

Efficient Processing of Retrofitting Vehicle Authorisation Possible Thanks to High-quality Applications

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Efficient delivery of authorisations for the retrofitting of vehicles for DB Regio demonstrates the reactivity of the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) to the sector's demands, allowing DB Regio to adapt its vehicles to the high number of passengers registered since the beginning of June 2022, when the so called 9-Euro-Ticket initiative was implemented in Germany.

“This case shows that if the quality of the application is right, and follows our guidance and explanations, then we can deliver the authorisation very fast”, explained Josef Doppelbauer, ERA Executive Director, during the meeting between ERA and DB Regio representatives, held today at our stand at #Innotrans 2022.

With an average processing time of 6 working hours, ERA's team responsible to issue the authorisations proves that the Agency supports in concrete manners the European rail sector to provide better services to the European citizens, in line with its mission to move Europe towards a sustainable and safe railway system without frontiers.

During the bilateral meeting was also highlighted that the collaboration between ERA and DB Regio is an excellent example of cooperation, and proves that rail is resilient and capable to adapt to market's realities, to transform rail into the first choice of transport, and the backbone of future multimodality.

DB Regio's CTO Michael Trumpfheller said that: “End-to-end transparency throughout the authorisation process is a key factor for this very successful collaboration. Due to a precise planning we are able to inform the authority about scheduled applications and therefore receive a quick response.”

All decisions following an application for authorisation of a vehicle type or a vehicle can be found in the [One-Stop Shop \(OSS\)](#). The applicant can only access information relating to its own applications. After its authorisation the vehicle type information is made publically available through the [European Register of Authorised Vehicle Types \(ERATV\)](#). Certain documents forming part of the authorisation process are also made publically available through the [European Railway Agency Database of Interoperability and Safety \(ERADIS\)](#).

Background information:

LET'S TALK #RAILISH! ERA AT #INNOTRANS 2022

Come and meet our experts at Stand 520, Hall 27. We will be delighted to share our views, details about our work and future plans.

About the EU Agency for Railways:

The European Union Agency for Railways was established in Valenciennes in 2004, and has 188 employees representing more than 22 European Member States.

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.

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