

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

DECISION n° 393

of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the ICT Strategy 2026 - 2030

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS,

Having regard to:

Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways¹ (hereinafter referred to as "Agency" or "ERA") and repealing Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 (hereinafter referred to as "Regulation"), and in particular Article 51(1)(r) thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) Article 51(1)(r) of the Regulation provides, so far as relevant, that the Management Board shall ensure adequate follow-up to the findings and recommendations stemming from the various internal or external audit reports and evaluations;
- (2) The Internal Audit Service (IAS) has issued a recommendation requiring formal approval of the ERA IT Strategy by both the Executive and Management Boards (ref ARES (2024)467067);
- (3) This requirement is explicitly stated in the agreed action plan, which reads: "The ICT strategy and action plan shall be presented to the EB and adopted by the MB";
- (4) Previous strategic documents such as the Updated ICT Strategy 2022–2024 were adopted by the Management Board, fulfilling audit and discharge expectations;
- (5) The ICT Strategy 2026–2030 supports strategic statements 8 and 9 contained within the Agency's Single Programming Document (SPD)¹. The ICT Strategy is also a key deliverable under the IAS action plan and is subject to scrutiny in the context of discharge and audit processes;
- (6) The Management Board has given the Agency the task to develop an ICT Strategy for the 2026-2030, as part of the Agency Strategic Calendar;
- (7) The coordinator of this strategy has liaised with relevant Strategic Calendar Rapporteur, the Executive Board, the Management Team, and the delegated IT experts from the concerned units, and integrated their comments in the Annex to this Decision;
- (8) The Management Board is requested to adopt the ICT Strategy 2026-2030.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ Decision n° 360 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the Single Programming Document 2025-2027

Article 1

The ICT Strategy 2026 – 2030 of the Agency as set out in the Annex to this Decision is adopted.

Article 2

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This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption. It shall be published on the Agency's website.

For the Management Board,

18/11/2025

Hinne GROOT The Chairperson

Annex: ICT Strategy 2026-2030