

Summary of the IGC meeting on 11 July 2017

The IGC met in Coquelles on 11 July 2017 in a meeting chaired by France. The following topics were discussed:

- ElecLink: the IGC noted the Safety Authority's report on the ElecLink project to install a high-voltage power cable through the Tunnel. It engaged in discussions with the main project leaders where it reiterated to Eurotunnel and ElecLink that they are required to provide evidence and assurance that all risks associated with each stage of the project, particularly those relating to electromagnetic compatibility with the existing rail system, have been identified, analysed and assessed, and will need to be managed by appropriate mitigation measures in order for the project to proceed to safety authorisation.
- 4th Railway Package: the IGC agreed to make a start on preliminary work in preparation for transposition of the 4th Railway Package for the Channel Tunnel Fixed Link as soon as possible in accordance with the transposition timescales for the United Kingdom and France.
- Follow-up to incidents in January 2015: the IGC provided an update on measures taken since the overhead line incidents which occurred in January 2015, causing trains to be delayed. This included the outcome of an investigation into firefighting arrangements commissioned by the IGC.
- Tunnel security: the IGC heard Eurotunnel's review of its risk prevention policy in connection with risks posed by intrusion attempts, terrorism and malicious acts.
- User relations: the IGC noted Eurotunnel's annual report on complaints and claims received from passengers and users of tourist and HGV shuttles.
- Amsterdam-London project: the representatives of the home affairs ministries of the four countries affected by the project, i.e. Belgium, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, met under the auspices of the IGC to discuss issues relating to border controls.