

**ECORails –
Energy efficiency and environmental criteria in the awarding of regional rail transport
vehicles and services**

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Direct performance indicators

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Overview of criteria

Performance indicators	Indirect indicator	Parked train mode	Technologies	operational measures
kWh per • pass. km • seat km • train km • gross tkm	mass per seat	comfort functions	most prominent • braking energy / onboard equipment • braking energy / fixed installations (sub-stations, supercaps) • braking energy / diesel operations	most prominent • energy-efficient driving (timetable, training, technical advices)
traction energy consumption		• assessment of risks and costs (LCC, CBA) • state of the art • availability on the market • future availability on the market		

- Evaluation of vehicles?
- Evaluation of operations?
- Estimation of standard energy costs

Relevant indicators

- **kWh / passenger km:**
Main overall objective but within award procedures, measures for improved occupancy and improved EE should clearly be separated from each other.
- **kWh / seat km:**
Most relevant indicator; applicable for awarding services and procurement of vehicles; applicable for assessment of MUs, loco-hauled trains (as a whole) and for comparing MUs with loco-hauled trains
- **kWh per train km:**
Technical basis (in terms of measurement) for calculating kWh per seat km; in certain (very few) cases helpful to simplify the process when used as such
- **kWh per gross tonne km:**
the most relevant indicator for the assessment of locomotives

Performance Indicators – which one for which occasion?

kWh / passenger km:

- The most relevant indicator in terms of climate protection and when comparing transport modes (including: political discussions)

Occupancy:

- Depends on timetable
- Depends on geographical, economic and political situation
- Depends on **marketing concept of TOC**, PTA and the Public Transport system in general

(Technical) energetic performance:

- **Depends on vehicles**
- **Depends on operations**
- Depends on infrastructure
- Depends on timetable

**Responsibilities of
 the train operator (TOC)**

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ECORails proposes to analyse and set incentives separately for

- occupancy (attracting passengers)
- energy efficiency (vehicles and operations)

Performance Indicators – which one for which occasion?

kWh / seat km:

- Applicable for awarding services and procurement of vehicles
- Applicable for assessment of MUs, loco-hauled trains (as a whole) and for comparing MUs with loco-hauled trains
- Applicable for the assessment of operations

The ECORails Guidelines focus mainly (but not exclusively) on kWh / seat km!

Side conditions need to be defined, e.g.:

- (minimum) seat pitch
- (minimum) width of seats
- calculation of multi-purpose areas, corridors, restrooms etc.

Performance Indicators – which one for which occasion?

kWh per train km:

- Technical basis (in terms of measurement) for calculating kWh per seat km
- in certain (very few) cases helpful to simplify the process when used instead of kWh / seat km, e.g.:
 - very clear definition of train class and configuration
 - unified fleet, maybe owned by the PTA
 - clear calculation of multiple traction operations
 - No disproportionate increase of energy consumption in case of multiple traction

Performance Indicators – which one for which occasion?

kWh per gross tonne km:

- the most relevant indicator for the assessment of locomotives
- gross tonne km: weight of the train (without the locomotive), multiplied with the distance the train is hauled
- In certain cases kWh / seat km may be used additionally
 - when awarding services and comparing different vehicle concepts of bidding TOCs
 - when comparing loco-hauled trains with multiple units.

Performance Indicators – which one for which occasion?

Diesel fuel: calculated as kWh, l or kg?

- **kWh**: qualities of fuel may differ; re-calculation to kWh makes it easier to compare (but complicates the process)
- **l**: the most easiest way, especially when you focus on the taking of diesel at fuel stations, but ...
- **kg**: litres are a unit for the volume which may differ due to weather conditions; fuel is put under high pressure in the internal combustion process. Referring to the mass is therefore more reliable.

Performance Indicators – challenges and restraints

- Clear definition of train configuration and interior design
- Service profiles to be clearly defined
- Clear definition of secondary conditions
- Technology for monitoring the energy consumption required (e.g. energy meters)
- Comfort functions for passengers to be analysed separately
- Parked train modes to be analysed separately



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Indirect indicators:

- mainly mass per seat (to be used for procurement or operation of loco-hauled carriages if to be assessed separately from locomotives)
- additionally relevant to compare different vehicle concepts (independent from interior design)

→ comfort definitions, calculation of multi-purpose areas

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