

## Public consultation on the Draft RSPG Work Programme for 2020 and beyond

SNCF welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the RSPG Work Programme final draft, in which RSPG has identified several work items to be developed during the next few years.

Regarding the work item “Additional spectrum needs and guidance on the fast rollout of future wireless broadband networks”, **coverage of rail transport** has been identified as one of the “challenge areas” in the BEREC and RSPG joint report on facilitating mobile connectivity. It is likely to remain so for the future wireless broadband networks, thereby deserving particular attention and also worthy of consideration in the Peer review process.

SNCF notes with interest the work item on the “Role of Radio Spectrum Policy to help combat Climate Changes”. SNCF strongly believes that **spectrum management ought to be facilitating the rise of sectors most efficient for this purpose**, including the rail sector<sup>1</sup>, **through access to spectrum**. For instance, as RSPG is well aware, much is at stake in 2020/21 around issues such as harmonisation of spectrum for FRMCS, or for urban rail transmission systems (CBTC).

Finally, SNCF’s “bureau des fréquences” has been in the past and will continue to be feeding the RSPG with end user inputs in any way that might be useful. SNCF welcomes that the work program is envisaging **new stakeholder workshops in particular with verticals**.

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<sup>1</sup> For information on how the rail sector can and does contribute to the fight against climate change, one can refer for instance to CER position paper “[Commission study results suggest greater role for European railways](#) - A shift to rail would benefit the environment and citizens in Europe” (October 2019) or CER-EIM-UNIFE position paper “[EU Strategy for long-term greenhouse gas emissions reductions – The crucial role of rail](#)” (November 2018)