



## **Pathfinder Feasibility Study Process in Harmonisation**

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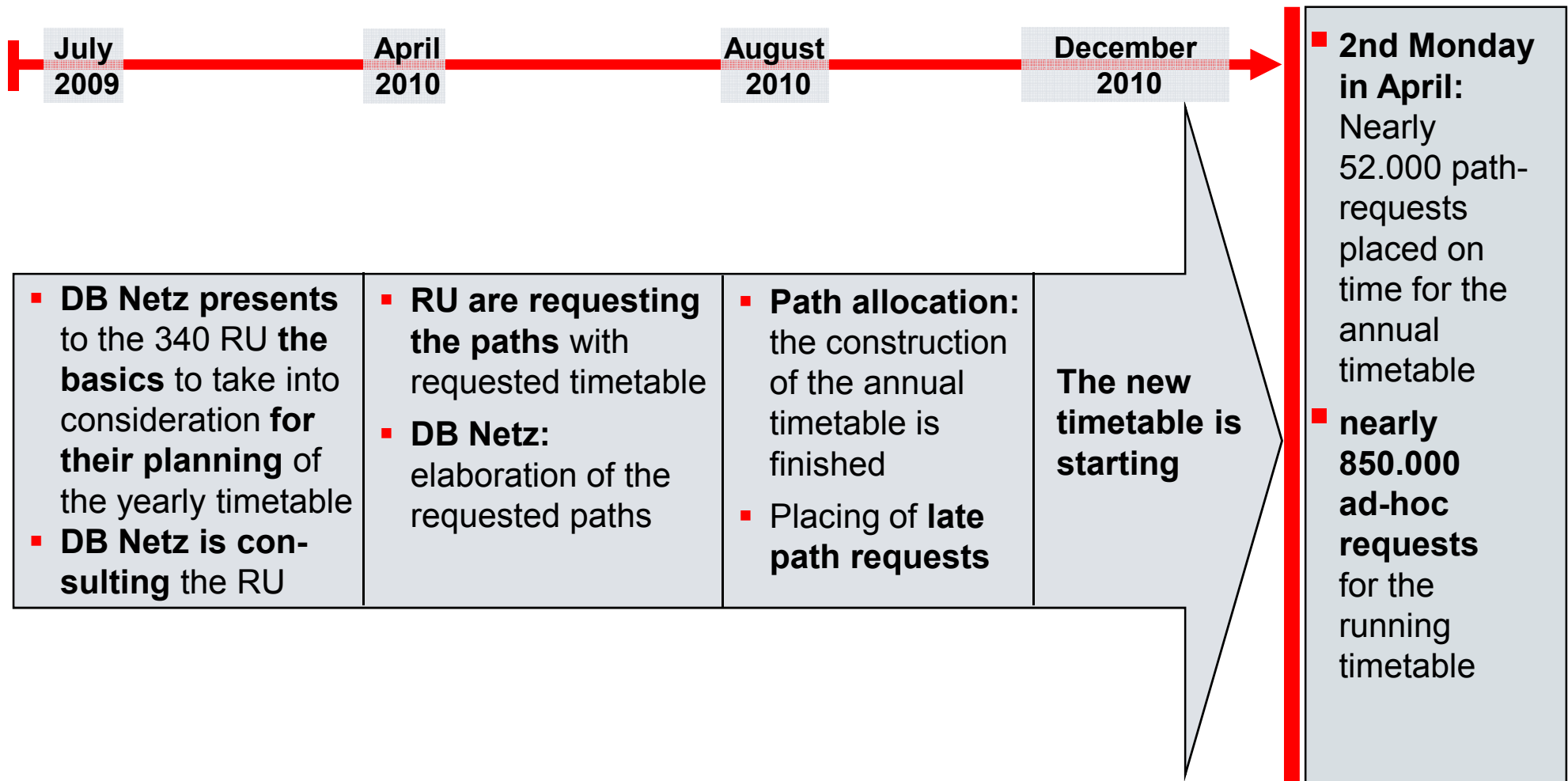
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# The Process for the Yearly Timetable is starting at x - 17

## Milestones and Deadlines for the yearly timetable 2011



## Why do we offer Path Consulting - Feasibility studies ?

### Advantage for the RU's:

- Feasibility studies allow applicants' service plans to be checked for feasibility and, as necessary, taken through further iterations
- Early assurance for their planning
- Applicants may benefit from the results either as a preparation for their regular meetings and information exchange or for immediately placing a path request

### Advantage for the IM's:

- IM's may give remarks to the RU's on the path in question:
- to avoid conflicts with other paths,
- to find out the best path for the RU,
- to find out the best utilization of the infrastructure capacity

### Advantage for the elaboration of the path requests beginning in April :

- The path request of the RU may be more realistic,
- A lot of conflicts have been solved before starting the construction,
- Most of the paths can be realized with requested timetable (= with the result of the feasibility study)

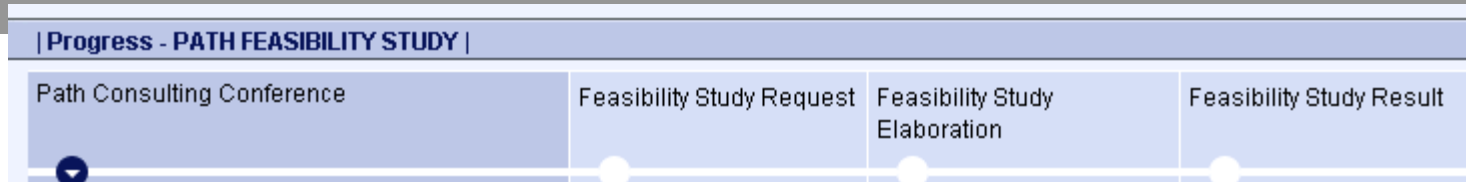
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# New Process in Pathfinder



- In the past, during January to March, a lot of dossiers were moved into the conference phase.
- Some IM's have used the conference phase to enter the results of their studies.
- But the conference phase has not been an official request to make feasibility studies.
- And the RU's had no possibility to accept and to copy the results of the feasibility studies.

- Now, in Pathfinder, we have the new function:
- If a detailed feasibility study with a concrete timetable is needed, the leading applicant may submit the **Feasibility Study Request**.
- IM's will conduct path studies (**Feasibility Study Elaboration**) and will try to give answers to path feasibility study requests as soon as possible and in time.
- When studies from all IM's have been finalized, the coordinating IM releases the **Feasibility Study Result**

- The RU's have 3 possibilities:
- they accept the feasibility study (**Acknowledge Feasibility Study**). In this case, the study is copied into the request.
- RU's may request a **new feasibility study** after having adapted the parameters for example (only if there is enough time left),
- they may place the **request with their original requirements**

## Utilisation of the new Process in Pathfinder

- In January 2009 (for the annual timetable 2010), DB Fernverkehr had requested via Pathfinder nearly 300 feasibility studies.
- Until the end of March, DB Netz and most of the participating IM's have finalized and offered the feasibility studies to the applicants.
- For the annual timetable 2011, we think, that the RU's will request feasibility studies for nearly all international passenger paths (about 400 with participation of DB Netz).
- We expect also better use of Pathfinder for freight paths.  
And we are sure that the RU's for freight trains will realize as soon as possible the advantage of the new Feasibility Study Process in Pathfinder.