

# UK Rail Network and European Connectivity

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### The UK Rail network

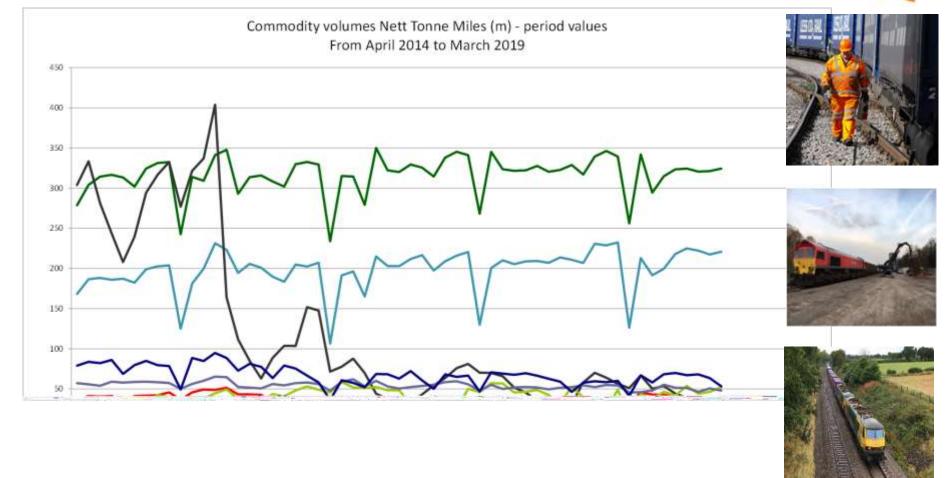




- Network Rail managed as 8 devolved operational routes with multiple customers, freight and passenger
- Freight services operated across all routes
- Freight customer relationships managed by Freight and National Operators (FNPO) Route
- Rail connectivity to Europe achieved via Channel Tunnel (Dollands Moor - Frethun)
- NR is a member of European Rail Freight Corridor (RFC2)

## **Commodity volumes**





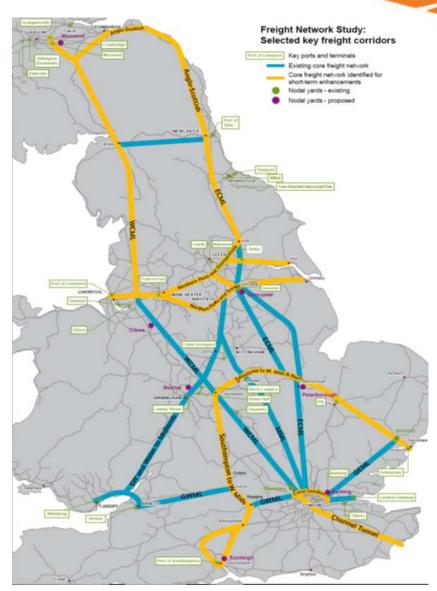
### The Strategic Freight Network in UK



Developing Core Routes with highest capability (includes Channel Tunnel link, WCML, ECML)

#### **SFN Parameters:**

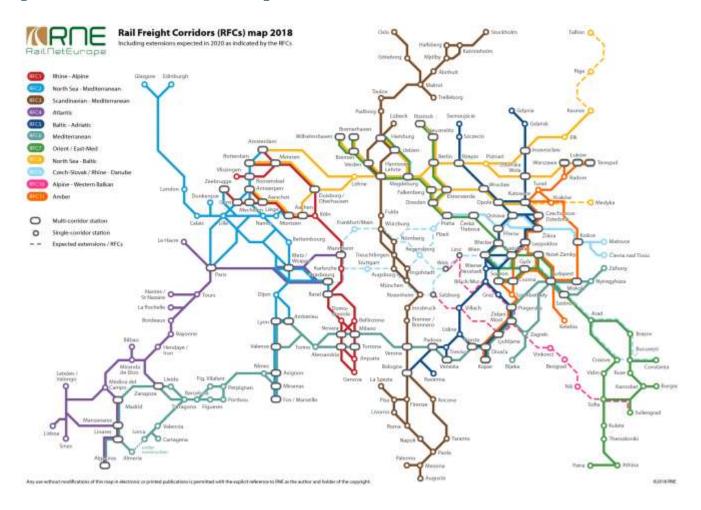
- 775m train length
- W12/W10 loading gauge maritime containers
- 24/7 access to network (diversionary routes)
- Electrified main lines
- Nodal Yards



### RFC North Sea – Med:

# NetworkRail

## part of a European network of RFCs





# RFC North Sea – Med NetworkRail facts and figures

Runs from the UK and North Sea ports to Basel and Marseille through major industrial areas and down to the gateways of Southern Europe

4662 kilometres of lines

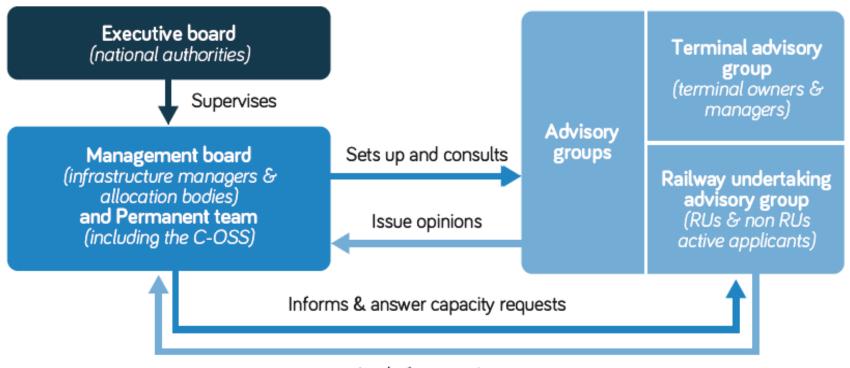
6 countries, 9 IMs/ABs, 118 terminals, > 30 interested RUs

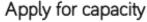
Extensions in 2016 to Great Britain, Amsterdam, Zeebrugge, Marseille, to be in line with the CNC North Sea - Med

34,000 international freight trains/year

### Governance of RFC North Sea - Med























# Corridor North Sea – Mediterranean developing freight traffic within the corridor



### **Easier**, a single window for quality paths

- Single point of contact: C -OSS
- High quality paths reserved for international freight: pre-arranged paths
- Client Orientation

### Faster, a high level of performance

- Train performance measured and analysed
- Freight friendly traffic management

### Safer, an optimised network

- High quality infrastructure
- Interoperability
- Coordination of works (possessions)

### The Future





- The Brexit deal (or no deal) is likely to influence our future relationships with the Rail Freight Corridor
- Freight services on primary routes and between the UK and EU will remain as a primary focus for the development of the Strategic Freight Network



- Capacity remains protected between Wembley and Dollands Moor for future growth via conventional network
- HS1 freight connectivity gives higher gauge ability to Thameside terminals (Dagenham)