

An overview of trasse.ch's tasks

trasse.ch ensures that the processes providing access to the network from the initial planning stage right through to the postprocessing are free of discrimination. The diagram below illustrates the individual activities within the various processes:

Planning	Allocation	Improvement
Ensuring capacity in the longer term	Coordinating the applications	Resolving bottlenecks
Developing ground rules for applying & auxiliary documents	Creating the network timetable	Optimising processes
Preparing for applications	Allocating the train paths	

Responsibilities in the planning phase

In the run up to the annual train path allocation process, trasse.ch guarantees that preparation for the timetable is free of discrimination. trasse.ch oversees the preparatory work and ensures that no railway undertaking's aspirations to use the network are wrongfully rejected as not being feasible in the study phase. trasse.ch also ensures that all railway undertakings are treated equally in the reservation of capacity (in framework agreements) for the longer term. trasse.ch writes and publishes the conditions for applying and documents the train path capacity available on the North-South freight corridors transparently (as train path catalogues).

Responsibilities in the train path allocation phase

trasse.ch is responsible for the complete train path allocation process from the receipt of applications right through to allocation. It checks that applications conform to the statutory requirements and leads the coordination procedure to resolve conflicts between applications for train paths, a process which also involves railway undertakings and infrastructure managers. In this way, trasse.ch takes an active part in the creation of the timetable; it approves the infrastructure managers' draft timetable by allocating the train paths definitively.

Responsibilities for optimisation and review

trasse.ch endeavours to allocate every railway undertaking all the train paths it applied for. If a lack of capacity makes this impossible, trasse.ch highlights the action needed to resolve the bottlenecks on these congested sections for the benefit of the Federal Department of Transport. In addition, trasse.ch continuously improves the train path allocation process based on feedback from railway undertakings and infrastructure managers. Charges for train paths are not set by trasse.ch but rather by the Federal Department of Transport.

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