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

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

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)