Progress on Safety towards the Single European Rail Area (SERA)

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• The Railway Safety Directive establishes that

'...Railway safety should be generally **maintained** and, when practicable, continuously **improved**, taking into account technical and scientific progress, and the development of Union and international law.

- The Agency Regulation provides for that the Agency shall '...shall monitor the overall safety performance of the Union rail system'
- In particular '...the Agency shall monitor progress on the **safety** and **interoperability** of the Union rail system. Every 2 years it shall present to the Commission, and publish, a report on progress on safety and interoperability in the single European railway area'
- Latest Biennial report published in July 2020 with next edition due in 2022
- Annual Safety Overview published March 2021



2019 Highlights



Significant accident and resulting causalities have decreased steadily since 2010.



Even 1 single accident or 1 single fatality is always too much

Overall cost of railway accidents is high

Large differences in safety levels between countries in SERA

Decrease in significant accidents mainly driven by "external" accidents

Safety at LCs improved over the period 2010-2016. Less in the last years (2017-2019)



Accidents and their outcomes - I





Accidents and their outcomes - II



Notes: Other costs: Modal shift, Air polution, Administrative, Rerouting, Reputational damage, Productivity losses, estimated from unit costs developed by consultant for ERA



Country variations

Railway fatality rates All fatalities per million train kilometers over 2017-2019														EUROF UNION AGENT	PEAN CY AILWAYS										
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Internal and external accidents - I





Internal and external accidents - II





Level crossing safety

Level crossing accidents and resulting casualties EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY Significant accidents, fatalities and serious injuries, EU-28 FOR RAILWAYS Level crossing accidents and resulting fatalities and serious injuries Fatalities Serious injuries Accidents



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