

DUTCH RAILWAY LEADERS SIGNED THE EUROPEAN RAILWAY SAFETY CULTURE DECLARATION IN UTRECHT ON 1st OCTOBER 2019

VALENCIENNES, France, 2 October 2019

Organised by the Dutch National Safety Authority, Inspectie Leefomgeving en Transport (ILT), the conference brought together the leaders of the Dutch railway sector in Utrecht to discuss safety and leadership.

Many leaders from the Dutch railway sector followed the call from Josef Doppelbauer, Executive Director of the EU Agency for Railways (ERA), and signed the European Railway Safety Culture Declaration, committing to raise awareness and to promote a positive safety culture throughout the entire industry.

A positive safety culture reinforces the effects of a Safety Management System, improving the capability and efficiency of safety management.

The EU Agency for Railways' understanding of safety culture is: *safety culture refers to the interaction between the requirements of the Safety Management System, how people make sense of them, based on their attitudes, values and beliefs and what they actually do, as seen in decisions and behaviours. A positive safety culture is characterised by a collective commitment by leaders and individuals to always act safely, in particular when confronted with competing goals.*

The EU Agency for Railways has developed safety leadership training, supporting the role of leaders in delivering safe performance, which it can deliver on request.

About the EU Agency for Railways

The European Union Agency for Railways was established in Valenciennes (offices) and Lille (meeting facilities) in 2004. Its approx. 200 staff represent more than 22 European Member States and speak multiple languages. ERA has been providing EU Member States and the European Commission with technical assistance in the development and implementation of the Single European Railway Area. This comprises enhancing technical interoperability and harmonising rules, promoting simplified access for customers, developing a common approach to safety and safety culture, advising on telematics applications and ERTMS (European Rail Traffic Management System), monitoring National Safety

Authorities and Notified Bodies and facilitating the exchange of information between the railway actors in Europe. Since 16th June 2019 the EU Agency for Railways is mandated to issue single safety certificates and vehicle (type) authorisations valid in multiple European countries and to ensure an interoperable European Rail Traffic Management System. The purpose of these activities is expressed by the slogan “Making the railway system work better for society.”

Downloads:

[Picture](#): Dutch railway industry leaders sign the European Railway Safety Culture Declaration
[Text](#) of the European Railway Safety Culture Declaration

Media Contact:

Communication team

120 Rue Marc Lefrancq | BP 20392 | FR-59307 Valenciennes Cedex

Tel. +33 (0)327 09 65 00

era.europa.eu

communication@era.europa.eu

