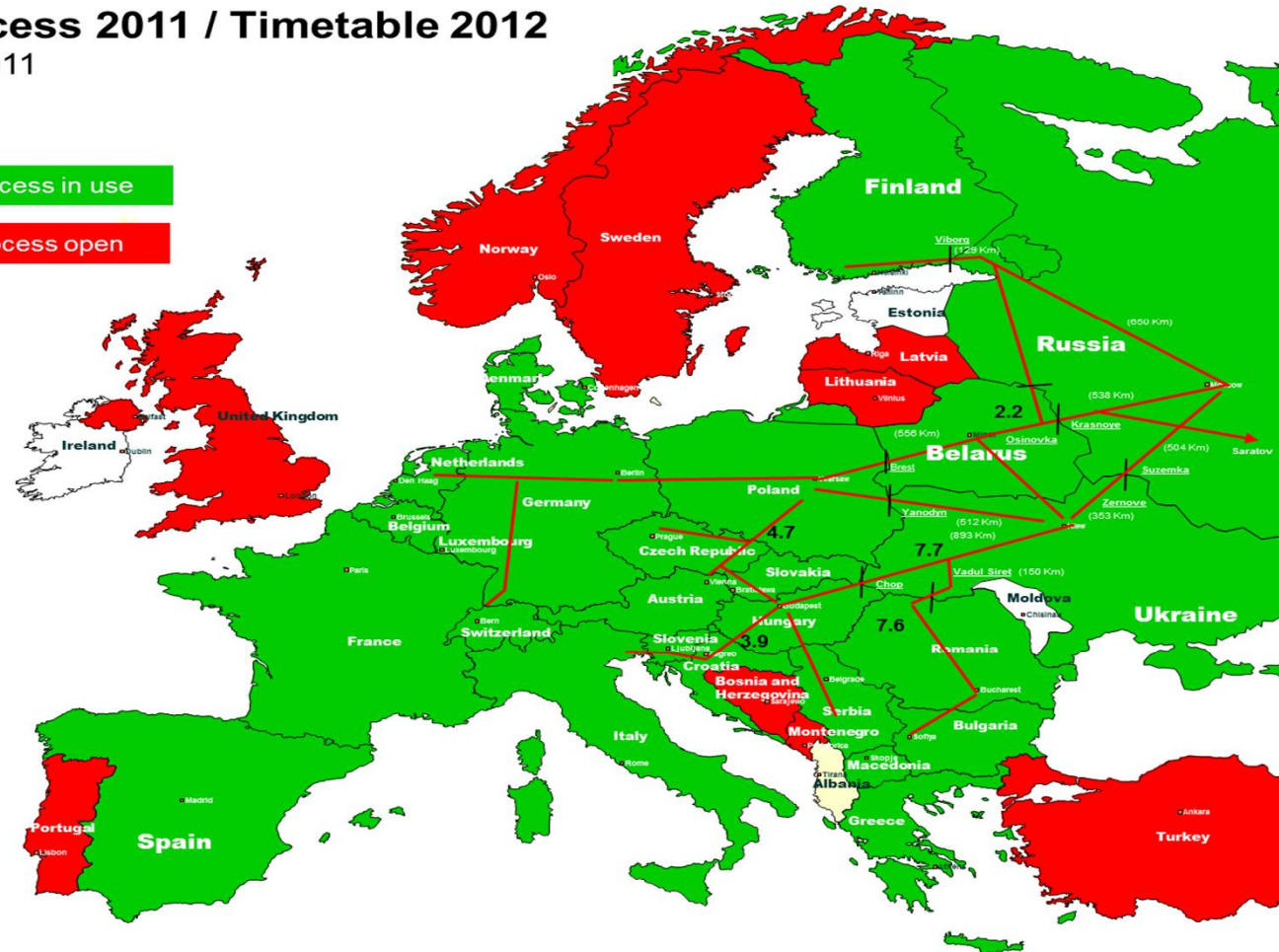
## Use in Passenger Traffic

# Use of PCS in Passenger Traffic

## Planning Process 2011 / Timetable 2012

created by FTE 2011

- green: Pathfinder Process in use
- red: Pathfinder Process open





## Usage Activities in Freight Traffic

## Ongoing FTE Activities

- Permanent “FTE PCS / Pathfinder Freight Traffic” working group
  - Represents 13 RUs and the IMs involved
  - Experience more than 500 dossiers in 2011
- Aims of the working group
  - Ongoing development for freight traffic
  - Increasing scope of application and quality
  - Trialling new functionalities
  - Improved user knowledge
- Catalogue of experience
  - Analysis of processes / functionalities / reports
  - Definition of Change Requests
- Functionality tests for planned releases
- Support for new users



## Findings from the Pilot Application for Freight Traffic

## Experience in Freight Traffic (NPR Process)

- Transparency for all those involved
- Universal, cross-border processing
- Support for the FTE planning process
- Common electronic coordination tool for production (RU) / train paths (infrastructure)
- Paperless and internet-based tool



## Experience in Freight Traffic (NPR Process)

- Considerable extra costs and high failure rate due to a lack of interfaces
- Individual IMs not involved in PCS
- Lack of path offers from IMs (early July) blocks / delays further deadlines
- Deadlines according to RNE process cannot be maintained by many IMs for freight traffic
- No workflow available for cancellations and modifications – up to 50% of freight traffic affected
- Procedures not defined with timetables affected by construction works
- High need for training for new users





## Railway Undertakings Requirements

## Key Requirements

- Functioning RNE planning process used by all IMs as a requirement for successful use in freight traffic
- Common national requirements of IMs for use of PCS
- Active involvement of RUs in further developments
  - Practical implementation of EU directives
  - Taking the market requirements of freight traffic into account
- Creation of a joint IM – RU user group
  - Regulation of cooperation and responsibilities
  - Implementation timetable for future releases
  - Testing new functionalities
  - User training
- "Liaison" for the IMs (similar to FTE for RUs)
- Take language differences into account
  - PCS Reference Manual / Process calendar / Training



**Thank you for your attention!**