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EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS

Established in 2004. Headquarters in Valenciennes and Lille. 177 highly committed staff.

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Mission

The European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) contributes to the further development and effective functioning of a Single European Railway Area without frontiers, by guaranteeing a high level of railway safety and interoperability, while improving the competitive position of the railway sector. As of 16 June 2019, the Agency has become the EU authority responsible for issuing authorisations for placing railway vehicles on the market, single safety certificates for railway undertakings and ERTMS trackside approvals. The transposition of the technical pillar in the Member States was completed by 31 October 2020.

Values

- Stakeholder Focus
- Ethical Values Commitment
- Legal Compliance
- Staff involvement and development
- Everybody's Commitment to Quality
- Continuous Improvement
- Business Continuity
- Information Governance
- Culture of Sustainability

Key figures

Despite the fact that 2020 was an exceptionally challenging year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Agency achieved:

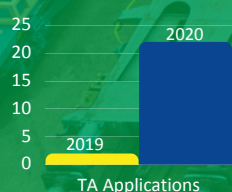**70%** of its work programme outputs

95% recommendations and opinions delivered within the legal deadlines

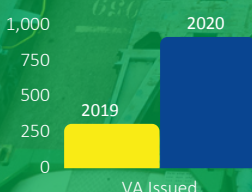**99.9%** commitment of its budget appropriations

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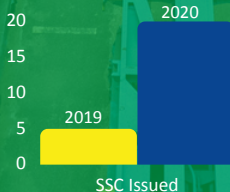**22** ERTMS Trackside applications worked on in 2020, an increase of more than 700% compared to 2019

917 Vehicle Authorisations issued in 2020, an increase of almost 300% compared to 2019

20 Single Safety Certificates issued in 2020, an increase of 400% compared to 2019

10 National Safety Authorities (NSA) audited in 2020
AT, IT, PL,IE, BG, SE, EE, FI, FR, HR

6 Notified Bodies (NoBo) audited in 2020
SK, LU, IT(2), DK(2)

TA Applications (2019 / 2020)

VA Issued (2019 / 2020)

SSC Issued (2019 / 2020)

Achievements

Activity 1: Shaping target and global reference
Strengthened international cooperation in rail; Strategic development, including Women in Transport; Positive safety culture and integration of human factors; EU MedRail project; IPA and Western Balkans project

Activity 2: Developing the harmonised regulatory SERA technical framework
Harmonised railway operations; Harmonised technical specifications; Harmonised Train Control System and telematics; Dissemination and training

Activity 3: Implementing the harmonised regulatory SERA technical framework (under 4RP)
Issuing SSC, Issuing VA, Issuing ERTMS Trackside Approvals; Railway system data

Activity 4: Monitoring, evaluating and reporting
Analysis; Monitoring of NSAs and NoBos; Identifying research needs; Reporting

Activity 5: Delivering efficient and effective services
Corporate governance; Sound financial management; Sound management of HR and ICT; Internal and external communication

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