



# ***FREE Rail***

PROGRAM

# Why FREE Rail??

[LINK](#)

► **F**

## Free

- from Russian regulation
- from Russian equipment and IT solutions
- to set up the rules
- to choose European way

► **R**

## Resilient

- to Russian pressure
- to unfriendly changes
- to cyber attacks
- to supply disruptions

► **E**

## European

- part of European railway network
- changing together with other EU countries
- transforming / adjusting to European gauge

► **E**

## Embracing

- shaping a whole new concept of 1520 gauge
- meaningful result for Lithuania / Baltics / Ukraine

# Goals, objectives, benefits

The goal is to create and implement a railway operational model adapted to the Baltic region, based on EU railway standards, best practice and harmonized with broad gauge specifics (EU+)

## Objectives of the program:

- ✓ definition of the operational model (EU+) and determination of the conditions and measures necessary for its implementation;
- ✓ creation of the legal framework for the new operational model (EU+);
- ✓ creation of secure IT solutions corresponding to the new LTG operational model (EU+);
- ✓ creation of a business resilience standard ensuring the protection of information, employees, and logistics infrastructure from the illegal impact of the third parties;
- ✓ creation of a new technological standard based on EU standards, good practice and compatible with broad gauge requirements.

## Benefits of the program:

- ✓ A railway operating model based on EU railway standards, best practice and harmonized with broad gauge specifics (EU+), and adapted to the Baltic region;
- ✓ security architecture that is in line with the interests of national security and business;
- ✓ railway operations and subsystems are based on technologies which are being developed and supported by Euro-Atlantic partners.





# FREE Rail action lines



01

Railway operational  
model EU+



02

Technological  
independence



03

IT independence



# 01

## RAILWAY OPERATIONAL MODEL EU+

Action line No. 1. Projects



## 1. Creation of a railway operational model adapted to the Baltic region, based on EU railway standards, best practice and harmonized with broad gauge specifics (EU+)

### Objectives:

- ✓ To develop the operational model on 1520 and 1435 gauge for the LTG Group companies: LTG Cargo, LTG Link, and LTG Infra, in the following fields:
  - Organization of cargo and passenger transportation services;
  - Use of wagons in LT / Baltic states / Soviet of the Railway Administrations territories (GTT);
  - Organization of rolling stock repair service for customers from LT / Baltic region countries / GTT territories.
- ✓ To align the developed operational model with the Baltic states and carriers;
- ✓ To develop legal framework for the new operational model EU+;
- ✓ To prepare an implementation plan for the chosen operational model.

## 2. Creation of the political/legal basis for the EU+ operational model

### Objectives:

- ✓ Analysis of the basis and legal background of LTG's participation in the GTT organization;
- ✓ Inventory and analysis of LTG obligations to GTT;
- ✓ Inventory and analysis of LTG bilateral contracts, etc.;
- ✓ Coordination of the decisions necessary for the implementation of the chosen operational model with LT, EU / neighboring countries (MoUs, working groups, etc.);

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Model EU+







01

# Model EU+

## 3. EU+ business resilience standard creation

### Objectives:

- ✓To assess thoroughly the security aspects of the Lithuanian railway sector;
- ✓To analyze possible internal and external threats to railway operations, assessing them from an economic, geopolitical, competitive and intelligence perspective;
- ✓To determine the principles and requirements for the protection of infrastructure, human, technological, digital and other values;
- ✓To analyze technological alternatives of control management and signaling subsystems (CCS), funding sources and to implement a new safety system;
- ✓To create a mobile reserve Traffic Control Center (ECV), regulation of its operations and development of a decentralized station management model;
- ✓To complete the necessary material resources in the event of a military threat/mobilization; to create a civilian mobilization reserve, to prepare business continuity plans in the event of a military threat/mobilization;
- ✓To select and implement technical/organizational measures for the protection of railway border stations against threats arising from unfriendly countries;
- ✓To create implementation and support mechanisms for the developed security architecture.

## 02 Technological independence

Action line No. 3. Projects





## 1. Ensuring technical compatibility with the Standard gauge railway system

### Objectives

- ✓ To ensure technical compatibility in the railway system (INF, ENE, LOC, WAG, CCS) and in their maintenance equipment; to identify elements produced exclusively in unfriendly countries.
- ✓ To identify elements in railway subsystems (LOC, WAG) to be certified according to the procedure established by GTT.
- ✓ To perform an analysis of alternative technological equipment elements used in railway subsystems and their maintenance processes; to select the equipment to be used.
- ✓ To select measures that ensure safe integration of alternative elements of railway subsystems into the railway system.
- ✓ carry out an inventory of existing contracts for the supply of elements of railway subsystems / maintenance equipment; terminate existing contracts / conclude new contracts.

## 2. Creation of a system of normative technical regulation of maintenance activities

### Objectives:

- ✓ To inventory the documentation regulating technical maintenance of railway vehicles, including regulation of GTT.
- ✓ To integrate GTT regulations into the system of normative technical documents of the LTG Group companies.
- ✓ To establish a continuous model for the review and updating of normative technical regulation, considering ever changing regulation, scientific progress and best practice.

## 3. Establishment of Designated and Notified Body

### Objectives:

- ✓ To establish DeBo and NoBo institutions capable of carrying out assessments of interoperability components and railway vehicles.
- ✓ To draft and sign agreements that ensure the use of interoperability components and subsystems, assessed by LTG DeBo and NoBo, in the third countries.
- ✓ To draft and sign agreements ensuring that the ECM of railway vehicles is recognized in the third countries.

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# 03

## IT independence

Action line No. 3. Projects



## 1. Transitional IT solutions

### Objectives:

- ✓ To identify IT components that have interfaces with GTT and other external service recipients/providers;
- ✓ Management plan for identified risky elements (a list with measures);
- ✓ To optimize the amount of data (incoming and outgoing) transmitted by GTT (disabling systems, filtering information);
- ✓ To implement IT solutions necessary to ensure the operation of LTG during the transitional period;
- ✓ To adapt operational processes to the transition period;

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## 2. Development of IT solutions corresponding to the new operational model of LTG

### Objectives:

- ✓ To analyze the IT systems applied in the EU space;
- ✓ To develop a new data exchange model and technical solutions.
- ✓ To create a secure and cybersecure IT solution(s) that would enable the implementation of the selected new LTG operational model
- ✓ To develop a system (or a group of systems) adapted to the specific business needs of LTG Group companies

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IT independence



**The railway operational model EU+ will be developed and implemented in the frame of the FREE Rail program**