

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2021

EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS

Established in 2004.
Headquarters in Valenciennes and Lille.
188 highly committed staff.

2021 at a glance

Rail was omnipresent in 2021, the European Year of Rail. Throughout the year, the Agency has been successful in achieving its milestones and delivering on its core mission. ERA timely delivered on its Authority tasks, noticing a significant increase in the volume of applications. When it comes to National Safety Authorities, the Agency completed its first three-year monitoring cycle. ERA has also continued the monitoring of Notified Bodies and has launched the revision of the dedicated Assessment Scheme. In addition, the Agency successfully launched and concluded the Safety Climate Survey, which gathered over 46,500 responses. Furthermore, the consultation on the 2022 TSI revision package on Telematics applications for freight and for passengers took place. Through its mission and actions, the Agency continued to contribute to the EC Political guidelines: a European Green Deal, an economy that works for people, a Europe fit for the digital age, and a stronger Europe in the world.

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ERA's strategic role was obvious in 2021, the European Year of Rail, that shone a light on all our activities, contributing to making rail the transport option of choice for both passengers and freight. We will continue to work tirelessly to move Europe towards a sustainable and safe transport system without frontiers in which rail plays the key role.

Josef Doppelbauer, ERA Executive Director

Revised Vision
and Mission
Statement
Added value
to EU Citizens

A sustainable, safe European transport system without frontiers.

Moving Europe towards a sustainable and safe railway system without frontiers.

As an element of novelty in this year's Consolidated Annual Activity Report, a description of the added value for EU citizens was included for each SPD output.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



100%

Decisions for issuing Single Safety Certificates, Vehicle Authorisations and Trackside approvals taken according to the legal deadlines



98%

Implementation of the establishment plan



99.8%

Commitment of its budget appropriations

1260

Vehicle Authorisations issued in 2021, an increase of almost 37.4% compared to 2020

41

Single Safety Certificates issued in 2021, an increase of 105% compared to 2020

2


The first two ERTMS Trackside approvals were issued in 2021, significant milestone




46,500

Responses from rail professionals



5 National Safety Authorities (NSA) audit reports and 1 follow-up report in 2021: 



5 Notified Bodies (NoBo) audited in 2021: 

Achievements

Activity 1: Shaping target and global reference

Strengthening of the EU framework outside of the EU. The mainstreaming of interoperable data. Enhancing Railway Safety through positive safety culture. The Agency's Safety Climate Survey supports the development of a positive safety culture.

Activity 2: Developing the harmonised regulatory SERA technical framework

Advancing with the revision of the complete TSI package, as requested by the EC mandate. Cleaning up the remaining national technical, safety and operational rules.

Activity 3: Implementing the harmonised regulatory SERA technical framework (under 4RP)

Issuing SSC, Issuing VA, Issuing ERTMS Trackside Approvals. Railway system data and registers maintenance.

Activity 4: Monitoring, evaluating and reporting

Analysis. Monitoring of NSAs and NoBos. Identifying research needs. Reporting on safety and interoperability.

Activity 5: Delivering efficient and effective services

Corporate governance. Sound financial management. Sound management of HR and ICT. Internal and external communication.



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