

To potential applicants

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Dear Sir or Madam,

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Eurotunnel Framework Agreements – Notification & Consultation¹

In line with EU Directives and national regulations, Infrastructure Managers may propose framework agreements aiming to provide certainty on capacity to encourage the development of the market and investment in new services, while ensuring optimal use of infrastructure capacity, and without precluding use by other applicants². In its latest Network Statement published in December 2025, Eurotunnel communicated its intention to study in 2026 the introduction of an offer of Framework Agreements (EFA) for services operating from 2030³. In line with regulatory doctrine recommended in France, framework agreements are optimally deployed when two or more operators are due to operate on the same route.

Following receipt of an application by an operator confirming a firm order for cross-Channel high speed fleet for delivery by 2030 (in this case, in 2029, see FS Group public announcement of 07.08.2026), Eurotunnel hereby notifies all other potential applicants of its intention to conclude a framework agreement with Trenitalia France granting capacity rights for services operating on the Paris-London route from 2030¹.

Eurotunnel invites other potential applicants to submit requests for a framework agreement for services to operate on the Paris-London route, in order to examine and decide on them simultaneously⁴. Applicants are required to reply by 30.09.2026, including a demonstration of their actual ability and intent to operate such services, and in particular that they will have fleet available and authorised to operate their services⁵. This may be existing, compatible fleet allocated to these services, or new fleet to be delivered and authorised for operation by the intended timetable year.

The development (with all eligible applicants) and validation of Eurotunnel Framework Agreements will be conducted in accordance with EU Directives and national regulations, including supervision by Regulatory Bodies⁶, prior coordination with Infrastructure Managers⁷ and, if required, coordination between requests⁸. Eurotunnel will in parallel publish a model framework agreement and submit it to consultation with its network statement⁹.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ EU Reg.2016/545 art.5.2

² EU Dir.2012/34 art.42

³ DRR-NS 2027 par.2.8.2 & EU Reg.2016/545 art.5

⁴ EU Reg.2016/545 art.5.3

⁵ EU Reg.2016/545 art.6.1.b

⁶ EU Dir.2012/34 art.56

⁷ EU Dir.2012/34 art.40 & EU Reg.2016/545 art.12

⁸ EU Reg.2016/545 art.9 & 5.5 & EU Dir.2012/34 art.46 & 39

⁹ EU Dir.2012/34 art.42.7 & annex 4.7