## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TECHNICAL INTEROPERABILITY FOR TAF TSI SUBSYSTEM AT ZSSK CARGO WILL CO-FINANCED BY CEF

On 04<sup>th</sup> of November 2016, the Grant Agreement for project "Implementation of the technical interoperability for TAF TSI subsystem at ZSSK CARGIO was officially signed between ZSSK CARGO and Innovation and Network Executive Agency (INEA).

ZSSK CARGO functions as the national rail freight operator in Slovakia with direct connections to international rail transport. The need for a comprehensive information system to secure technological processes is clear give from the nature of the services provided by ZSSK CARGO and its activities. ZSSK CARGO currently operates operational support information systems developed 10 years ago based on the needs defined at that time. Given the fact that the rail freight sector has undergone significant legislative changes over the past decade (market liberalisation, building interoperability, improving the quality of transport services, etc.) information support must also be adapted to these changes.

The primary reason for implementing the "TSI TAF Subsystem Technical Interoperability Implementation at ZSSK CARGO" project is to fulfil requirements related to the deployment of the interoperable rail system in rail freight segment in the TEN-T railway network in terms of the standardisation of the mutual exchange of information as defined in Regulation 1305/2014/EC on TSI TAF.

Harmonisation of telematics applications operated at ZSSK CARGO to support the connection of information system at the domestic level and in the EU. The implementation of standards for telematics applications in rail freight will secure smooth and simple cross-border connections for information services, which is a key factor for securing the quality of international rail services, in particular in the fast growing segment of international rail freight transport.

Information about project financing are provide in the attached information sheet.

