

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2025

Common set of priorities for the Agency's work:

- 1 Interoperable and cost-efficient 
- 2 Safe 
- 3 Future-proof 

2025 at a glance: A year of delivery, resilience and strategic progress

The Agency achieved a high level of delivery of its annual work programme despite increasing demand for Authority Tasks and continued resource constraints. The year marked a transition in leadership, underpinned by strong engagement with Member States, NSAs, the European Commission and the railway sector, leading to a shared set of priorities focused on interoperability and cost-efficiency, safety and future readiness. In terms of interoperability and cost-efficiency, the Agency pursued further simplification and efficiency gains, including through streamlined processes and strengthened governance under the 4th Railway Package, as well as continued progress on TSIs and the reduction of national rules. These efforts are expected to improve predictability and reduce costs for the sector, while maintaining high levels of safety. The Agency also advanced digitalisation and data governance, including through the expansion of the ERA Knowledge Graph, the preparation of EVR+, and telematics developments, supporting more integrated and future-proof rail data services. Regarding safety, 2025 marked the start of the third NSA audit cycle, the continuation of support to Member States, including Greece, and further progress towards TSI recommendations for 2026. These activities contribute to the transition towards a more proactive and risk-based European safety model. When it comes to the future-proof pillar, through the Joint Network Secretariat, the Agency successfully concluded the procedure on the Gotthard Base Tunnel, demonstrating its capacity to address complex, system-level and politically sensitive issues. Finally, the SAP was successfully implemented, including the introduction of the Agency's new matrix structure and the streamlining of its processes. In addition, the Management Board adopted the ICT Strategy, which will guide the Agency's approach in this area until 2030.



KEY DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED IN 2025:

- Annual Overview for Interoperability
- Safety Overview
- Report on the Assessment of Achievement of Safety Targets

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



100%

Proportion of decisions taken according to the legal framework deadlines for issuing SSC, VA and ERTMS TA



98.2%

Implementation of the establishment plan



100%

Commitment of budget appropriation

2 068

Vehicle Authorisations issued in 2025, up 10 % compared with 2024

90

Single Safety Certificates issued in 2025, up 11.1 % compared with 2024

16

ERTMS Trackside approvals issued in 2025, up 14 % compared with 2024



9 National Safety Authorities (NSA) monitoring audits in 2025:



16 Notified Bodies (NoBo) monitoring audits in 2025:



WELLBEING:

The Agency strengthened its efforts to collect staff inputs on the staff engagement and wellbeing through initiatives such as the Better Together Strategy Away Day, and the Staff Engagement Survey 2025. These initiatives provide important input for shaping the Agency's organisational culture for the years to come. The Agency also continued its active involvement in the Women in Rail Award task force.

MAIN EVENTS IN 2025:

- Rail Data Forum
- ETCR Seminar at College of Europe
- EU Rail Safety Days
- ERA-ENISA Conference on Rail Cybersecurity
- TSI Open Days workshops in PL and PT
- 13th Online Budapest Conference
- High-Level event on cutting costs in rail (Danish Presidency)
- EU Presidency events



DIGITALISATION:

ERA employs digital initiatives to achieve its strategic goals



- Expansion of the ERA Knowledge Graph
- Preparation of EVR+
- Pilots supporting interoperable rail data services
- Further improvements of Moodle
- Educational Inventory webpage



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