

# The Family Tree of Success

- **Transparency** is the mother of **trust**
- **Trust** is the mother of **cooperation**
- **Cooperation** is the mother of **success**
- So **transparency is the great grandmother of success**





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# First Ideas in the D.A.CH Region

2015-2017



Ensure and distribute:

- **Digital Representation**  
completely | comprehensive | applicable
- **Entire Railway Eco System**
- **Entire System Lifecycle**

DEVELOPE  
MENT

PLANNING

BUILD

REMOVAL

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# One Year from Signing the MoU until the Start of ifcRail Project & Railway Room



**Signing MoU ifcRail at bSI Summit Barcelona 04/2017**

**Foundation of RWR and signing ifcRail Project at bSI Summit Paris 03/2018**

Railway Infrastructure Owners



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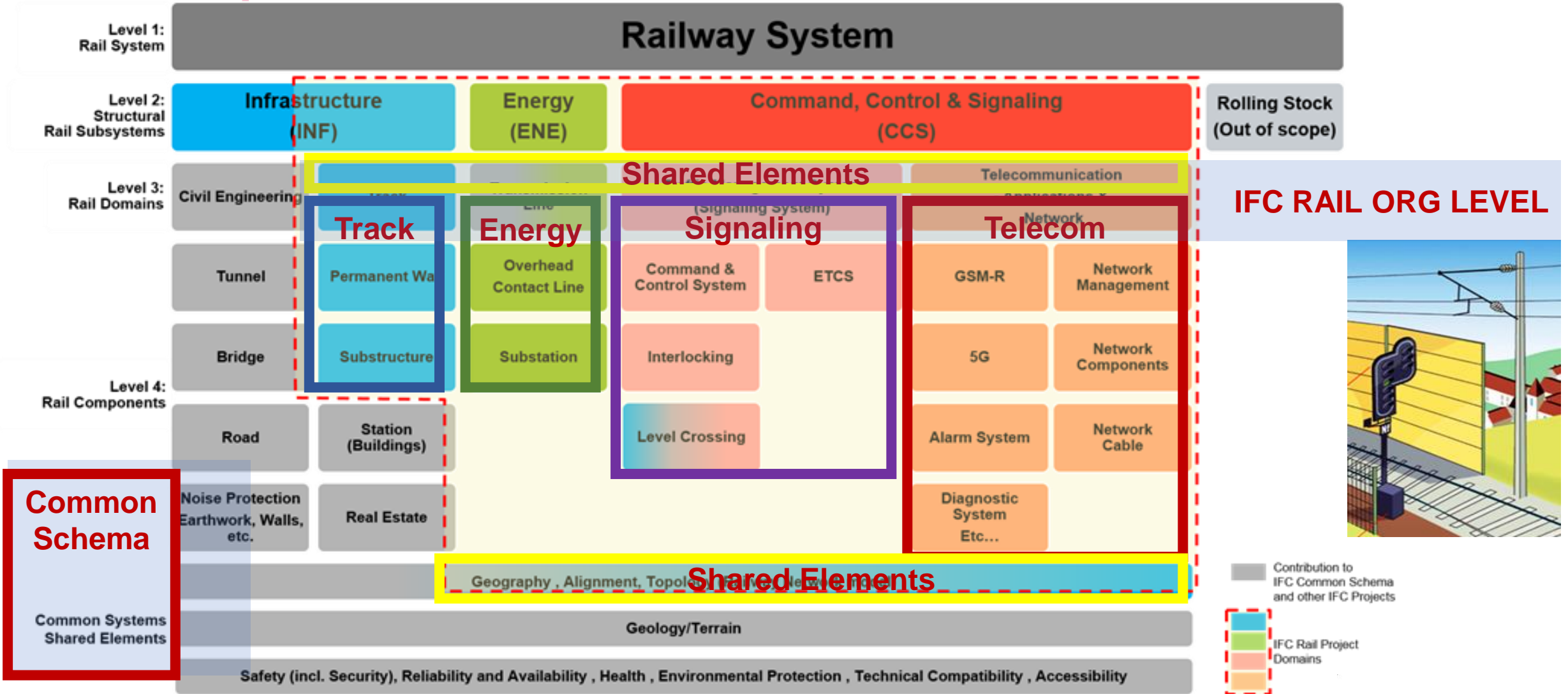
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Swedish and Finnish Transport Agencies

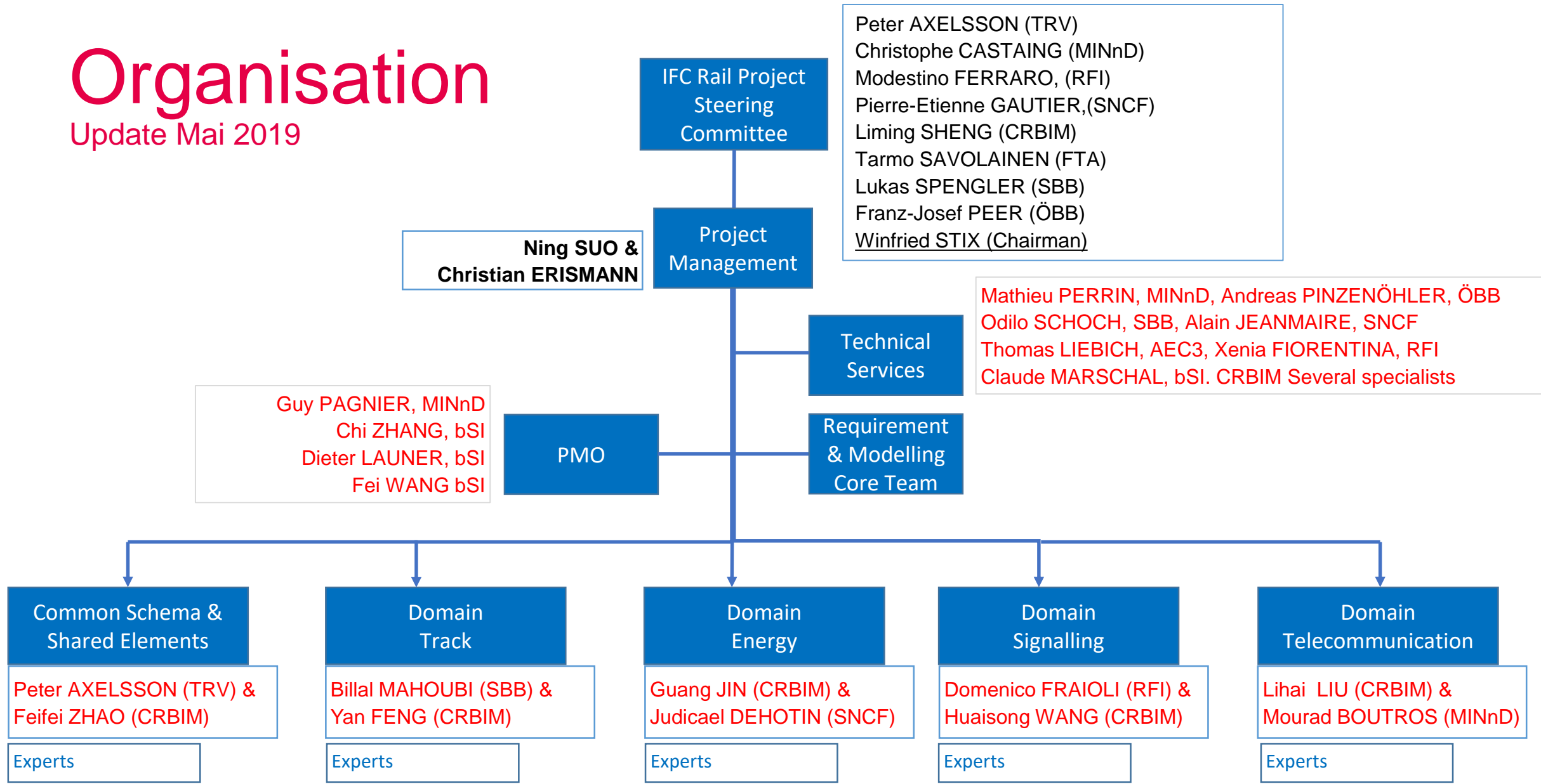


# Scope | Railway: System of Systems



# Organisation

Update Mai 2019



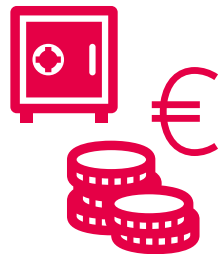
# ifcRail Project in Numbers



2018 – 2019 | **24 Months**



**8 Stakeholders**



Cash  
**2'500'000 EUR**



**100+** Domain &  
Technical Experts

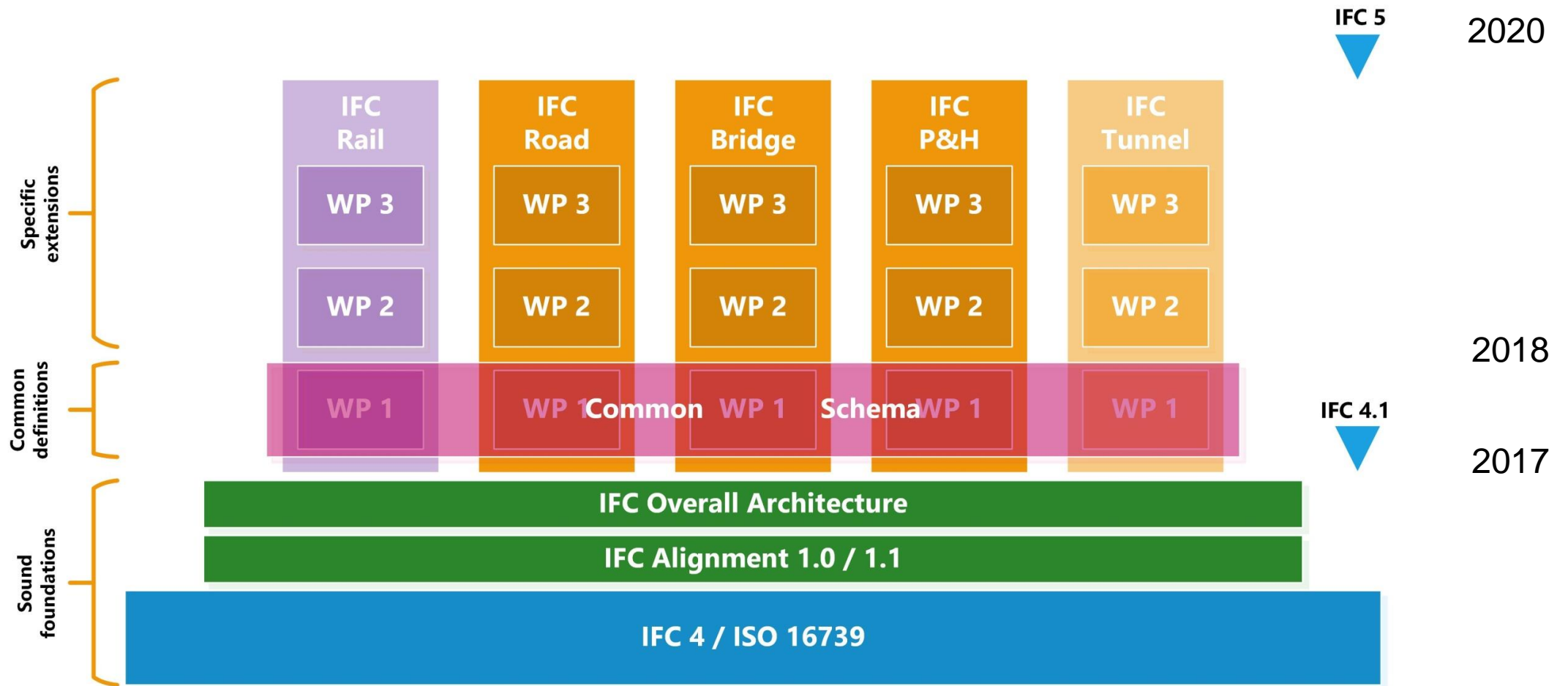


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**3'500+ Tage**



# bSI Infrastructur Projects

## 2017 – 2019 (2020)



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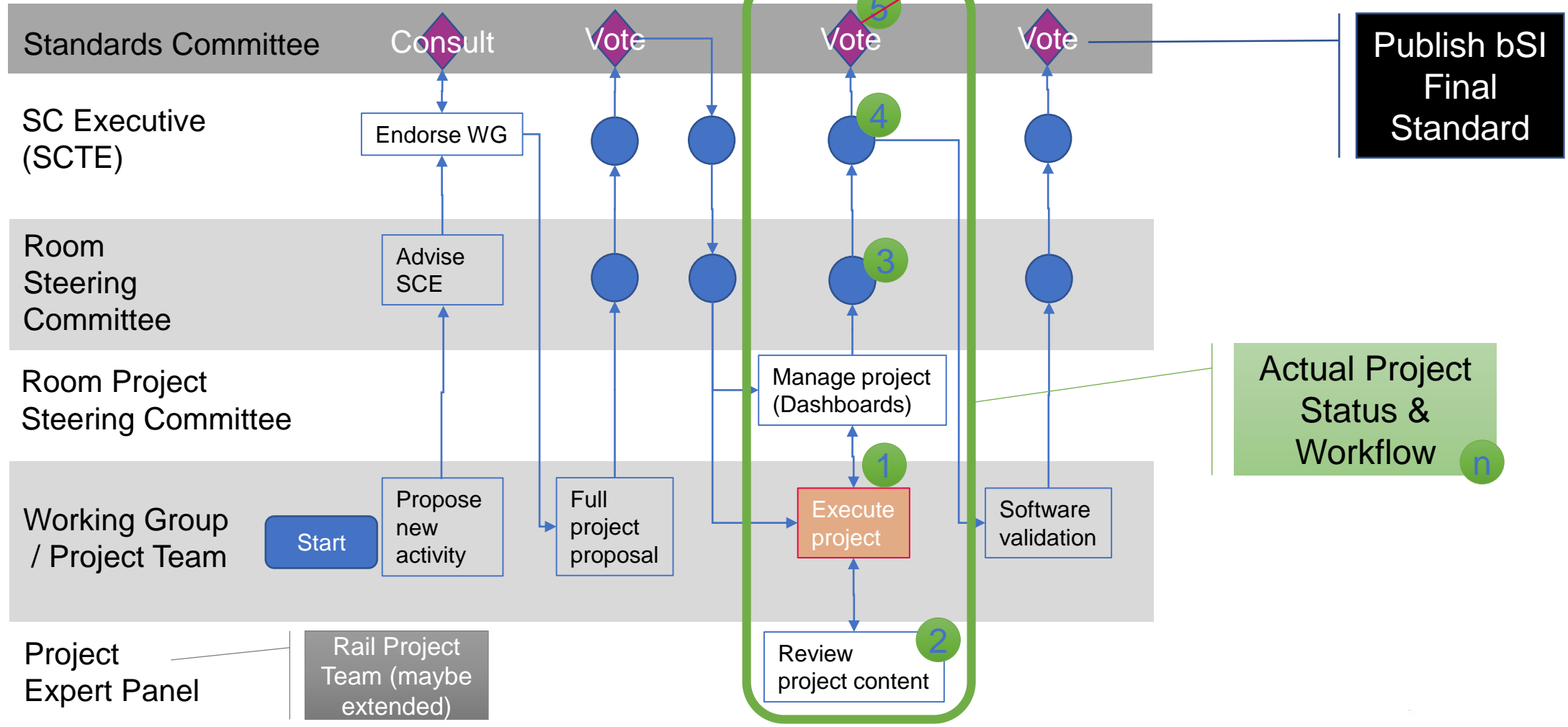
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# Projekt Governance bSI Standardisation Process

Publish bSI Candidate Standard  
25. October  
bSI Summit Beijing







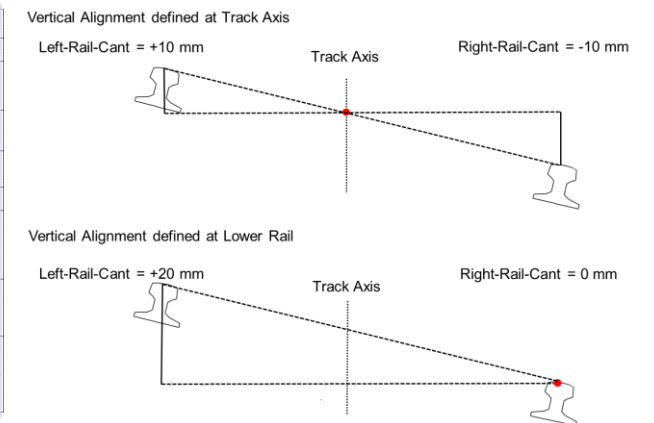
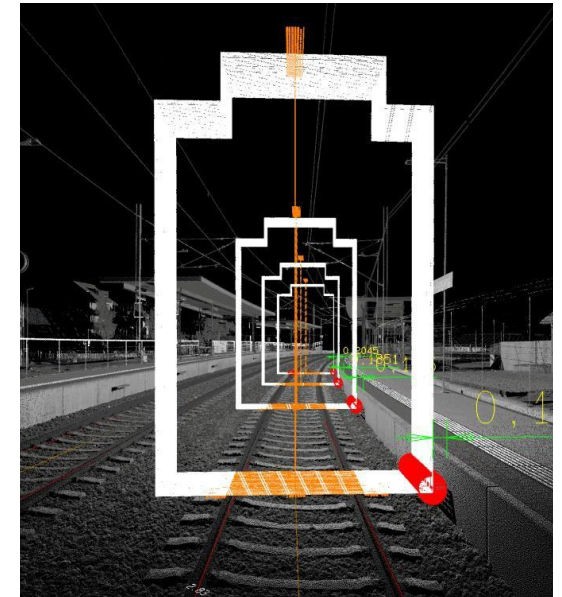
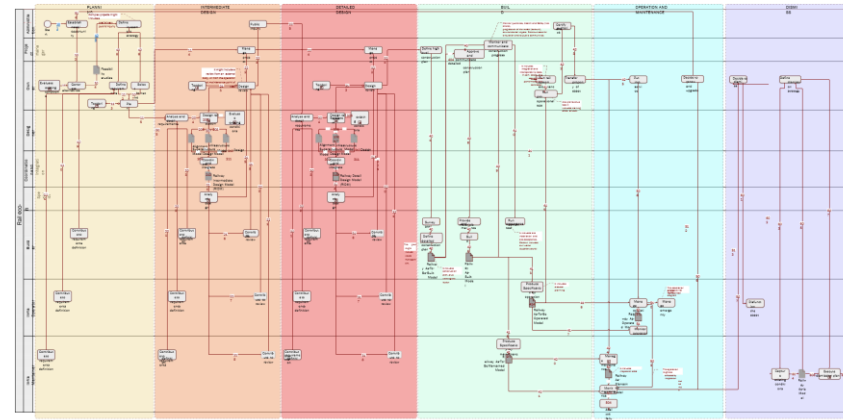
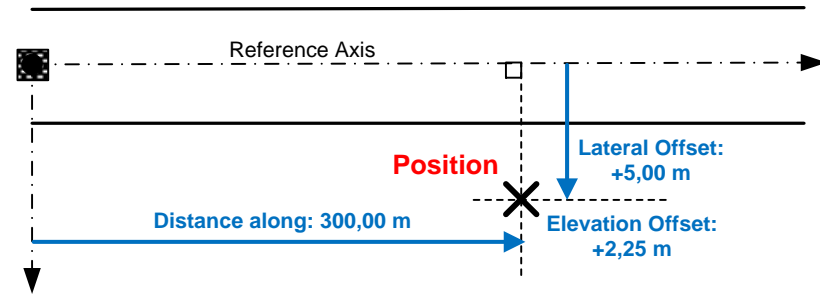
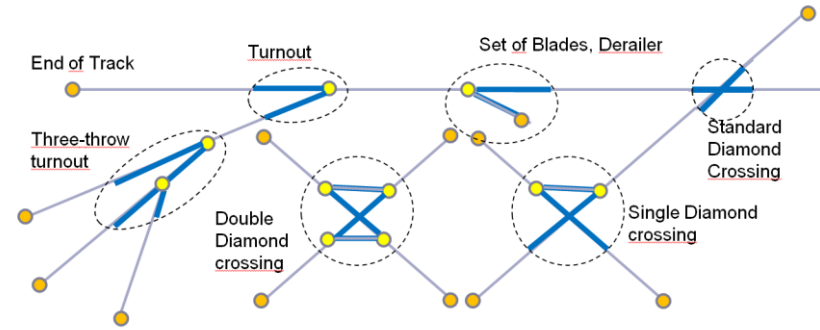
# Prioritised Use Cases

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1. Existing Condition Modeling
2. Railway Design Modeling  
(Feasibility Studies for Railway and Railway Intermediate Design Modeling)
3. Interference and Coordination Management  
(Physical Interface, 3D coordination and clash detection, Signal Visibility Checking)
4. 3D Visualization
5. Quantity Take Off
6. Handover from Builder to Maintainer

# Requirement Analysis Report

- Scope of railway domains
- Process Map
- **38 Use cases**
- Common requirements
  - **Alignment** requirements
  - **Network** specification
  - Linear **Positioning**
  - **Spatial** Structure
  - **Geometric** representations
- Model View Definitions



# Data Requirements Report

- Domain specific requirements

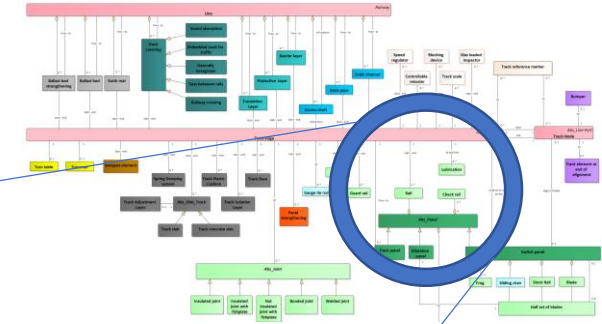
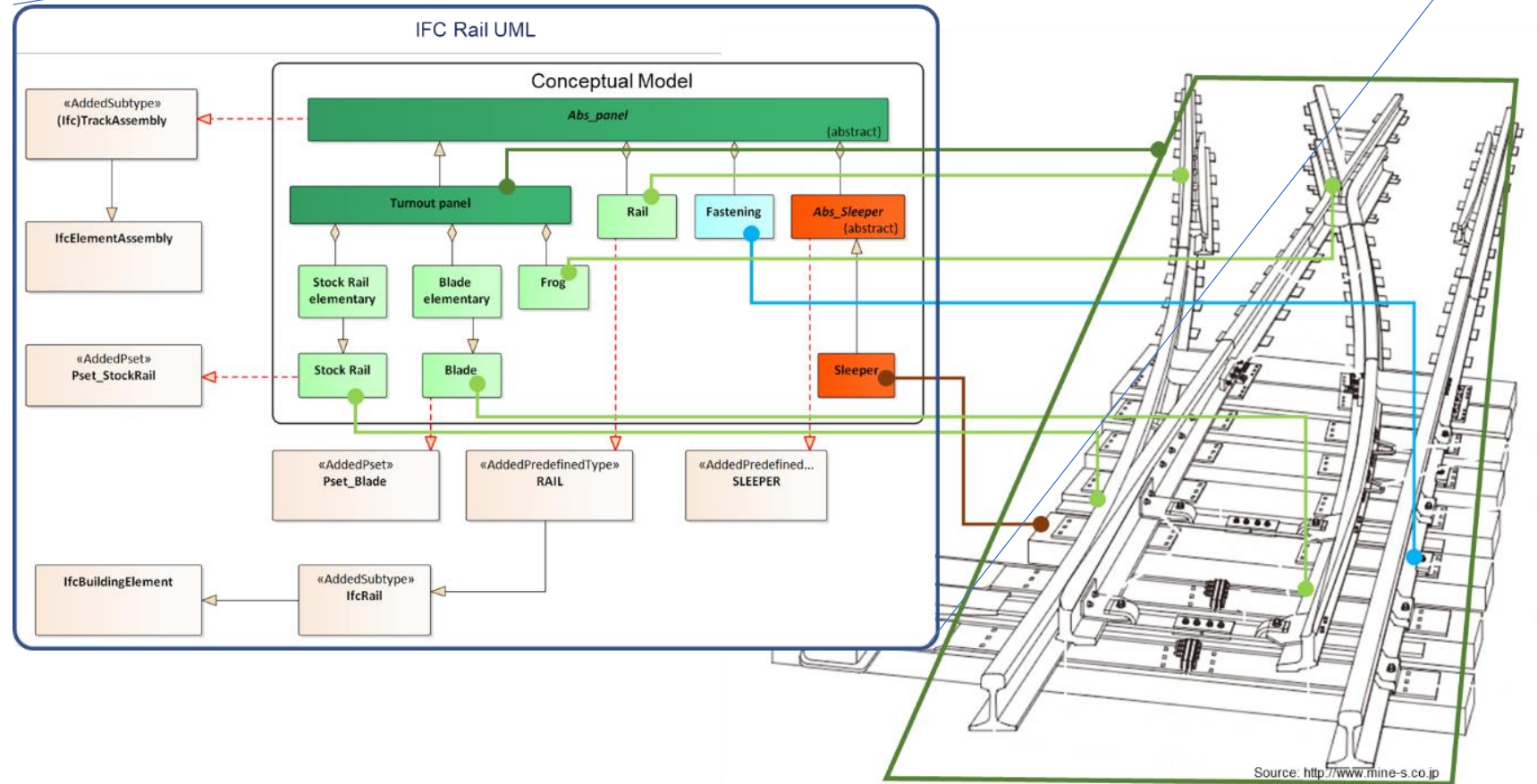
- Track
- Energy
- Telecom
- Signalling

- In total 2534 properties defined for railway objects!!!



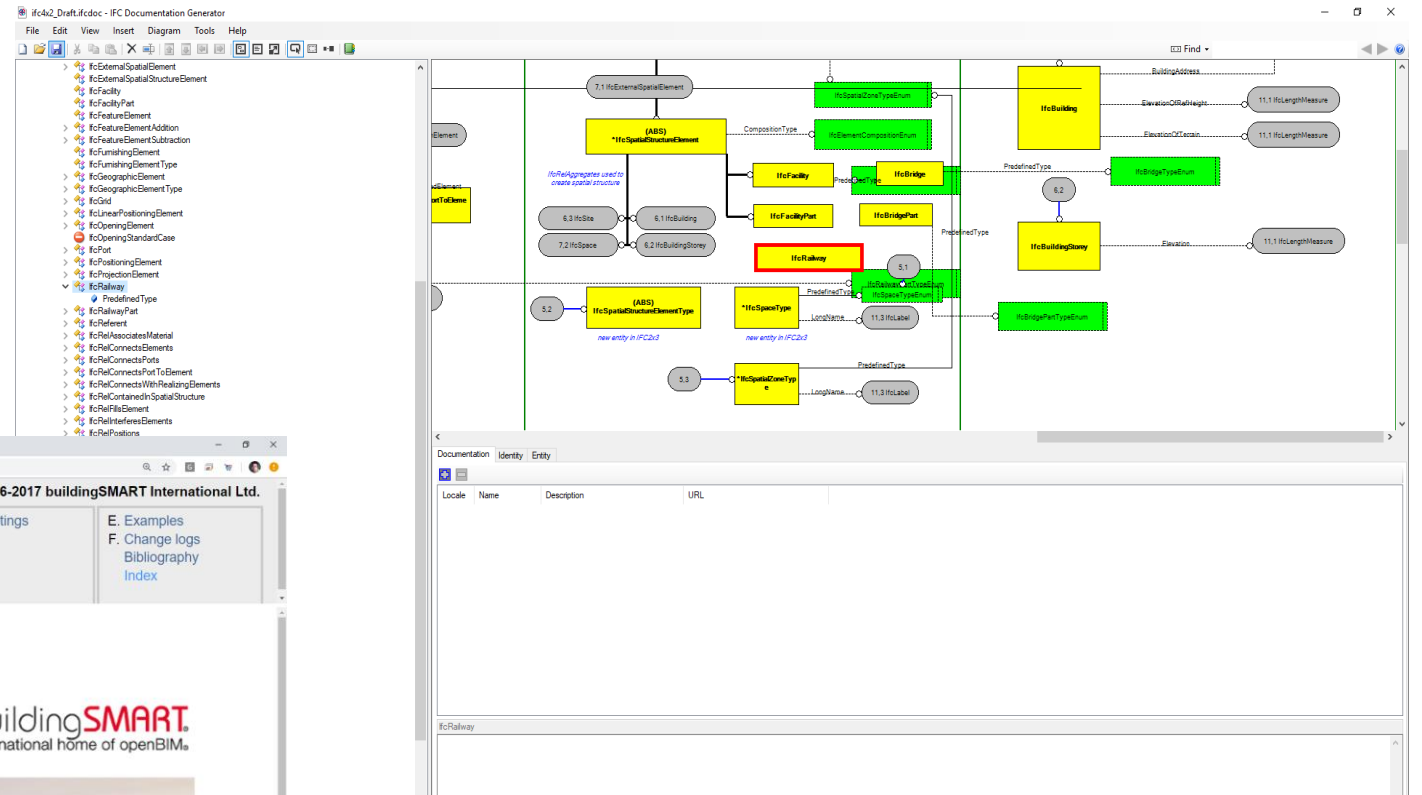
# Conceptual Model Report

- Classes: 677 (all), 453 (Priority 1)
- Properties: 2534
- Divided by domains:
- Classes:
  - Track: 67
  - Energy: 143
  - Signalling: 80
  - Telecom: 101
  - Shared: 62
- Properties:
  - Track: 809
  - Energy: 1011
  - Signalling: 284
  - Telecom: 430



# IFC Specification | ifcDoc

- New Alignment extension
- Spatial Structure
- Domain specific entities and types
- To be harmonized with other IFC infra projects



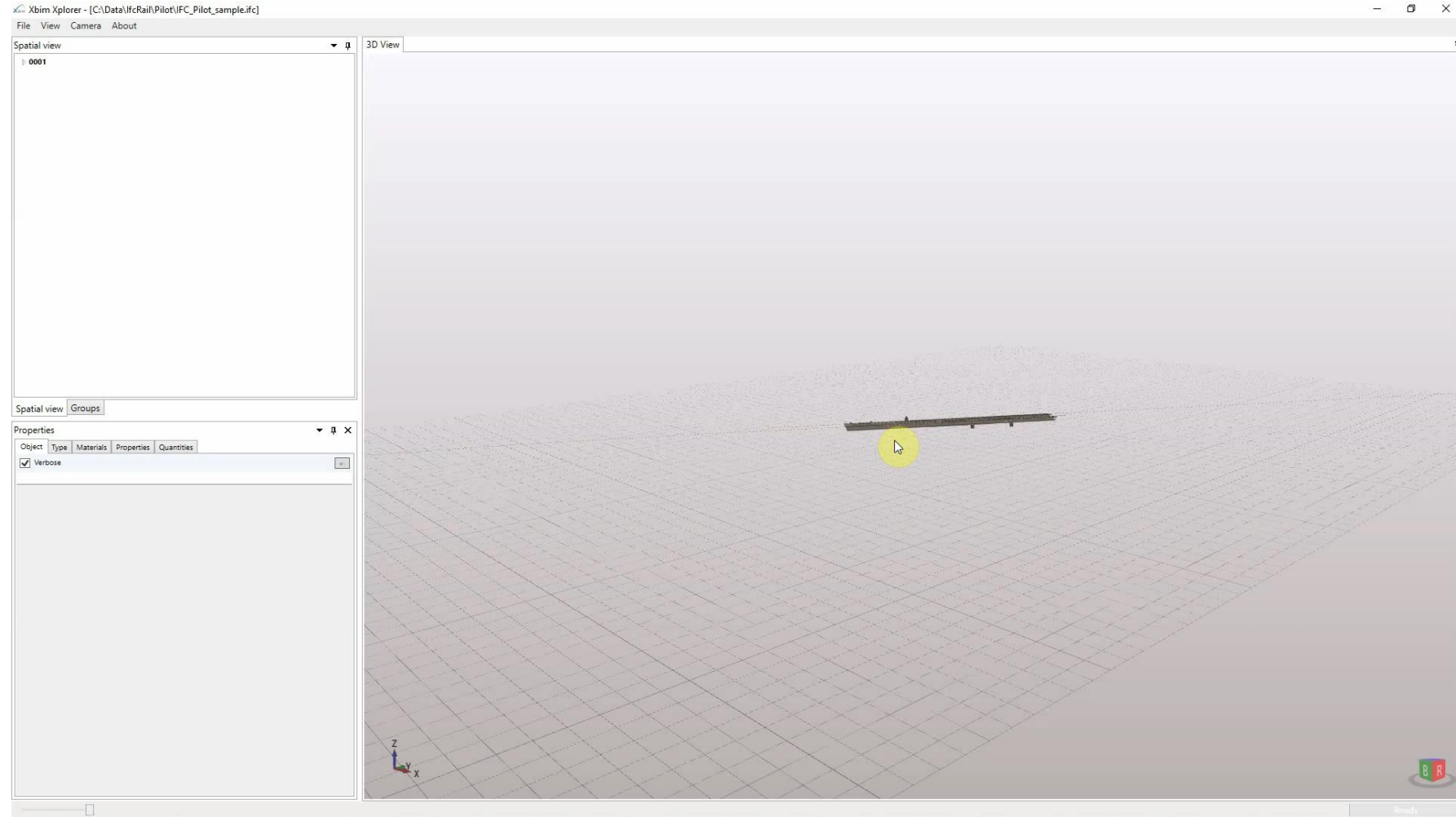
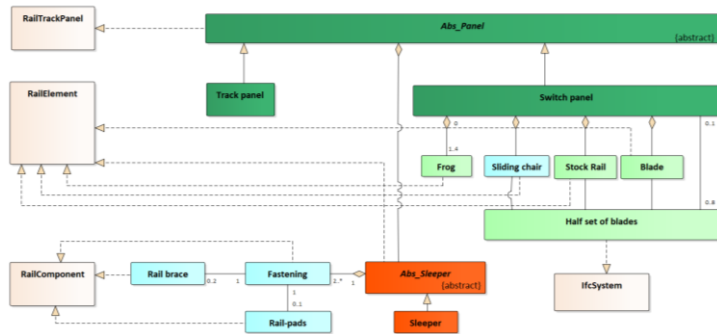
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Below the table is a banner image of a bridge with the text "Industry Foundation Classes" and the buildingSMART logo.

# Prototyp Implementation

Use Case: simple switch connection on a two track line



# Conclusion ifcRail

- Challenge | Railways as a "**system of systems**"
- Challenge | **intercultural** project team
- Solution | **diversity** in the management team
- **Increase** in market power | international cooperation
- **Standardization process** | buildingSmart  
IFC-Rail > ISO > CEN > national standardization institutes
- Essential basis for "**openBIM**"
- **Learning** from each other
- **Further steps** are required

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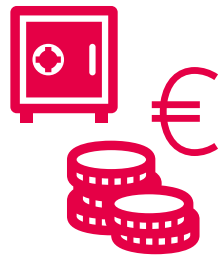
# ifcRail Project Phase 2



2020 – 2021 | **24 Months**



**6-8 full Stakeholders**



Cash

Est. **2-3 M€**

Est. **350 T€/Stakeholder**



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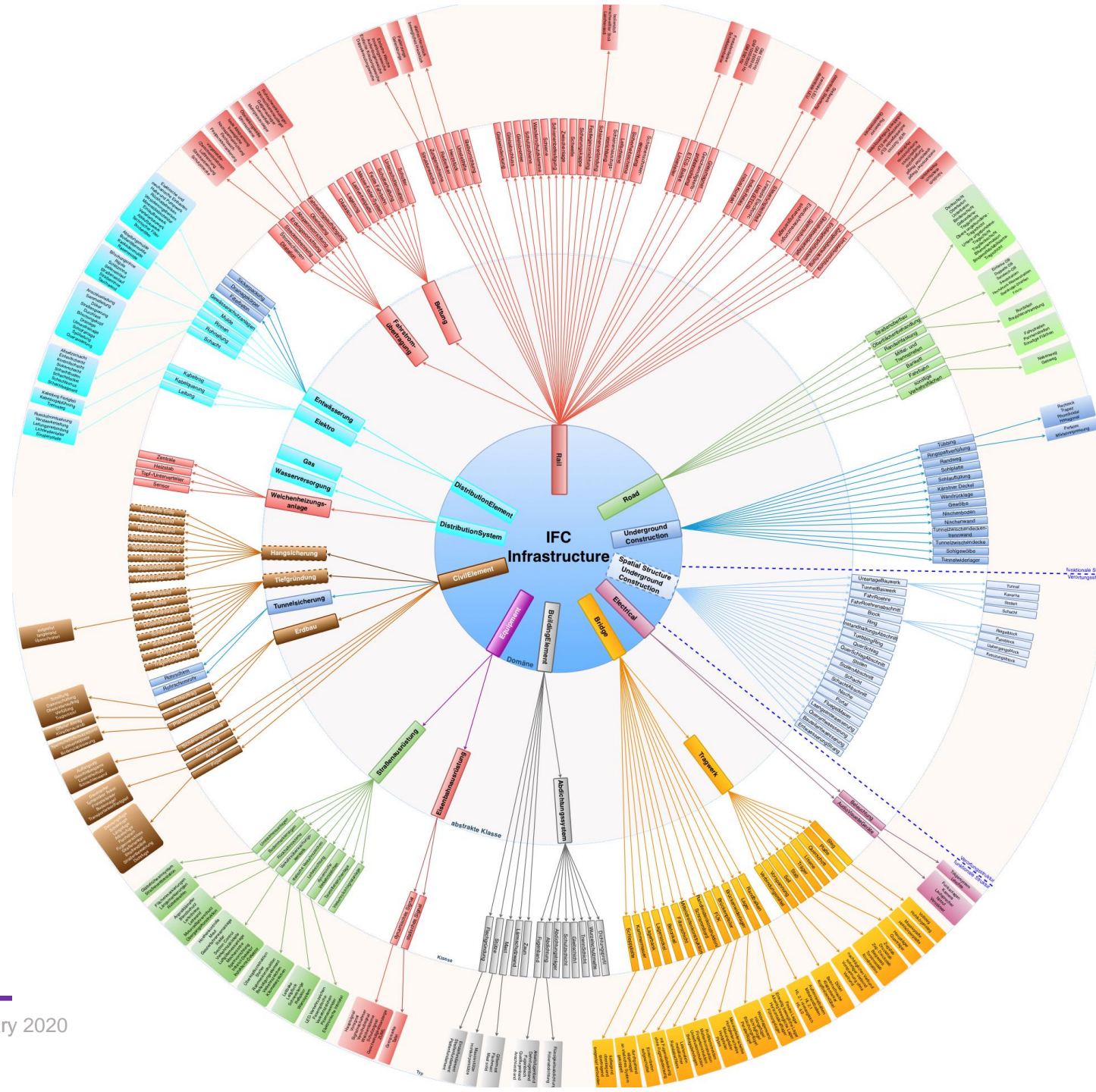


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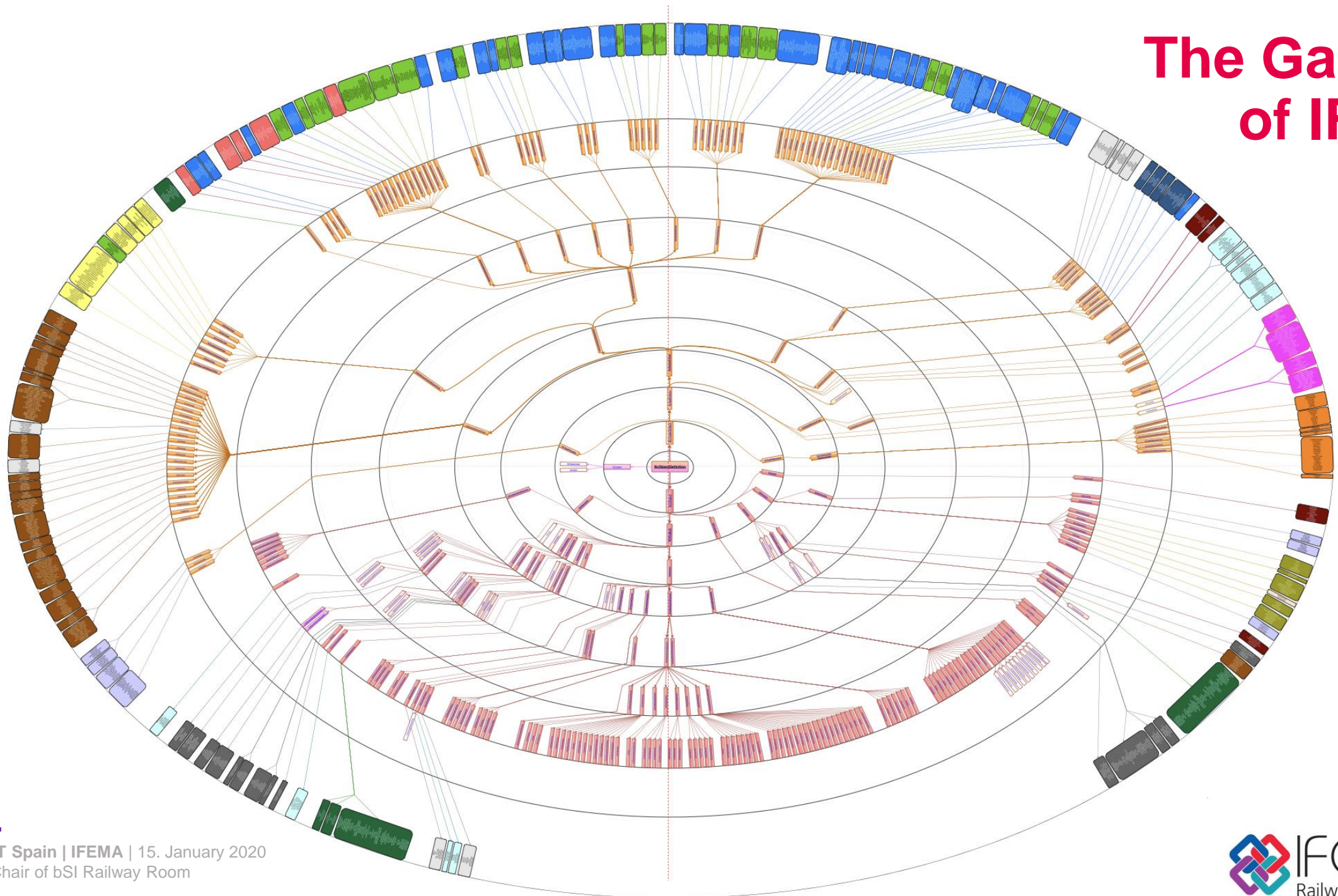
Est. **4'500+** Tage



# The Sunsystem of ifcRail



# The Galaxy of IFC 4





On our way into the  
**open BIM Universe**  
... There is a lot to do

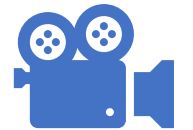
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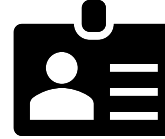
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Scene from the Italian movie (1984)

"NON CI RESTA CHE PIANGERE"



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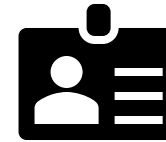
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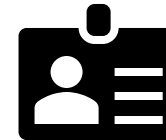
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