

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

## Information

# ERA Educational Inventory Phase 1: Pilot phase – Information gathering – Start December 2024

### **Short description**

Modern railways require our competence, our skills and creativity – every day. Rail offers already a multitude of interesting job opportunities for skilled people, with an expected increase in the coming years. ERA created a searchable webpage to facilitate access to information about education and trainings in railways.

We aim to support younger generations to find and choose an education in railways, and skilled professionals seeking to improve their skills and career path. Better skilled railway staff could improve the levels of safety and interoperability in European Railways, and thus enhance its market share, to reach the European Green Deal objectives of sustainable transport. And a better understanding of EU rail legislation could improve the quality of applications for authorisation and certification, reducing the time and cost for both applicants and ERA.

This Educational Inventory does not claim to be complete and grows by the contributions we receive. Everyone is invited to promote this initiative and to contribute to this Educational Inventory.

We have started by gathering contact information from different sources, e.g., railway publications, contacts in our Stakeholder Relationship Management-database, and the ERASMUS+ Project <u>STAFFER</u>, "Skill Training Alliance for the Future European Rail system". Following we sent an email to those contacts, asking their explicit consent to promote their course/degree/training/programme in the Educational Inventory.

In the first pilot phase, ERA reviews all entries submitted via the below link to an EU Survey-questionnaire on their relevance to the EU rail regulatory framework. This means that ERA verifies, based on the title of the course/programme/degree/training and the description given by the applicants, if the course/programme/degree/training corresponds to the topics that fall within ERA's mandate as stipulated in Regulation (EU) 2016/796. As a rule of thumb: the topics listed on its website.

### Register your course/programme/degree/training

You can support this initiative by informing us about education and training with relevance to the EU rail regulatory framework, by registering your course/programme/degree/training, by filling the form <a href="here">here</a>. This form is hosted on EU Survey, which is run by the European Commission. The European Commission collects and processes your personal data for user management in accordance with this <a href="mailto:privacy policy">privacy policy</a>. ERA collects and processes your personal data that you submit in the form in accordance with this specific <a href="mailto:data protection">data protection</a> <a href="mailto:notice">notice</a> for the Educational Inventory.

If ERA needs clarification on the information provided by an applicant for this Educational Inventory, ERA may contact that applicant to ask for clarification. The applicant will be informed when the review has been successfully completed and the course/programme/degree/training will be listed on the Educational Inventory webpage. With your express consent, the information provided in the survey may be processed by ERA for follow-up analysis regarding railway education and skills development.

### Liability of ERA

During this pilot phase ERA does not evaluate the content of the course/programme/degree/training. Educational offers are listed solely for informative purposes and being listed does not mean any endorsement by ERA.

Education and training providers listed in the Educational Inventory do not act or speak on behalf of ERA, and ERA cannot be held responsible for their actions or expressions. ERA cannot be held liable for any incorrect information in the Educational Inventory, even if this error cannot be attributed to a third party. ERA cannot be held liable for any consequence resulting from the information listed in the Educational Inventory, such as, but not limited to, applications for vehicle authorisations, safety certificates or trackside approvals.

For more information, <u>contact us</u> or write an email to <u>Academy@era.europa.eu</u>.

Kind regards,

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