

The IGC met on 23 February 2017 in Paris and was chaired by the UK; they discussed the following topics.

ElecLink

The IGC reviewed the status of the ElecLink project to install a high energy power cable through the Concession. The IGC reported that it was keen to work with Eurotunnel and its partners, and provide support to ensure that the project is delivered successfully and safely. The necessary actions to be taken to achieve this before the project is implemented were discussed.

Authorisation of new Velaro

The IGC noted that on 19 November 2015 it had provided an authorisation allowing a new Velaro e320 / Class 374 to be used in the Channel Tunnel. To date, 13 of 17 trainsets have been approved. Further applications for the authorisation of trainsets 14 to 17 are expected to be submitted to the IGC by May 2017.

Authorisation of HGV shuttle wagons

The IGC recorded that on 17 February 2017 it had authorised three new Eurotunnel HGV freight shuttle wagons.

Renewal of DB Cargo (UK) and Eurostar safety certificates

The IGC noted that the safety authority was assessing applications for the renewal of both the DB Cargo (UK) and Eurostar safety certificates for the Channel Tunnel. Certificates should be issued by their respective renewal dates of 19th March and 18 April 2017.

Proposed Amsterdam-London route

The IGC discussed progress on Eurostar's planned new service from London to Amsterdam.

Eurotunnel Performance Monitoring method

The Joint Economic Committee reported to the IGC that it had held successful meetings with Eurotunnel to review its performance monitoring arrangements and are preparing a further meeting with the operators in April. The IGC confirmed that the May 2017 IGC meeting would represent that initial annual performance meeting with the Concessionaires.