

The IGC held its first meeting of the year in London on 16 February 2016, under French chairmanship.

European issues

- IGC would send and publish its response on **Eurotunnel's Network Statement for the 2017 working timetable**, directly after its meeting. It looked forward to seeing the responses of the domestic regulators when published, and asked Eurotunnel to pay due regard to those in the redrafting of the document.
- IGC looked forward to a draft collaboration agreement, from the Safety Authority **between IGC and the European Railway Agency** to ensure that requirements of the Fourth Railway Package technical pillar are correctly carried out.
- IGC would publish a revised version of its **supervision strategy as national safety authority** for the Channel Tunnel, following an audit carried out by the European Railway Agency.

Concerning operation of the Fixed Link

News

- In view of the specific problems freight operators are currently facing, IGC will hold a workshop on the **rail freight market for the Channel Tunnel**, on 7 March, 10h30-12h30CET in Lille.
- IGC noted that UK Border Force had been able to open **additional control booths at the Coquelles road terminal** to allow higher throughput of vehicles, and this arrangement would be finalised in the coming months.
- IGC noted that Eurotunnel would be applying for **authorisation of new shuttles** for use in the Channel Tunnel in the coming months, with a view to place them into service towards the end of the year.
- IGC noted that new scanners were being tested at the Coquelles road terminal, as requested, to allow the safe transit of **light commercial vehicles on Eurotunnel passenger shuttles**.

Incidents

- IGC noted that Eurotunnel and Eurostar continued to work together to develop and improve communication and procedures in accordance with the recommendations of the independent investigation of **management of disruption** in the Channel Tunnel.
- IGC noted that Eurostar would report the outcome of its investigation into the **fire in the passenger train power car experienced near Arras on 24 January 2016** and a **fire alarm which took place in the tunnel on 25 January**. The IGC asked to be kept updated and, if necessary, for safety procedures to be reviewed.