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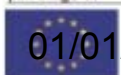
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Interoperability

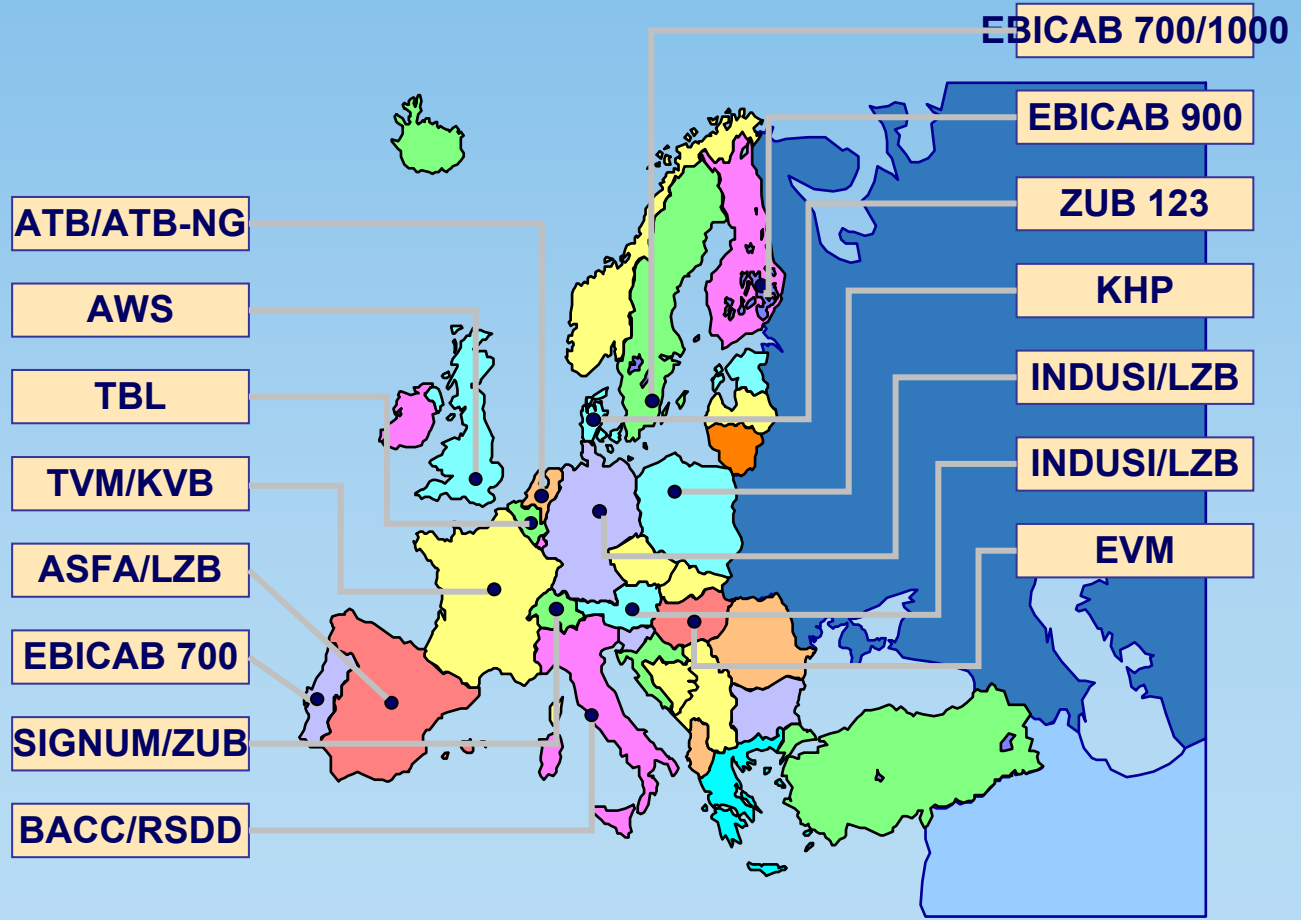
A European and a global technical challenge

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Why an EU action on ETCS?





Capital cost : +70%

Maintenance cost : +35%

Availability rate : -50%



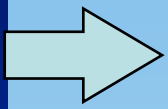
Benefits of ETCS

Main benefit, apart from contributing to interoperability : scale economy and competition between suppliers.

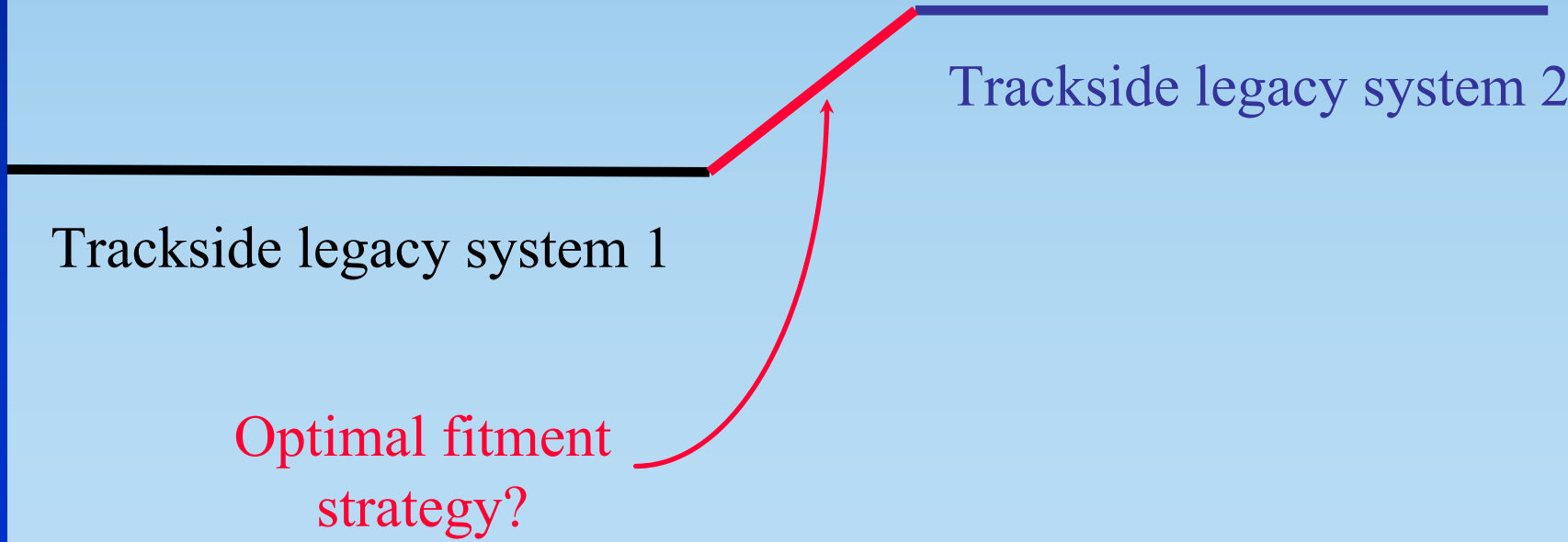




The challenge of the migration



Short term decisions based on analysis made on a single line may not necessarily favour the fitment of ETCS



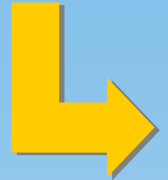


EU Strategy to speed up the deployment

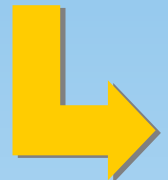
- Legal enforcement
- Conditionality
- Support to retrofit



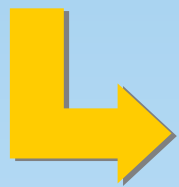
ETCS : the role of the rail sector



No national on board “add-ons”



A (very) reduced number of reference test laboratories in Europe.



No more EU money on specification work but increased support to the deployment of the system.



Conclusion

➔ The European coordinator, to act as a catalyst between the actors.

➔ ETCS : a tool in a wider context

➔ **Cost comparison analysis**

A balance scale is shown with a map of Europe on the left pan and a photograph of railway tracks on the right pan. The scale is tilted towards the right, indicating that the railway tracks are heavier. Above the scale, a series of red triangles points towards the right pan. The entire illustration is enclosed in a white border with a drop shadow.