

Protocol of the 4th meeting of the EFNDT Railway forum

Date: 12th of October to 13th of October 2011

Place: SNCF – Agence d'Essai Ferroviaire in Paris

- Agenda:
1. Opening
 2. Introduction of the participants
 3. Presentation of the collected data of the questionnaire Forum EFNDT-Railways
 4. Visit of the examination centre of the SNCF
 5. Discussion about further steps
 6. Next meeting

1. Opening

Mr. Krull welcomed the participants of the 4th EFNDT-meeting in Paris. He asked because of the participation of some new participants to a short introduction of all members.

2. Introduction of the participants

The participants of the 4th EFNDT-meeting introduced themselves, the contact details were saved in a list (see appendix).

3. Presentation of the collected data of the questionnaire Forum EFNDT-Railways

1. Mr. Krull presented the collected data of the questionnaire which was send from the following countries:
 - Germany, Netherlands, France, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Austria.

The facts of the table were discussed. The result is an actual table you can find in the appendix of the protocol.

Because not all members of the Railway forum gave the information of the questionnaire to Mr. Krull there will take place an update of the table. That's why the participants are asked to deliver the necessary information to Mr. Krull for the completion of the table.

 - Delivery of data: 15.11.11 (Spain, Switzerland)
 - Update of the table: 30.11.11 (Krull)
2. The information of the questionnaire are to be compared to find the similarities. These should be the base for the creation of a new document to define the railway sector of NDT.
 - Creation of the document: until Feb. 2012 (Krull)
3. Because of the discussion of the participants about the accreditation of the NDT-laboratories it seems to be necessary to list the process of the accreditation in the different countries for a better overview. That's why a template will be developed. After that it will be sent to the participants.
 - Creation of the template: 30.11.11 (Krull)

4. In the discussion some of the participants gave information about the used test methods within the railway sector. To get an overview about the used methods in all countries it is necessary to create a table about the methods, the inspected components and the number of testers.
 - Creation of the template: 30.11.11 (Krull)

4. Visit of the examination centre of the SNCF

Ms. Bey and Mr. Charlet showed a presentation about the NDT-education within the railway sector and the examination centres in France. Then the participants were able to visit the examination centre.

5. Final discussion about the further steps

The final discussion led to the further activities shown in point 3 of the protocol. One of the priorities was the definition of the main topic of the forum for the future:

- Comparison of the railway sector in Europe through the definition of criteria for the volume of education, the accreditation of the education centres, who is accredited to whom, etc.)

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in Budapest from the 18th to the 19th of April 2012. The actual data we will send to all members after consulting Mr. Kecskes for our meeting in Budapest.

For the correctness of the protocol: R. Krull

Appendix:

- list of participants
- presentation "Examination centres of CFCM"