

Protocol of the 6th meeting of the EFNDT Railway forum

Date: 17th of October to 18th of October 2012

Place: Ibis-Hotel in Toulouse / NDT Expert, 18 rue Marius Tercé
Toulouse

Official Agenda: 1. Opening
2. Presentation about the qualification methods
3. Further information and next steps
4. Next meeting
5. Visit of the qualification center NDT Expert

Agenda of day 1

1. Opening

R. Krull welcomed the participants of the 6th EFNDT-meeting in Toulouse. All the members were well known, so an introduction was not necessary. It was announced that the colleagues of the Czech Society for NDT showed great interest in a participation in the EFNDT Railway Forum. Unfortunately nobody could participate in the meeting in Toulouse, so they will be informed about the conclusions of the meeting.

2. Presentation about the qualification in Poland

Unfortunately Mrs Wojas could not participate in the meeting. So it will be the possibility to give this presentation during the next meeting of the forum.

4. Presentation about the qualification methods

R. Krull showed a suggestion about the duration of training for the inspection of railway components. On the basis of this presentation there was a discussion about the qualification within the sector railway maintenance. At the end of the discussion three ways were defined shown in the appendix of the protocol. One of the next steps will be to fill it with details (see further steps).

5. Discussion about accreditation centres

In a further step there was a discussion about the accreditation of testing centres. All participants agree that a recognition of all European accreditation organizations is necessary for an Europeanization of non-destructive testing within the railway sector. The definition and observance of quality standards (this includes education, examination and certification) are a main requirement for this recognition.

6. Presentation about the work of the CEN-group

Th. Müller showed a presentation about a new working group of the CEN (shown in the appendix of the protocol). The aim of this working group is the conversion of the DIN 27201 into an European standard. Part 7 of the DIN 27201 (NDT) is not affected.

7. Further information and next steps

1. It was agreed that Th. Müller and G. de Vries create a detailed document about the training system in Austria and the Netherlands. Th. Baumgart and M. Wojas are friendly requested in absence if they could do the same for Switzerland and Poland. The details for the training or the education of ndt-personnel in France and Hungary are known in presentations shown in previous meeting. R. Krull will prepare a detailed document as a suggestion of the planned three qualification ways (see point 4) for the next meeting.
2. R. Krull prepared a list of interest for the work in the EFNDT meeting although not all members give information about their interest. This list is shown in the appendix with the observance please. In case of no new information this list will be valid.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in Berlin from the 24th to the 25th of April 2013. The actual data we will send to all members after new information.

Agenda of day 2

1. Presentation about NDT within the aerospace sector

Patrick Auge (the chairman of COSAC) gave a very interesting presentation about the education, qualification and certification within the aerospace sector worldwide. All participants think that this could be a good guide for the creation of a European ndt-qualification system within the railway sector.

2. Visit of the education centre of NDT Expert

In connection to the presentation the participants could visit the education centre with its different ndt-methods and special specimen. This was very interesting for people coming from the railway sector.

R. Krull would like to thank all organizers for the interesting two days, especially F. Bey and J.-P. Charlet for the warm welcome in Toulouse.

For the correctness of the protocol: R. Krull

Appendix:

- list of participants
- list of interest
- document about the ways of qualification
- presentation about the CEN-group
- presentation of COSAC