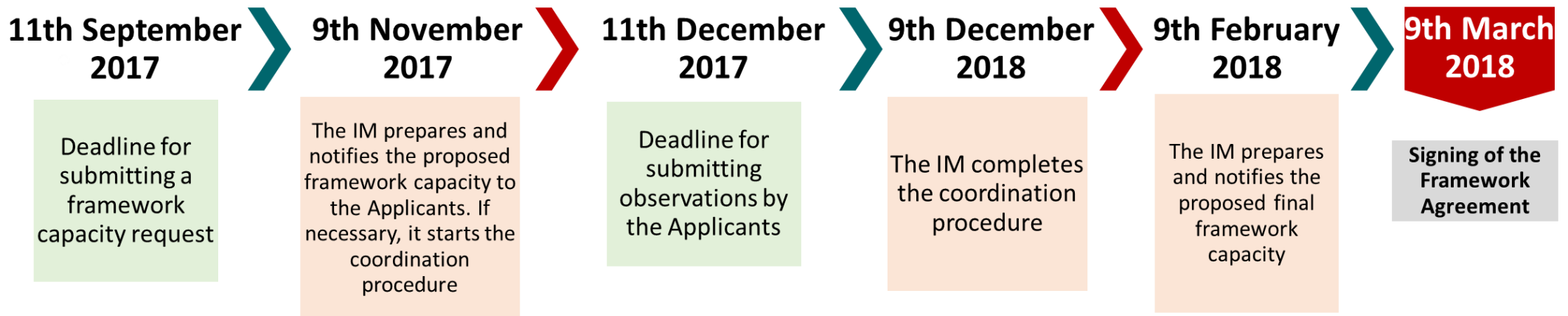


Timescale for framework capacity requests



All requests for the conclusion or amendment of a Framework Agreement shall be sent to the IM within 15 months from the start of the first useful working timetable (**11th September 2017 for 2018/2019 timetable**). After this date the requests shall be processed by the IM according to the timeline set in NS, ch. 4.3.1.

Following the conclusion of the Framework Agreement, the capacity allocated thereunder shall be made available from 2018/2019 timetable, in order to enable the Applicant (other than RU) or the RU operating the service to submit a request for the train paths for the capacity set out in the Framework Agreement, in accordance with the schedule set out in NS ch. 4.3.2.

The request for capacity for the purpose of concluding a Framework Agreement may be submitted to the IM up to a maximum of 5 years from the scheduled start of the service, if any of the following circumstances occur:

- the Framework Agreement is a prerequisite for financing the rolling stock needed to operate the service;
- there is the need to complete the type approval process regarding the rolling stock referred to in letter a);
- the scheduling of the services stipulated in the request is strictly related to the activation of new infrastructures (railway lines, stations, terminals, connections);
- the scheduling of the services stipulated in the request is related to the transport activities provided in a public service contract.