

NEW VERSION OF PATH COORDINATION SYSTEM

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The current version of the Path Coordination System (PCS), known as the PCS Envelope Concept (PCS-EC), is a well-established tool for harmonising path requests for the annual timetable. However, with growing regulatory and industry demands - particularly the upcoming Capacity Regulation and Telematics TSI Regulation - PCS will need to accommodate several important changes:

- It must be natively built on a TAF/TAP TSI architecture to ensure universal European access and scalability.
- It will need to eventually support all types of capacity allocation, not just the annual timetable.

The **PCS Capacity Broker (PCS-CB)**, a new version of PCS, addresses these evolving needs by delivering the same functionality as the PCS Envelope Concept, but on a fully TAF/TAP TSI-compliant foundation. In addition, the PCS Capacity Broker establishes the groundwork for adding new process types and for integrating with the other Digital Capacity Management platform, the RNE Capacity Management Tool for advance capacity planning.

Ultimately, this will enable universal European access for the coordination and booking of paths through a central tool, which leverages robust national systems as a backbone.

1 How does that impact my PCS usage?

Working in PCS-EC can continue until the end of the day on 13 November. **On 14 November, PCS-EC will switch to read-only mode** allowing no further changes in the system and will be moved to a new domain to ensure reading access to historical Dossiers from TTP2026 and earlier. From 14 November, visitors to <https://pcs-online.rne.eu/pcs/> will see a site maintenance page.

The data migration to the new PCS-CB and system testing will continue until the end of the day on 19 November. **Starting from 10:00 a.m. on 20 November**, the new PCS-CB application will be available at <https://pcs-online.rne.eu/pcs/>.

2 What will happen to my dossiers?

The last version of all dossiers from PCS Envelope Concept will be migrated to PCS Capacity Broker, allowing you to carry forward to reuse the data in your request for the next timetable period or duplicate within the same timetable period.

3 How can I access and login to the new PCS system?

With this migration, RNE is introducing **Single Sign-On (SSO)** authentication to PCS-CB, as part of a broader initiative to enable users to access all RNE applications using a single set of credentials. This also means that the username/password combination currently used for logging in to the PCS-EC system will no longer be supported.

RNE will migrate the email addresses of all existing PCS users, which will continue to serve as their login username for PCS-CB. As part of this transition, all users will receive an invitation email from Microsoft (invites@microsoft.com) to join RNE's Microsoft Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) environment and complete their account setup. Once the invitation is accepted and the account is activated, users will be able to sign in to PCS-CB using their Azure AD credentials.

4 How does the migration impact my work if I'm using PCS via Web Services or TAF/TAP TSI interface?

The 14 November will be the last day for data exchange through Web Services or TAF/TAP TSI interface with PCS Envelope Concept. All companies that plan on using PCS via TAF/TAP TSI interface in PCS Capacity Broker version will receive the information about the connection via RNE CI in a separate e-mail.

5 What does this migration mean for my work process-wise?

Please make sure you finalise all your ongoing work in PCS-EC by the end of the day on 13 November (Thursday end of the day) for Annual Path Requests TT 2026 (NPR and LPR).

All dossiers must be in the main phases of NPR, LPR or Ad Hoc process, meaning any phase from "Open" to "Active Timetable".

Drafted dossiers will not be migrated – minimum "Open" phase is necessary.

Path Modification or Path Alteration processes cannot be ongoing and PCS Support team will terminate all active Modification and Alteration processes on 13 November with the proper alignment with all impacted users.

Reminder: Please refer to Chapter 4 of your IM's Network Statement(s) for information regarding the usage of PCS.

Depending on the processes you use PCS for, here are the main points:

New and Late Path Request (LPR) TT 2026 (Annual TT)

- Any active Late Path Request process type dossier for timetable 2026 needs to be finalized by 13 November.
- Deadline for the acceptance of the final LPR offers has no buffer; it is exactly 7 days after the official deadline

Ad-Hoc TT 2026

- Any active Ad Hoc request for TT 2026 will be migrated to PCS Capacity Broker and can be continued there. Users are advised to place TT 2026 AdHoc requests starting from 20 November in PCS Capacity Broker version.
 - Reserved Capacity from RFCs is published in PCS-EC and will be migrated to PCS-CB.

NPR TT 2027

The New Path Request process (Annual TT 2027) will become available in PCS-CB from 20 November as timetable 2027 will be configured only in PCS-CB.

6 When and in what format can I expect to be onboarded with the new system?

As a continuation of this summary and to share further information, the RNE JO will publish a **video summary** in the second half of next week, which can be watched on demand. In this video, we will provide more detailed insights into the topics listed here and present where and how the test environment of the new system can be accessed.

RNE JO is offering a series of online and in-person training sessions to help users get familiar with the new version of PCS. The training sessions will cover both the **Graphical User Interface (GUI)** and **API usage**.

Below you can find the list of planned training events, for which RNE will send out invitations with exact times next week, in the meantime feel free to add the dates of your interest to your calendar as placeholder.

NOTE: Please feel free to join any online training session that you are interested in; regardless of the targeted audience which serves as a guideline for defining the scope and business examples trainers will use to teach.

6.1 Planned Online Trainings:

Date	Type	Audience	Scope	Duration
05.Nov	GUI	General for all users	Terminology, Testing environments, EC vs CB layout, demonstration of the NPR process, Reference Train (~Dossier) creation basics	3 hours
05.Nov	API	Interfacing companies	First steps, Testing with Soap UI	TBD
06.Nov	GUI	Passenger Traffic	Reference Train (~Dossier) creation, case reference, train composition	3 hours
Later in Nov	API	Interfacing companies	Creation of Reference Trains (~Dossiers), CB vs. Joint Sector Handbook	TBD
01.Dec	API	Interfacing companies	Applicant focused actions	TBD
02.Dec	API	Interfacing companies	Applicant and IM focused – without PaPs	TBD
03.Dec	API	Interfacing companies	Applicant and IM focused – with PaPs	TBD
08.Jan	GUI	Passenger Traffic	Feasibility study process	2 hours
21.Jan	GUI	IMs/ABs	Feasibility study process	2 hours
05.Feb	GUI	Freight Traffic	Introduction to Dashboard, Search, Reference Train (~Dossier) creation, PaPs usage	3x2hours
05.Mar	GUI	Freight Traffic	Intermediate level: complex journey creation, PaPs	3 hours
06.Mar	GUI	Freight Traffic	Advanced level: resolving inconsistencies	3 hours
11.Mar	GUI	IMs/ABs	From Path Elaboration until end	2 hours
14.Apr	GUI	Freight Traffic	Alternative process, PaPs in LPR and AHPR	2 hours

22.Apr	GUI	All Applicants	After submission of PRs, comparison, Observation, Acceptance of Final Offer	4 hours
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6.2 Planned Physical Trainings:

The RNE JO cooperates with the Rail Freight Corridors and Forum Train Europe to offer onsite training opportunities, for which we encourage you to attend from January to March 2026. In the upcoming weeks, you can expect to be invited to join in-person training sessions starting from mid-January onwards.

- Format related to FTE conferences:
 - Scheduled sessions throughout the duration of the conferences and before the first day of the conference
 - Invitation will be sent to all FTE conferences attendance
- Format related to RFC training sessions:
 - Corridor Group trainings with a strong focus on new PCS version during the first day reserving second day focused on PaP usage
 - Invitations will be sent to all RFC customers and all PCS users

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at support.pcs@rne.eu, and be sure to watch the upcoming video for more details.