

Priority in the development and improvement of railway safety

Article 4 of directive 2004/49/CE: «*Member States shall ensure that railway safety is generally maintained and, where reasonably practicable, continuously improved, [...] giving priority to the prevention of serious accidents*»

According to Directive 2016/798 Member States should give priority to the prevention of accidents and the Agency to the prevention of serious accidents

Those priorities can be aligned but are not by definition.

Is prevention of serious accidents still the overall priority within the EU? If yes how will this be aligned?