



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### CAESAR Summary of Objectives

Intermodal transport is claimed to face with an ever increasing demand for capacity, and this can only be achieved with co-ordinated innovation agenda and activities. To do so, it is necessary to bring together authoritative individuals with decision making capabilities to contribute with significant advice and to influence the stakeholders in their planning of research and technology programmes, i.e., the European Intermodal Research Advisory Council (EIRAC).

CAESAR is the Coordination Action aiming at fostering the creation of such a new and common vision of intermodal research in Europe, by achieving the following objectives:

- To establish the EIRAC
- To support the EIRAC to define their Terms of Reference
- To support the EIRAC to draw their Strategic Research Agenda for Intermodal Transport and Logistics, in conjunction with business scenarios
- To set-up and run the EIRAC Communication Strategy, to liaise with mode-specific Advisory Councils
- To facilitate the EIRAC to define the Implementation Plan of their Strategic Research Agenda

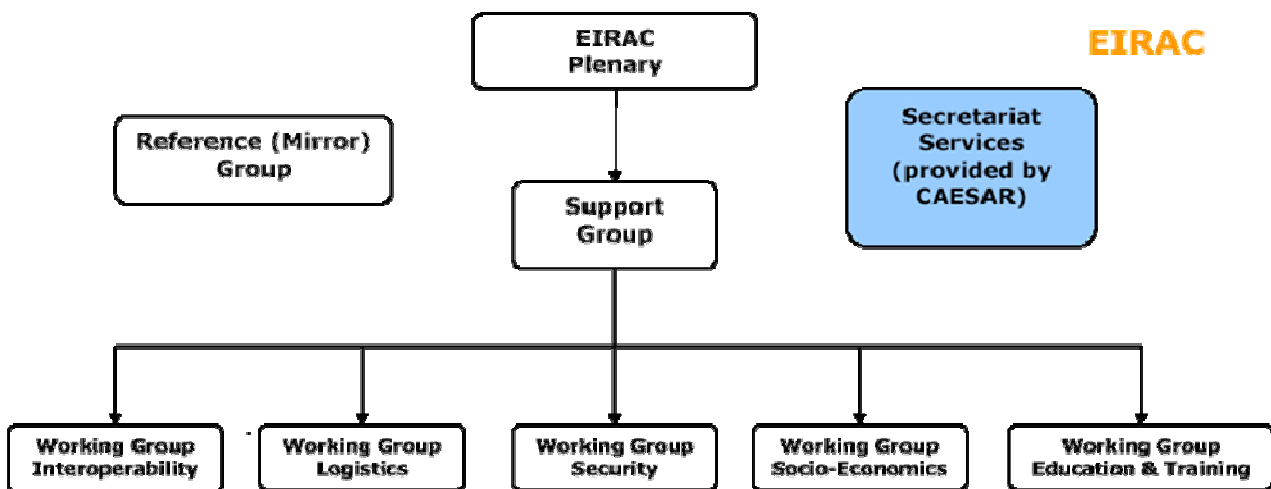
EIRAC will focus the attention on the real industry needs, the relevant business scenario, and then it will identify and focus on 5 mainstreams for innovations. At this initial stage, a preliminary analysis has shown that the most important are:

- logistics;
- interoperability between modes;



- security;
- socio economic issues;
- education and training.

To guarantee efficiency of the work performed by EIRAC, CAESAR proposed the following structure, adopted by the Advisory Council at the first Plenary meeting:



To aid EIRAC reaching those goals, CAESAR progresses by stimulating the creation of a Unity of Purpose among the different actors involved in intermodal transport, both on customers – the shippers– and supply – the operators – sides, looking at that service as the most important reply to the needs of logistics and the supply chain.

During its 24 months lifetime, CAESAR provides secretarial support to the EIRAC work, by gathering from captains of industry their vision of intermodal transport at 2020 and the subsequent needs for future research, supporting the creation of a joint research strategy, and the relevant rules for implementation.

These activities culminate in their establishment – with the support of key industrial figures - as the Strategic Intermodal Research Agenda 2020.



The following contractors are involved in the project:

Partner No	Partner Name (Short Name)	Country
1	Consorzio per la Ricerca e lo Sviluppo di Tecnologie per il Trasporto Innovativo – Consorzio TRAIN (TRAIN)	Italy
2	Alliance of Maritime Regional Interests in Europe (AMRIE)	Belgium
3	Connekt (CONNEKT)	Netherlands
4	Mettle Groupe (METTLE)	France
5	European Intermodal Association (EIA)	Belgium

The main achievements in the period are in line with the planned objectives, reported in section 1.2.1. The following targets has been reached during the first year:

- EIRAC’s Plenary and Support Group have been established, including their respective Chair and Vice-Chair persons;
- EIRAC Terms of Reference have been accepted and signed by the EIRAC Plenary members;
- Five EIRAC Working Groups, i.e., one per intermodal research pillar have been set up;
- The Strategic Intermodal Research Agenda (SIRA) 2020 has been prepared and published by the EIARC;
- EIRAC and CAESAR web sites are up and running.