

RFI experience for the application of satellite technologies to ERTMS signalling system

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The Italian Rail Network

Lines classification related to the traffic development



Renewal Technology Program of regional line

The ERTMS L2 Satellite / L3 Regional project is one of the steps of the renewal technology program of regional lines aimed at:

REDUCING the operating costs (OPEX) of the "Regional" lines with the aim of making them more economically sustainable



Secondary medium / low traffic lines

Normally simple track

Normally not electrified or electrified 3 kV

«Multistation» operating rules without attend PP

Automatic Train Supervision



How to achieve the goal?

- Eliminate:
- Class B protection systems
- Light signals

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- Train detection systems (track circuits, axel counter) both online and station
- INTRODUCTION (in scalable configuration):
 - IXL functions according to ACCM logic with non-attend PPs
 - SDT functions through ERTMS (L3)
- The adoption of a GSM-R or public radio system/ Satcom
 - The Supervision and Automation function of the trains

The function of "virtual balises" through the use of satellite technology

OBU ETCS «Regional» with simplifications that can reduce costs with interoperability

Satellite Application Development Plan



RFI partner of ESA 3INSAT Project

- **Objective**: to develop, test and validate in a real set up a new satellite-based platform suitable for a Train Control and Management System meeting the SIL4 safety requirements and compatible with the ERTMS standard.
- Location Determination System (LDS) including Au-Network
- Integrated TLC solution based on SatCom, 3G/4G, TETRA to realize a linl between the on board train control system interfaces (e.g European Vital Computer EVC) and the ground based infrastructure (e.g the Radio Block







DB4Rail – ESA Project



Trial Site Architecture and Configuration for Demonstration





Field Test Results - Position

The expected value of GNSS Position Average Accurancy per train run is less

than +/- 3 meters



Std Dev is less than 4 meters (GPS)





Field Test Results - Speed

The expected value of GNSS Speed Average Accurancy per train run

is less than +/-5 km/h



Std Dev is less than 2 km/h



Field Test Results – Control Command System

ERTMS Signalling KPIs	
Expected Delivered vs. Planned Virtual Balises per train run (expected greater than 95%)	 ✓ PASSED except two cases (one for two different train runs)
Correct Sequence of Provided Virtual Balises per train run (expected no error)	✓ PASSED (at 100%)
Virtual Balise Groups detected inside the Expectation Window per train run (expected greater than 95%)	✓ PASSED
Train Position Confidence Interval (the actual safe front end, based on the Ground Truth, must be never outside the train confidence interval for every measured distance from the applicable LRBGs)	✓ PASSED 22.000 virtual balise
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Economic Sustainability

The main benefits of the new solution are two:

→ the **reduced need of physical balises**, which generates savings in the associated capex and opex

→ avoided investments in additional GSM-R infrastructure, which also generates savings in capex and related maintenance opex

An application of a Cost-Benefit Analysis to compare the convenience of GNSSbased ERTMS vs traditional ERTMS at the European level

(source: Bocconi University)



PILOT LINE MONCALIERI SANGONE - PINEROLO

Total lenght 30 km:

- Single track , 1 train each 30 minutes
- Line is electrified 3KVcc
- Vmax 135 Km/h
- Operators Trenitalia\ Mercitalia
- Mixed passengers/freight trafic
- 17 automated Level crossings
- No tunnels, only bridges for autoroutes
- Passengers trains:
 - TAF
 - JAZZ
- Freight trains:
 - E633 MERCITALIA
 - E652 MERCITALIA





Pinerolo – Sangone Plan



03/12/2017 ACC Activation Pinerolo-Piscina

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Activities to support the certification process

GNSS and public TLC networks are external components to the ERTMS standard

GNSS Adoption and Public Communications are required the definition of interfaces / Service levels between service providers and the «core» ERTMS

- Evaluate the impacts on the safety and availability of the ERTMS with 'External' servic es to the ERTMS ecosystem
 - Augmentation System
 - Virtual Balise reader
 - **RBC Interface Augmentation Network**
 - Multi-bearer telecom
- The Safety Case must be set up with the service levels required by the operators of the service



Support and involvement of experienced ASI, ESA and GSA are required Space and ANSF / EUAR for Railway

User Requirements - PHA

RFI has activated the certification process for using GNSS & Public telecom as primary communication means in the ERTMS platform First formal process in



Coordinator of technical committee & Responsible for Authorization Request to ANSF: RFI Team of outside experts: Ansaldo STS, Radiolabs, Sogei, Telespazio

Game Changers

Future Evolution of ERTMS and Roadmap



ERSAT exploits the potential benefits of **GALILEO & ERTMS** to innovate ERTMS with newest technologies impacting the «vehicle automation» landscape....and sinergy with *driver-less cars innovation* as valuable resource \rightarrow **ANAS-RFI**, first opportunity on cross-technology fertilization between two sectors with mutual benefits on **rail** *know how* and new technologies being *mass-developed* for intelligent vehicles & **roads**



Conclusions







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Thanks for your attention

