

The IGC met in London on 15 February under French chairmanship. It dealt with the following subjects:

Brexit

The IGC discussed a number of operational aspects for Eurotunnel and train operators which would have to be dealt with post Brexit.

GetLink Group financial restructuring

The IGC requested its Joint Economic Committee to analyse the GetLink Group financial restructuring plan, especially the positions of the concessionaires Channel Tunnel Group Ltd. and France Manche SA within GetLink Group.

ElecLink

The IGC noted that the safety authority had carried out a joint review with Eurotunnel of the risk assessment process for the project. The IGC advised Eurotunnel that it would only authorise commissioning of the project when all safety conditions had been met.

Regulation

The IGC announced that it was going to send Eurotunnel its comments on the draft 2019 Network Statement soon.

New Eurostar London-Amsterdam service

The IGC noted that On 9 February Eurostar had officially announced its intention to launch a direct London-Amsterdam service on 4 April 2018. In the Amsterdam-London direction, it would offer its customers a connection in Brussels, where their passports would have to be checked. The IGC assured the Eurostar representatives that it would do everything in its power to facilitate the discussions between the four governments concerned, in order to reach agreements quickly on border checks to allow direct return travel between Amsterdam and London.

Authorisations

The IGC reviewed the examination of the Part B certificate application filed by DB Cargo to all its freight trains to transit the tunnel.