

DEFINITION OF COMMON TIMETABLE DEADLINES FOR APPLICANTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGERS

Date / deadline / milestone	Time Frame	Definition
Catalogue paths finalization	11th months before timetable change	Publication of paths catalogue on the RNE website. Catalogue of train paths is intended to be an aid for preparing applications for paths.
Limit for feasibility study requests	3rd Monday of January	Coordinated feasibility studies may be requested by RU(s) also after this deadline. Given the work load imposed by such studies, however, RU(s) should keep the number of path study requests placed after the 3 rd Monday of January to a minimum.
Limit for answering to path study requests	8 weeks after limit for placing feasibility study requests	IMs will try to give answers to path study requests as soon as possible, but not later than this deadline.
Submission of initial requests for path / Deadline for path request	Mid-December until 2nd Monday of April	International path requests may be placed from december previous year to the 2nd Monday in April. If several RUs are involved in a request, it has to be harmonised. All details for enabling IM(s) to construct the path have to be included.
Construction of the Timetable	After the 2nd Monday of April	Before starting the timetable construction, IM(s) will check that requests are consistent at borders.
First/Last day for submission of Late path requests	First working day after deadline for initial path requests until 2 months before timetable change	RU(s) may place path requests for the next annual timetable also after the deadline for placing initial path requests. Allocation for these "Late path requests" will be in the order, in which requests were made, but taking a lower priority than initial requests for paths which were made on time. In order to give an answer to the RU and to include the path in the annual timetable, late path requests can only be accepted until the deadline in Mid-October.
RNE technical meeting	Starting the 10th Monday after deadline for path requests	Harmonising cross-border timetables between IMs in order to find optimised solutions that fit the customers' needs best.
Publication of International Draft Timetable & beginning of the consultation phase for customers	The 12th Monday after deadline for path request	
End of consultation phase for customers	The 17th Friday after deadline for path request.	Customers must make structured observations with reference to the original request
Final answers to customers	The 19th Monday after deadline for path requests	IMs will give the detailed answer to the customer with all specifications requested in the original request and comments in order to start the contractual allocation phase.
First/Last day for answers of late path requests	First working day after deadline for final answers for initial path requests until four weeks after last day for submission of Late path requests	As the "Late path requests" are taking a lower priority than initial requests for paths, the first day for answers may only be after the first day the deadline for final answers to initial requests.
First day for ad-hoc requests for the next running timetable	First working day after last day for submission of Late path requests	Ad-hoc refers to an individual path request (handling as described in Art. 23 EU-directive 2001/14)
Start of Timetable	2nd Sunday of December at 00:01	First of running timetable