



**Press release**

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## What model of trains for the conveyance of the high speed freight on the future Eurocarex network?

### Roissy Carex launches a "competitive dialogue\*" with rail manufacturers.

In 2006, the feasibility study launched by Roissy Carex organization and led by the group of consultants specialized Elcimai/ Sigma demonstrated the viability of the project of creation of a European high speed rail freight connected to Roissy-Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport platform.

Carex project was actually accepted in the conclusions of the committees of the ecology agreements (Grenelle de l'environnement) as a major project allowing the optimization of the technical, economic and environmental performances of the transport chain.

Strengthened by that positive progress, and after having multiplied for one year the contacts with its partners in France and in Europe, Roissy Carex today intends to go further into its works by leading an ambitious programme of further studies.

Therefore, Roissy carex launches a first consultation relating to the conception of trains capable of moving on the future Eurocarex network in France and in Europe. The organization then calls out the big manufacturers of the rail rolling stock to propose within the framework of a "competitive dialogue", the general diagram and the sketch of trains corresponding to functional and technical needs.

In the range of the solutions to convey to Roissy Carex, the manufacturers have to take into account the following demands:

- The trains will have to take in the pallets and the air containers the most used by the air freight actors
- The trains will have to be capable of moving in the countries of Eurocarex network and at the maximum speed allowed on the high speed lines
- The design of the boxes will have to allow a loading or unloading total time of about 15 to 30 minutes.

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The manufacturers are also asked to estimate the cost for 20 trains and to reach a decision about the delivery delays of the trains. Indeed, the trains will have to be on the rails for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, date of the inauguration of the first stage of Eurocarex network between the airports of Roissy CDG, Lyon Saint-Exupery, Lille Lesquin, Lieges, Amsterdam, Cologne-Bonn and London.

Among the other key points on Roissy Carex diary until March 2008 are listed:

- the launching of a business plan and "infrastructures" studies site by site
- the release of the "rail lines" study led by Rail network of France (Réseau Ferré de France)
- the creation of the group Eurocarex federating the whole entities which play a part in the development of the project at a European scale.

A press conference will be organized on March 2008 to announce the results of the studies completed during the year 2007 and the next key stages of the project.

**\*What is a competitive dialogue?**

The competitive dialogue is a procedure of a European instigation to which Roissy Carex has deliberately chosen to refer to.

Indeed, that procedure preserves the transparent competition between the economic operators, while offering the possibility to arrange, with the admitted applicants, to take part in the progressive exchanges with a view of defining or developing one or several solutions in order to answer the expressed needs.

Resorting to that procedure which has the advantage of the flexibility, proves relevant when, as in the present case, the subject shows objective elements of complexity such as a definition, a priori, of the technical means to answer the needs, would be harmful for the design of a range of solutions.

The non-profit organization **Roissy Cargo Rail Express**, created in February 2006, has the aim to create a European high speed rail freight service connected to Roissy-Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport. Presided by Yanick Paternotte, Deputy of Roissy, Roissy carex federates the local collectivities, the institutional actors and the companies. Carex project has received support of the President of the Republic, of the French government, of Jacques Barrot, European Commissioner in charge of transport, and has received a quality label on the account of the "Grenelles de l'environnement".

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