

The IGC met online on 26 February 2021, in a meeting chaired by the UK Delegation and covering the following points:

Future regulation of the Channel Tunnel

The IGC discussed a number of issues relating to the new legal framework for the regulation of the Channel Tunnel that came into effect on 1 January 2021. These included: new binational legislation to ensure that operators can continue to use the Channel Tunnel once contingency measures implemented by the EU Commission have expired; the implementation of the terms of the new cooperation agreement signed by the IGC, EPSF and ORR setting out national safety authority working relationships; and the development of a new Binational regulation to implement the fourth railway Package for the UK half of the Channel Tunnel.

ElecLink Project

The IGC noted progress with ongoing discussions to close out the outstanding issues remaining from the CTSA assessment of the ElecLink safety dossier. It also discussed the timeline for bringing the interconnector into operation.

Eurotunnel's Safety Management System

The IGC noted the intention of EPSF to approve Eurotunnel's application for a safety authorisation for the French half of the Tunnel to come into effect from 1 March 2021.