

EUMedRail

EuroMed Rail Safety and Interoperability Project

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Since 2017, the EU Agency for Railways has been implementing the EuroMed Transport Support project for rail “EUMedRail”. The project aims to strengthen railway safety and interoperability to develop an integrated, safe and efficient transport system.



Algeria



Egypt



Israel



Jordan



Lebanon



Morocco



Palestine*



Tunisia

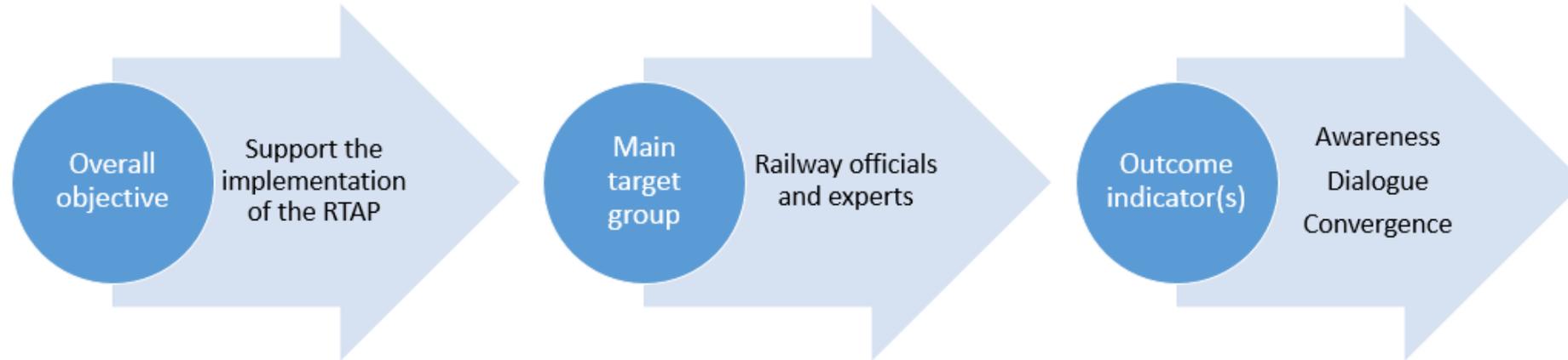
Objectives

Support the implementation of the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP) rail actions, by:

- Promoting EU and international legislation and standards
- Facilitating interoperability
- Increasing participation in activities of ERA

Project details

- EU Grant: DG NEAR
- Budget: 2 million euros
- Duration: 72 months (2017/2020, 2021/2022)



RTAP 2014-2020	Expected results	Main activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action 9: accession to international rail conventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of a network of railway experts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination events (workshops, seminars, conferences)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action 12: implementation of safety management systems, reporting on accident data, effective railway organisation, management/improvement of level crossing safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance knowledge and understanding on EU and international railway legislation and standards Exchange of best practice and experiences in implementing EU railway legislation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traineeship of officials and experts at ERA premises Targeted assistance (high-level events held at national level, technical and study visits)

Dissemination

- More than 20 events involving > 500 experts
- Large scope: management, regulation, supervision of safety; contract law, technical harmonisation, train drivers, maintenance, digitalization

Traineeships of officials / experts

- Algeria (SMS), Egypt (SMS, reporting of accidents, risk management), Jordan (safety indicators), Morocco (HOF)

Targeted assistance

- National seminars held in Algeria and Egypt
- On-demand support: study visits (ETCS/ERTMS), technical visits (transport of dangerous goods)

Increased awareness and understanding

- EU requirements on SMS implementation
- EU methodology for accident investigation
- Supervision and monitoring of safety

Exchange of best practice and experiences

- SMS study cases from: FR, IT, RS, SI,
- NIB study cases from: AL, HR, PT, RS, RO
- NSA study cases from: BE, FR, NL, SI, RS

Convergence

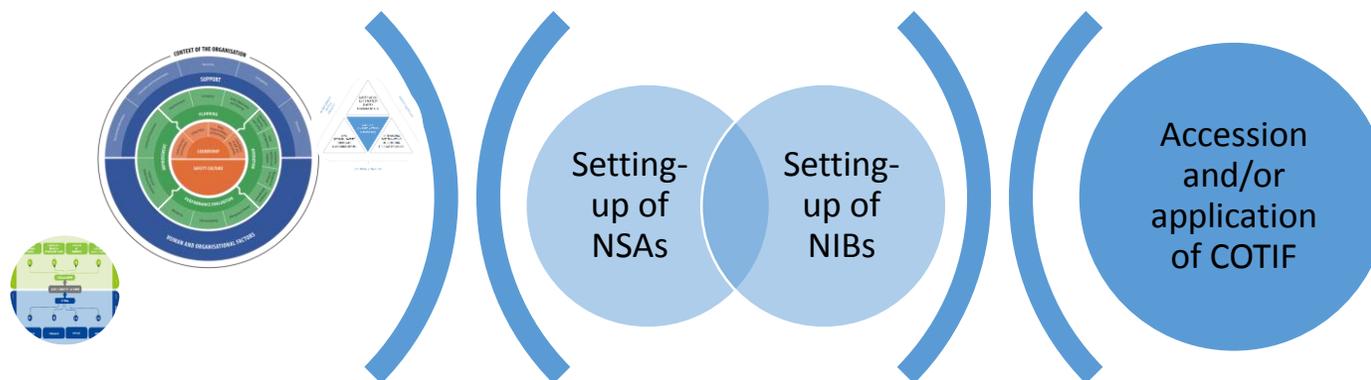
- Harmonised legislation in Israel, Morocco
- Updated legislation in Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia
- Railway reforms (accounting separation, organizational separation, institutional separation)
- Market opening

Regional Transport Action Plan 2021-2027

Progress in harmonising national legislation with EU provisions

Regulatory reforms

Adherence to international agreements and conventions



Safety Management System

- Gap analysis to be performed for each operator
- Signature of the safety culture declaration by railway leaders

Regulatory framework

- Guidelines and support in establishing and conducting supervision activities
- Guidelines and support in drafting accident investigation procedures

Technical interoperability

- Application of COTIF and its appendices
- Introduction to TSI OPE



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