



# **ERA ERTMS conference**

**Operational harmonization workshop**



Why is it so complex to deploy ERTMS?

How can I deal with so many specifications?

Why change anything?

We want to know your opinion



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# SP objectives



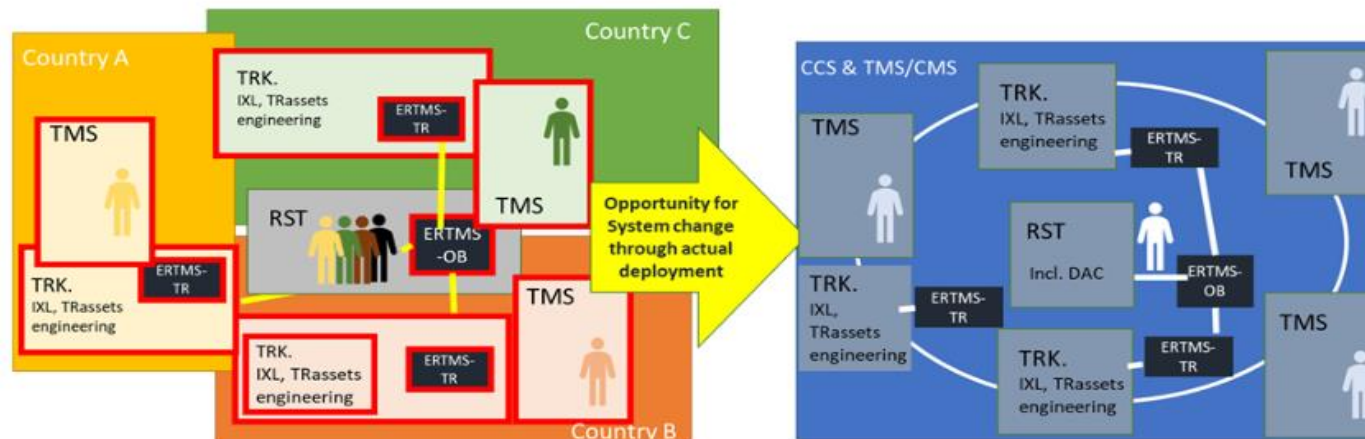
# System Pillar

- The System Pillar is the “generic system integrator” for the Europe’s Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-Rail), and the architect of the future EU’s railway system.
- Whilst most individual railway systems have views of the future railway architecture, there is no common EU railway system view that is used today. **The problem with this is that innovations and changes to the system are very difficult and costly to achieve.**
- System Pillar is the opportunity for the sector to converge on the evolution of the railway system – operational concept and system architecture.

**System Pillar**  
**4 Years Program**

*~ 400 experts from Sector*

**Cost: 50 m EU funded**



## Goals

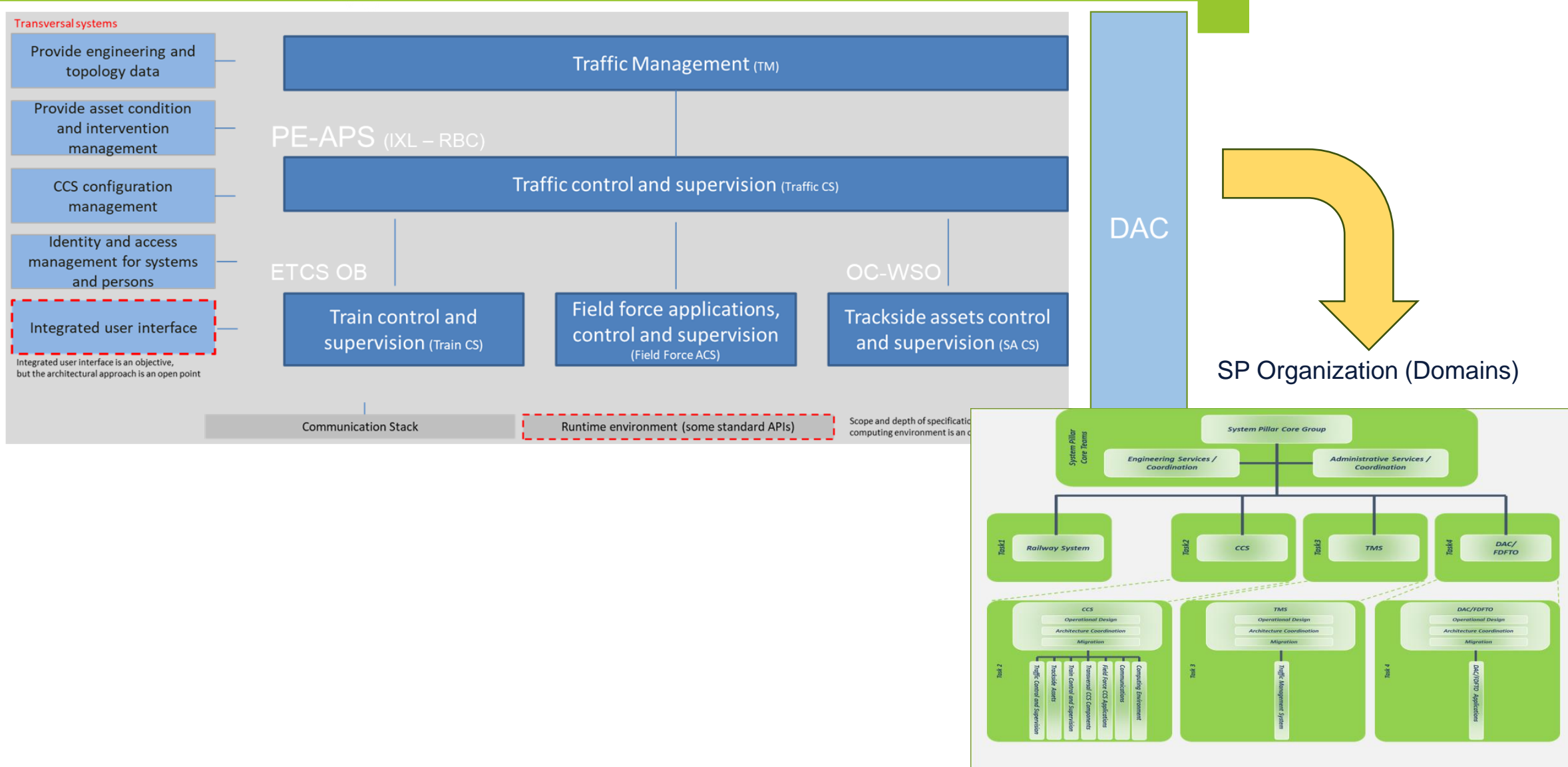
**Rail as integral part of mobility services and intermodal transport**

**Cost efficiency: integration, maintenance and evolution**

**Increase Performance and interoperability.**

**Strengthen the market with large scale, Support European rail industry Competitiveness.**

## Operation Harmonization



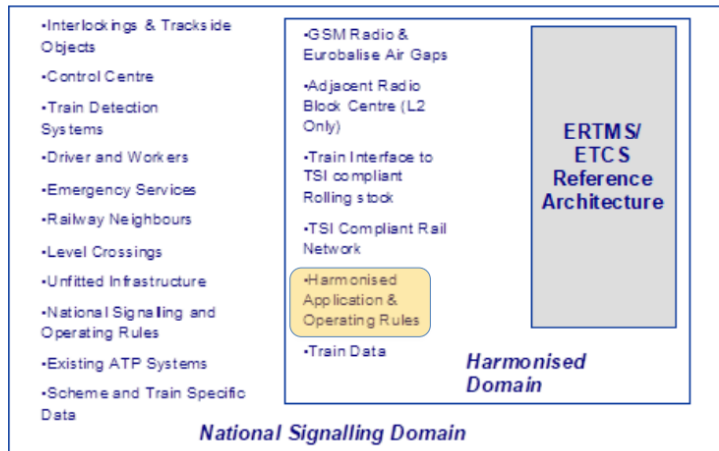
# OH current activities and SP complementarity



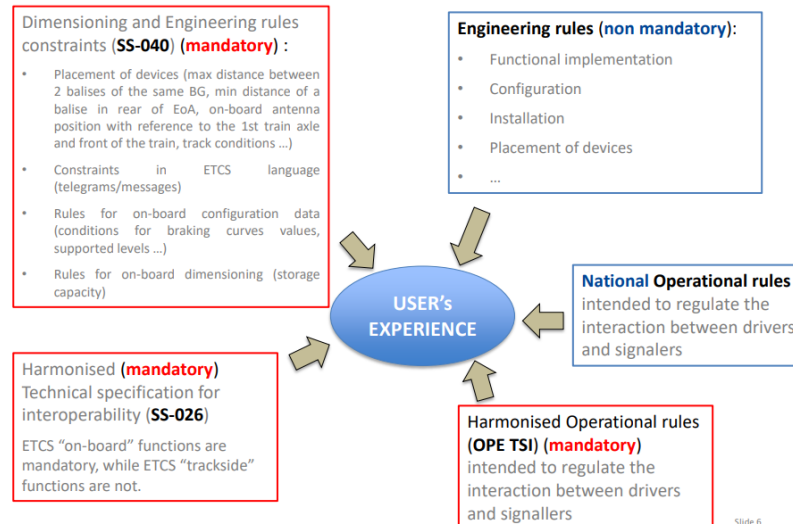
# Background

- Already in the last ERTMS Conference 2022, the need for the sector to work on a more uniform ERTMS deployment was identified by ERA
- Harmonised trackside engineering was recognised to have a strong effect on operational interoperability

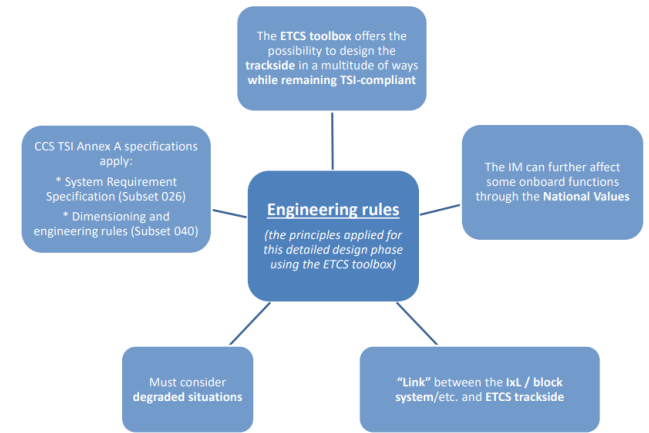
ERTMS/ETCS Reference Architecture



Engineering rules and Operational rules



The ETCS toolbox (1/2)



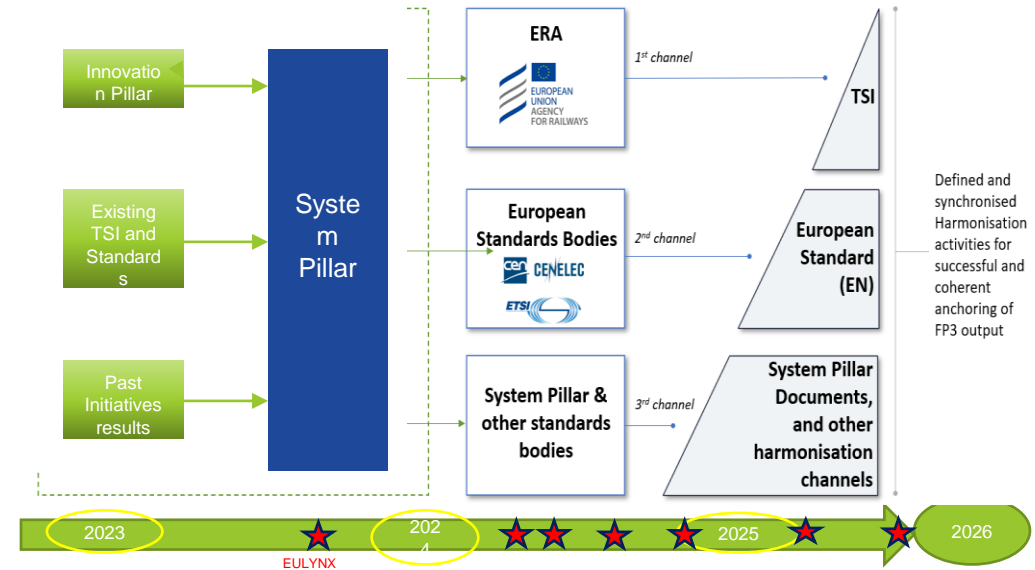
# System Pillar operational activities

- The work in the System Pillar focuses on a particular subset of implementation – Level 2 ETCS without lineside signalling , and specific harmonised technical approaches and the associated operational processes, harmonized architecture, and linked engineering rules.
- In this way harmonised operational processes – for this particular subset of implementation - can be derived beyond the current scope of the OPE TSI.
- ETCS toolbox can be used in numerous ways, all leading to TSI-compliant implementations. However attractive to designers, this freedom can lead to a large disparity among implementations, each offering substantially different “user experience” to the driver
- for ETCS Level 2 , there is a certain degree of freedom e.g. when to use which mode, how the sequences of message exchanges happen, where to place balises with what content, or what the sequences of human and system actions are in different situations. This freedom leads to different processes for actors and to different product implementations (for example in interlockings and RBC) on the trackside



# System Pillar complementarity

- The focus of the System Pillar work on a harmonised target system - radio-based ERTMS implementation without lineside signalling – potentially allows for a number of complementary changes compared to the current TSI OPE that contribute to a further step towards further harmonisation of operational processes and operational rules = in the case of implementation of the target system.



- In addition to the currently harmonised system, this **uniformity** will reduce freedom of implementation flexibility but also bring several positive side-effects, for example in standardising hardware and software modules, reducing cost, freeing capacity for faster development and implementation, accelerating deployment and streamlining certification and authorisation

# System Pillar complementarity

## □ Scope of actors

- Consideration of all actors (especially signaller) included in the analysis beyond a driver focus

## □ Scope of rules

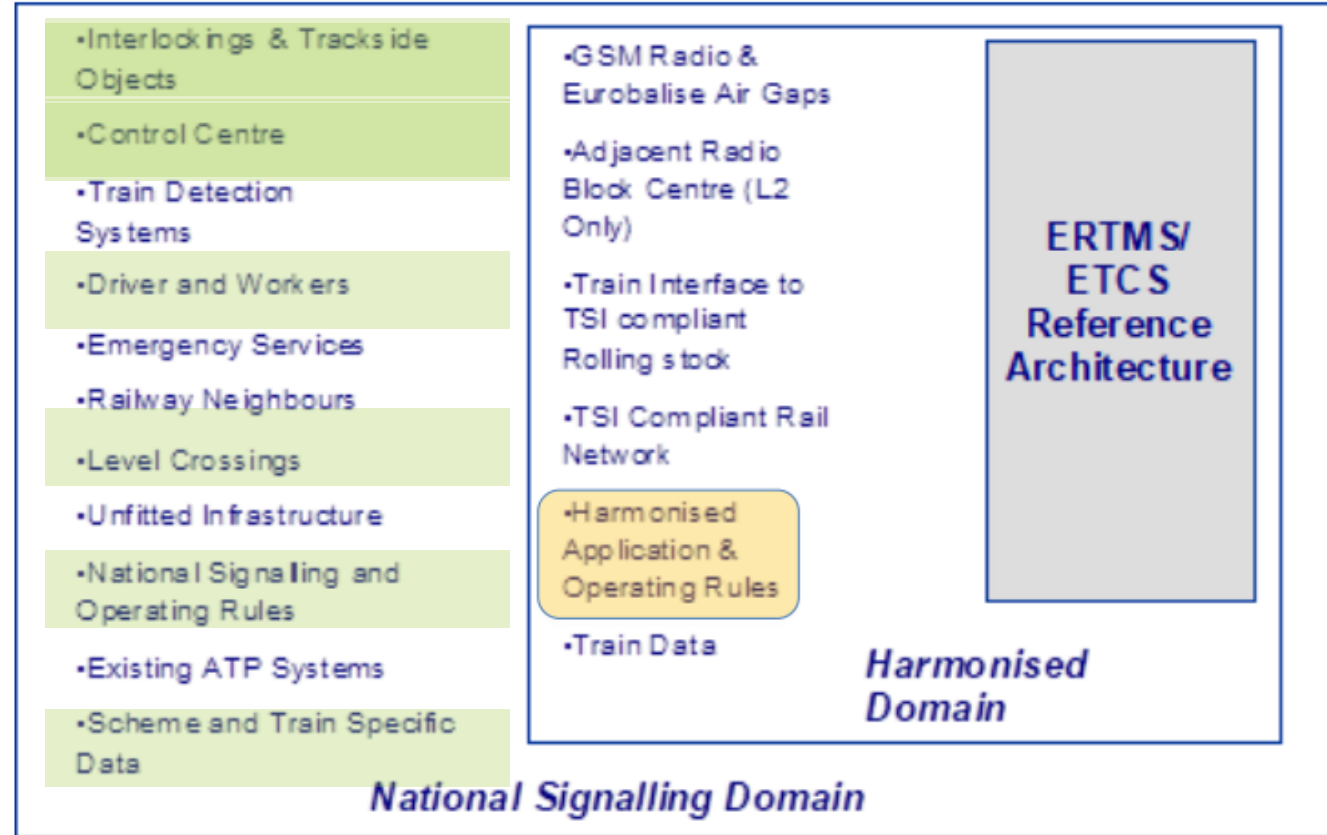
- Harmonised rulebook through reducing the variability of trackside implementation, i.e. by discipline and uniform in the implementation of the functions and engineering
- Deeper consideration of processes
- Consideration of harmonised degraded modes taking opportunity of new only ETCS lines including steps of harmonized and uniform system requirements for other underlying systems
- Configuration dependency of harmonised operational processes

## □ Presentation and structuring of the Operational rules

- A scenario-based (situation specific time-ordered process sequences of state-dependent actor actions and interactions with systems) as well as functionality-based description, with the advantage of a description from the perspective of the user that this text can be copied in its entirety in a rulebook subset for the RU.

## Harmonized Target System

In green those additional aspects SP considers relevant for harmonisation



## Engineering rules and Operational rules

### Dimensioning and Engineering rules constraints (SS-040) (mandatory) :

- Placement of devices (max distance between 2 balises of the same BG, min distance of a balise in rear of EoA, on-board antenna position with reference to the 1st train axle and front of the train, track conditions ...)
- Constraints in ETCS language (telegrams/messages)
- Rules for on-board configuration data (conditions for braking curves values, supported levels ...)
- Rules for on-board dimensioning (storage capacity)

### Engineering rules (non mandatory):

- Functional implementation
- Configuration
- Installation
- Placement of devices
- ...

### National Operational rules

intended to regulate the interaction between drivers and signallers

USER'S EXPERIENCE

### Harmonised Operational rules (OPE TSI) (mandatory)

intended to regulate the interaction between drivers and signallers

### Harmonised (mandatory) Technical specification for interoperability (SS-026)

ETCS "on-board" functions are mandatory, while ETCS "trackside" functions are not.

To

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Limited diversity of User Experience

Harmonized European Rule books

Products Standardization

Leading to

## Harmonized Target System

OPE TSI



### New Engineering rules:

- implementation of rules for system functions, which assure the same system behaviour from operational perspective (including safety logic rules and situation specific message protocol sequences) **Harmonized Processes using Harmonized Functions**
- Rules for positioning and configuring trackside CCS assets for ETCS Level 2 for example balises and boards.

## Current TSI : App A

Functional based description of the use of the system that fits in all the variants of ETCS.

*(B2, B3, B4, L1, L2, with signals/without signals, with packet88/without packet88, with baliselist /without baliselist etc. )*

List of functions from the perspective of the driver

“Add on”: App B, C , D if also applicable on a certain implementation

## Future TSI : App A + App A2 ?

Scenario based description of the use of the ERJU Target System. Including possible “Add on” from App B, C, D

List of scenarios including perspective of all relevant actors in the scenario

Easy way to derive content for harmonized rulebooks.. Or should the rulebook also be part of the TSI OPE ?

## Current TSI : App A

### 6.44. .Managing a level crossing not protected

The train is approaching a level crossing which is not protected.  
Levels 1, 2

#### 6.44.1.

*If in FS, OS or LS*

**When** the following symbol is displayed:  
the driver shall apply rule 7 of Appendix B2.

#### 6.44.2.

*If in SR*

When the following text message is displayed:  
“Level crossing not protected”,  
the driver shall apply rule 7 of Appendix B2

## Future TSI : App A + App A2 ?

### SP OD 315 **Managing a level crossing not protected (driver)**

When approaching a defective level crossing the following symbol on the DMI is shown.

A braking curve is offered to an EOA that is in approach of the level crossing.

If the train is close enough to the level crossing, the MA will be extended by a maximum speed of 30 km/h.

When approaching the level crossing, the driver sounds the horn and stops in front of the level crossing if safety so requires.

If the level crossing is obstructed, the driver shall call the signaller

As soon as the front end of the train has passed the level crossing, the LX symbol disappears of the DMI and the MA shows a higher speed again.

## Current TSI : App A

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## Future TSI : App A + App A2 ?

### SP OD 315 **Managing a level crossing not protected (signaller)**

A route is set to a part of the line in which there is a defective level crossing. The system will automatically detect this defect and give the trains on that line an adjusted MA with an instruction on how to act at the level crossing. The driver follows up on this MA.

If it is not possible to give an MA, the train will be able to continue in SR.

In this case, the signaller must contact the driver and provide him with a European Instruction #8

# From OH to target system requirements





# Operational domain

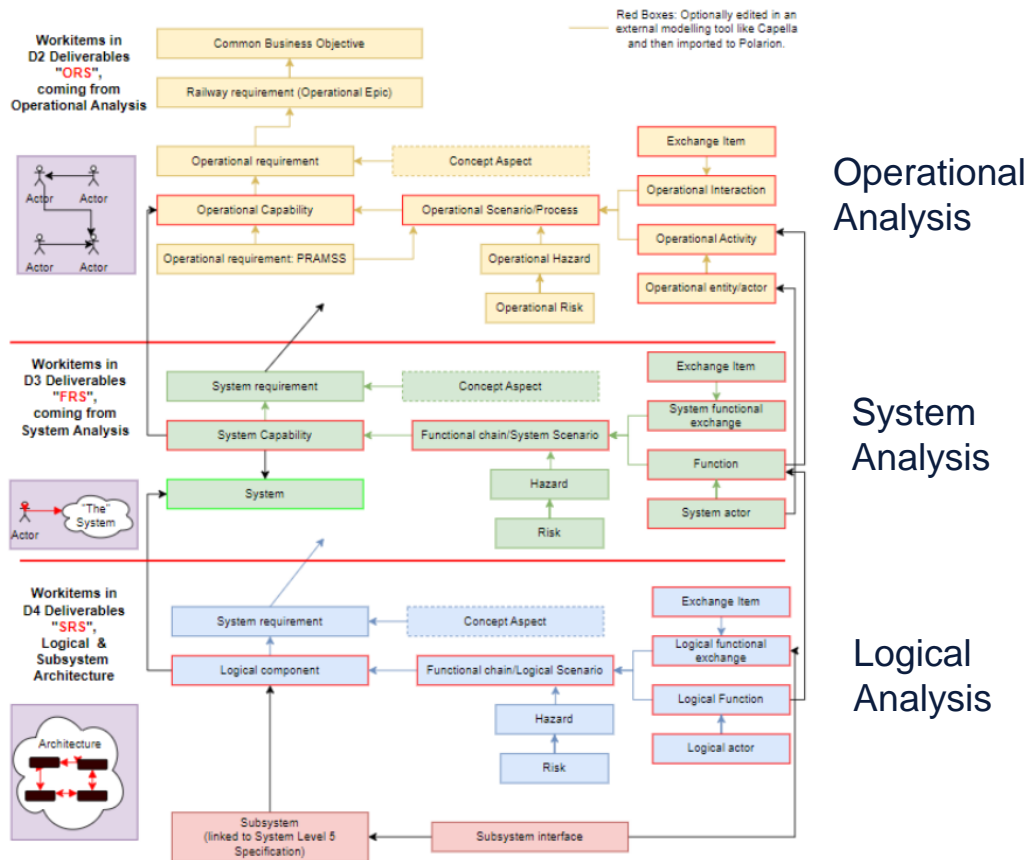
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2. List of OD Operational Capabilities
3. Concept Template
4. Example 315: Passing non protected LX
5. Next Steps



# 1. Scope of Work and Methodology (2)

OD Scope of Work: ERTMS/ETCS operational harmonization

## SEMP methodology



## ARCADIA OA methodology

- analyzing stakeholder requirements
- analyzing national variants
- deriving operational needs
- defining harmonized processes

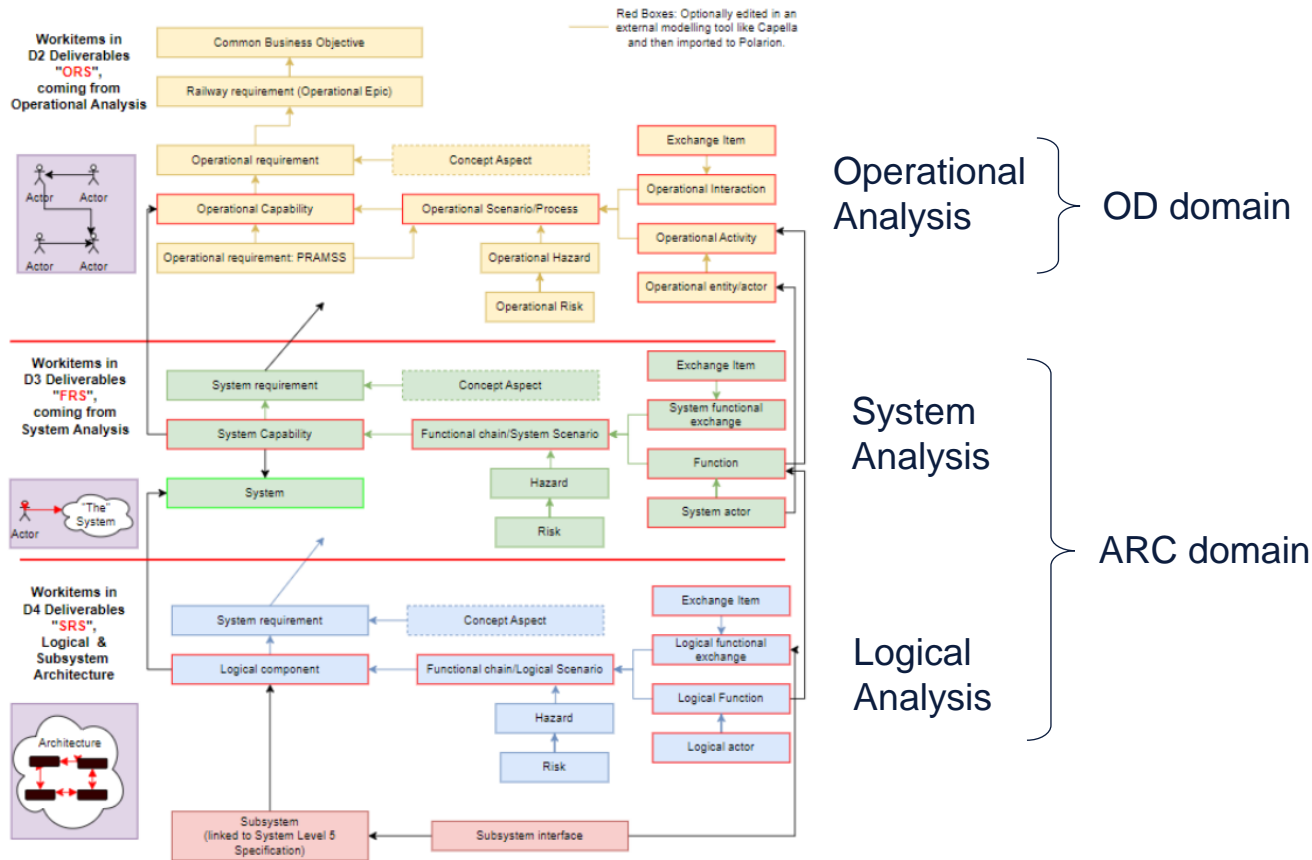
## Major advantage of this method

- Layering: OD focuses on operational needs
- Other domains: Technological decisions, migration

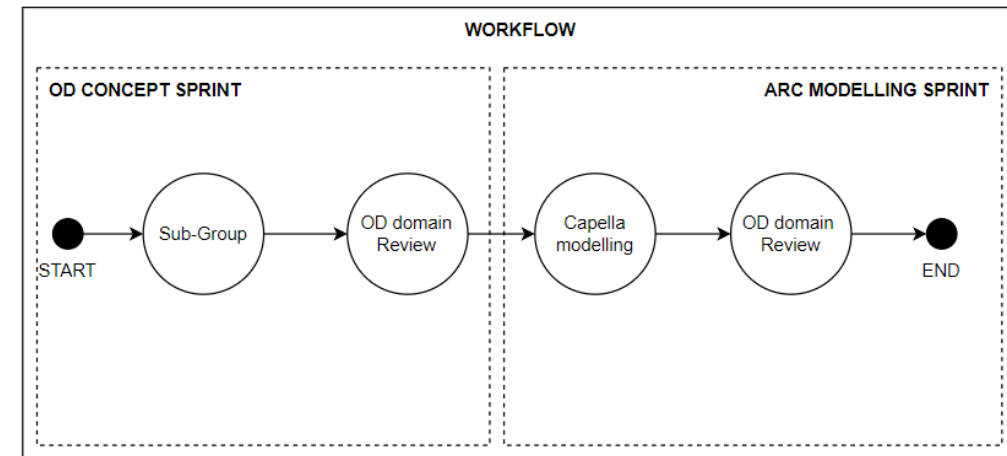
# 1. Scope of Work and Methodology (1)

OD Scope of Work: ERTMS/ETCS operational harmonization

## SEMP methodology



## Three sub-groups for concept specification



## 2. List of Operational Capabilities

### N. 32 Operational Capabilities

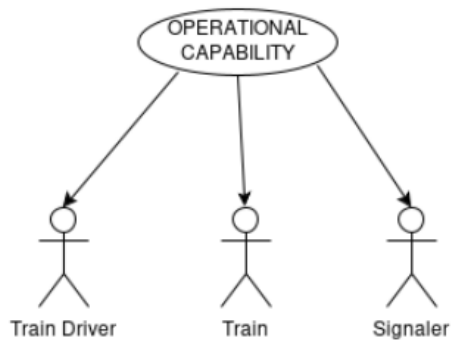
- N. 12 Regular
- N. 3 Transitions
- N. 14 Degraded
- N. 3 Maintenance

☞ SPT2OD-1942	101-Preparation to train departure and starting a journey	☞ SPT2OD-1961	302-Moving under driver responsibility
☞ SPT2OD-1943	102-Operate the train from A to B (force movement permission)	☞ SPT2OD-1962	305-Reversing
☞ SPT2OD-1944	103-Train arrival (ending journey)	☞ SPT2OD-1963	306- Continue After Trip/ Post Trip
☞ SPT2OD-1945	104- Splitting a train	☞ SPT2OD-1964	307-Handling of Emergency situations
☞ SPT2OD-1946	105- Joining trains	☞ SPT2OD-1965	308- Train assistance
☞ SPT2OD-1947	106-Change of train orientation	☞ SPT2OD-1966	309-Handling of a train after loss of communica
☞ SPT2OD-1948	107- Approaching stop location	☞ SPT2OD-1967	310-Proceed after TIMS failure
☞ SPT2OD-1949	108-Revoke Movement permission	☞ SPT2OD-1968	311-Runaway Vehicle
☞ SPT2OD-1950	109- Pass a level crossing	☞ SPT2OD-1969	312-OS Sweeping a track section
☞ SPT2OD-1951	150- Shunting inside controlled areas	☞ SPT2OD-1970	314-Pass a technically non-supervised point
☞ SPT2OD-1953	152-Entering into a non controlled area (Shunting yard)	☞ SPT2OD-1971	315-LX Pass a defective level crossing
☞ SPT2OD-1954	153-Exiting from a non controlled area (Shunting yard)	☞ SPT2OD-1972	316-INIT Trackside initialisation
☞ SPT2OD-1956	21-Entry Transition from non CCS area	☞ SPT2OD-5637	317 - Obstacle detection
☞ SPT2OD-1957	22-Exit Transition to CCS area	☞ SPT2OD-1974	401-Working area excluding normal train operat
☞ SPT2OD-1958	23-HO Handover between ETCS systems	☞ SPT2OD-1975	402-Working area allowing normal train operati
		☞ SPT2OD-1976	403-UR Manage usage restrictions

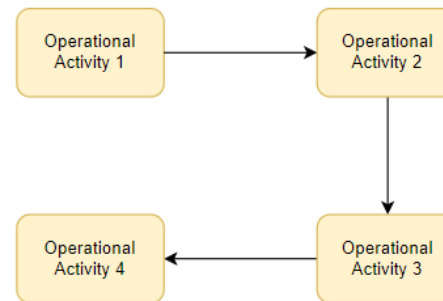
# 3. Concept Template

1. Sources
2. Abstract
3. Target and Ambitions
4. Actors
5. Identification of national variants
6. Hazard Analysis
7. Analysis of national variants
8. Harmonized proposal
9. Harmonization conflicts
10. Annex: Remarks and recommendations

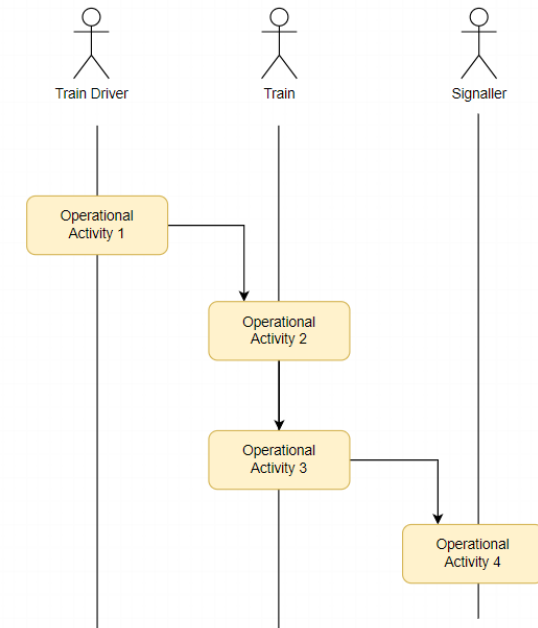
ARCADIA diagrams to complement textual description



Operational Capability diagram



Operational Activity diagram



Scenario diagram

# 4. Example 315 - Passing non protected Level Crossing (1)

## Target and ambition

Increasing automation of protection measures  
Minimize delay to pass non protected LX  
Abolish need for written instructions

## National Variants

On-Sight (e.g. max speed 5 Km/h)  
Staff Responsible/Shunting (e.g. max speed 10 Km/h)  
Packet 88, LX icon & Full Supervision (e.g. max speed 30 Km/h)  
European Instruction 8  
...

## Common operational need

Hazard prevention: Raise the attention of the driver

## Harmonized Proposal

Full Supervision with Temporary EoA  
Blinking yellow icon shown to the train driver  
Acknowledgment before passing the LX  
Parameters: Speed and compulsory stop

## ARCADIA OA methodology

- analyzing stakeholder requirements
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# 4. Example 315 - Passing non protected Level Crossing (3)

Excerpt from TSI OPE Appendix A, B, D

## 6.44 MANAGING A LEVEL CROSSING NOT PROTECTED

The train is approaching a level crossing which is not protected.  
Levels 1, 2, 3

### 6.44.1 If in FS, OS or LS

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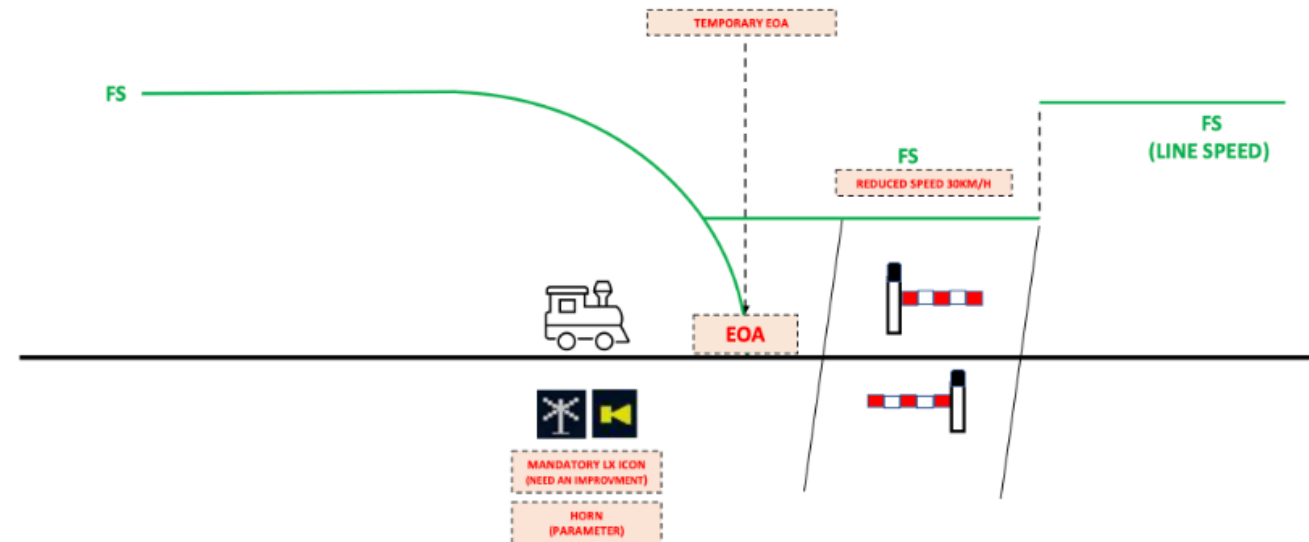
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## 5. Next Steps

- Consolidating ERTMS/ETCS operational capabilities
- Integrating operational capabilities for GoA 2
- Proposing desired rulebook structure and format



# ARC domain



## ➤ Why is architecture important?

- Common understanding through a clear and concise description on the system needs, behaviour and functionality.

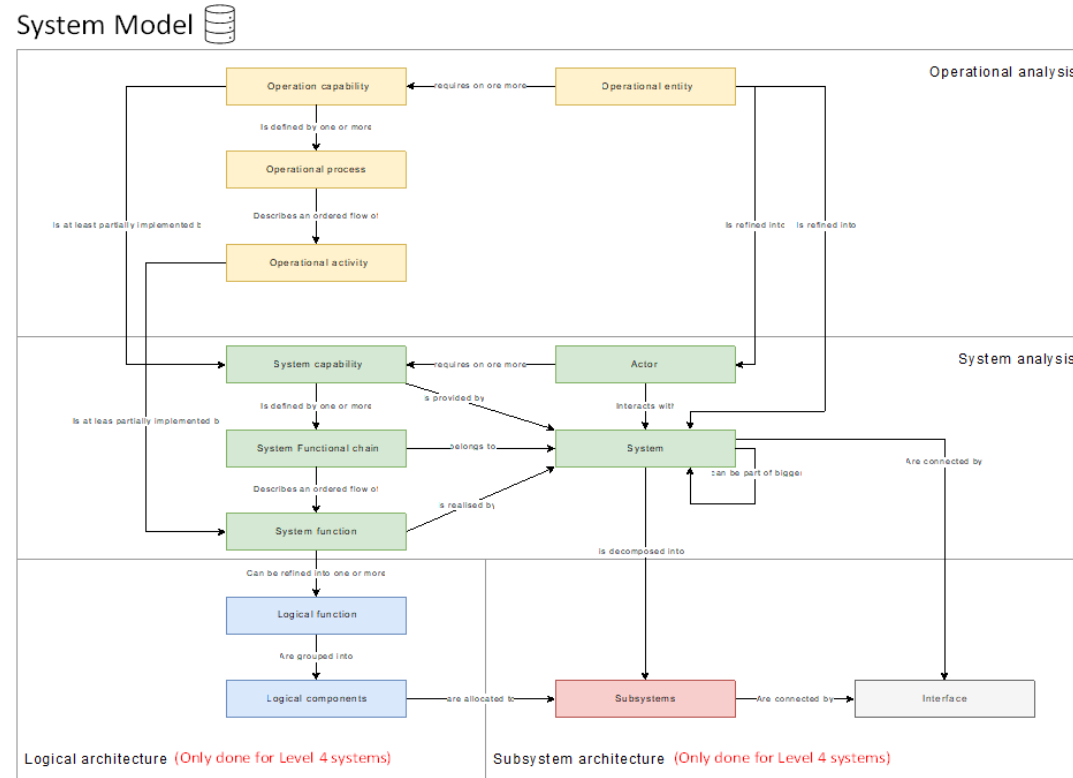
## ➤ What do we do?

- Analyze Operational Need and determine the system function and actor role responsibilities. Including the CCS system boundary and external actors.
- Functional allocation between different systems based upon functional and non-functional requirements.

## ➤ What is it used for and by who?

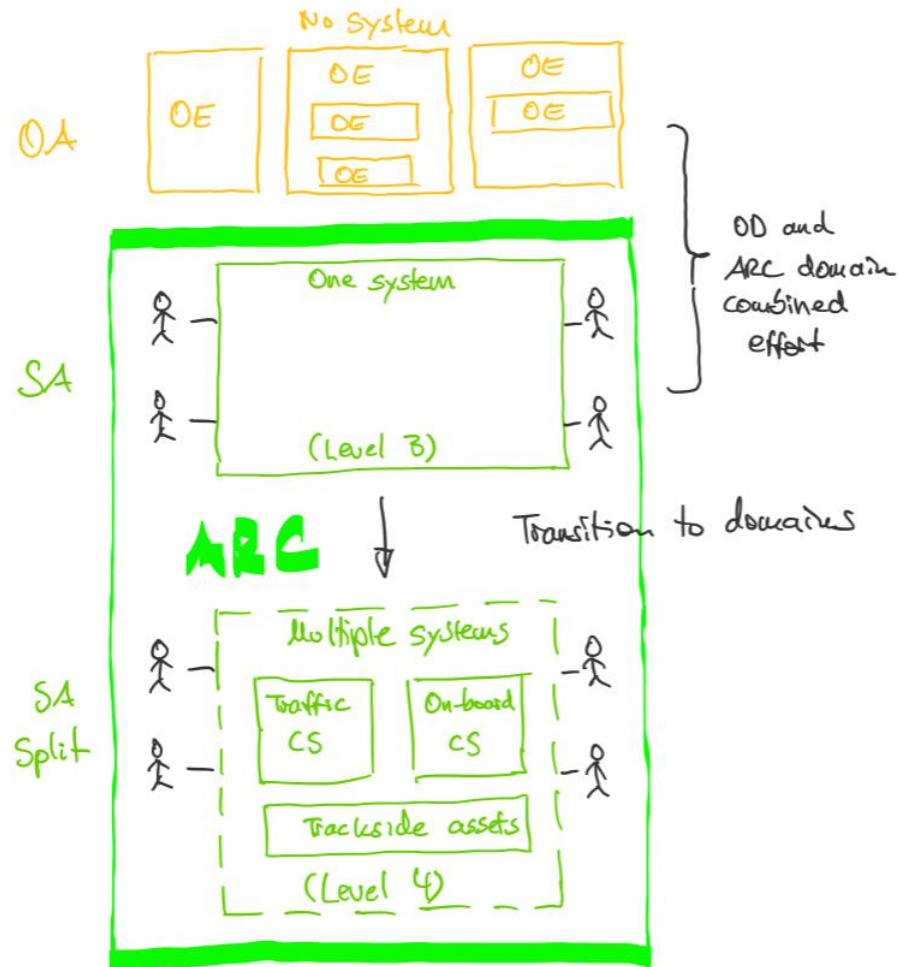
- Agree with Operational Design on how the technical system fulfils the harmonized operational processes.
- Inform the system domains on their functional and interface requirements.
- Provides the link from the business and operational targets to the detailed system specifications.

# MBSE systems engineering



- In system pillar we will use a model-based systems engineering approach based on ARCADIA and Capella
- Processes and methods are defined in the SEMP. Modelling principles are defined in Annex B
- Documents in Polarion as output artefacts are generated from the model
- “Avoid writing, encourage modeling” - principle

# ARC domain involvement

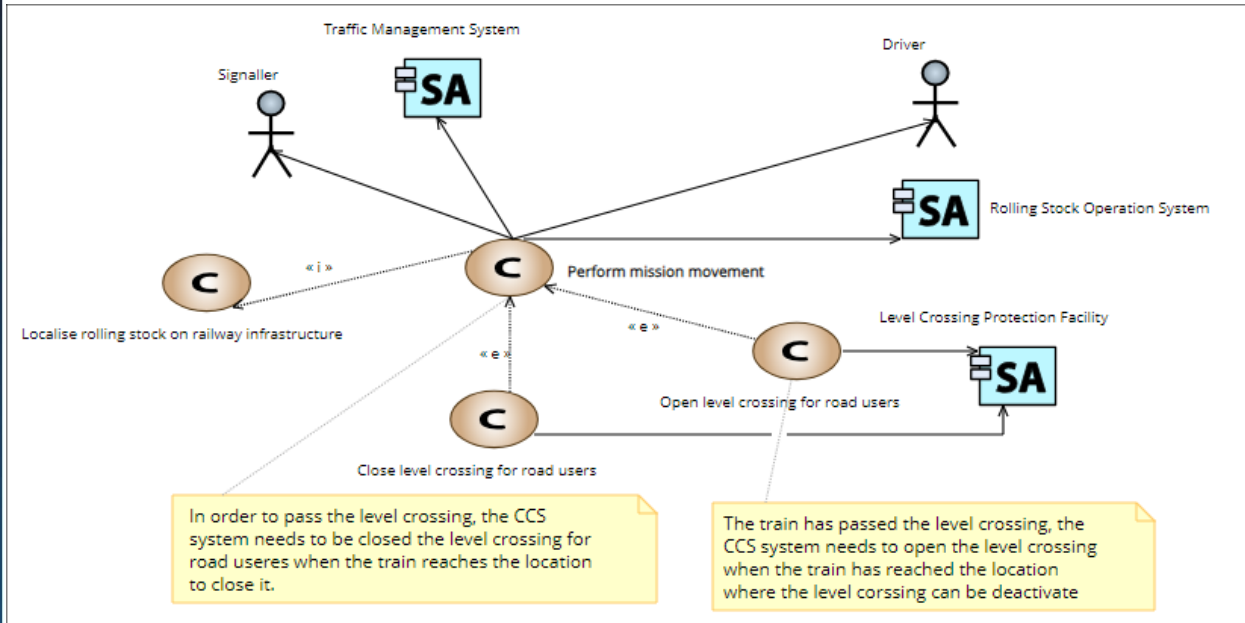


Core activities of the ARC domain will be

- Define the operational vision together with OD domain, as a typical operational process description is a mixture from OA and SA layer
- Define the black box level 3 system with concrete actors
- Split the level 3 system into multiple systems for the individual domain in level 4

# How can operational harmonisation be represented in the CCS system definition

Definition of the system capabilities needed to pass level crossing and involved external actors



<<e>> extend; <<i>> include; C Capability

Definition of system functions involved into the system capabilities for the black box CCS system



## Example: Pass Level Crossing.

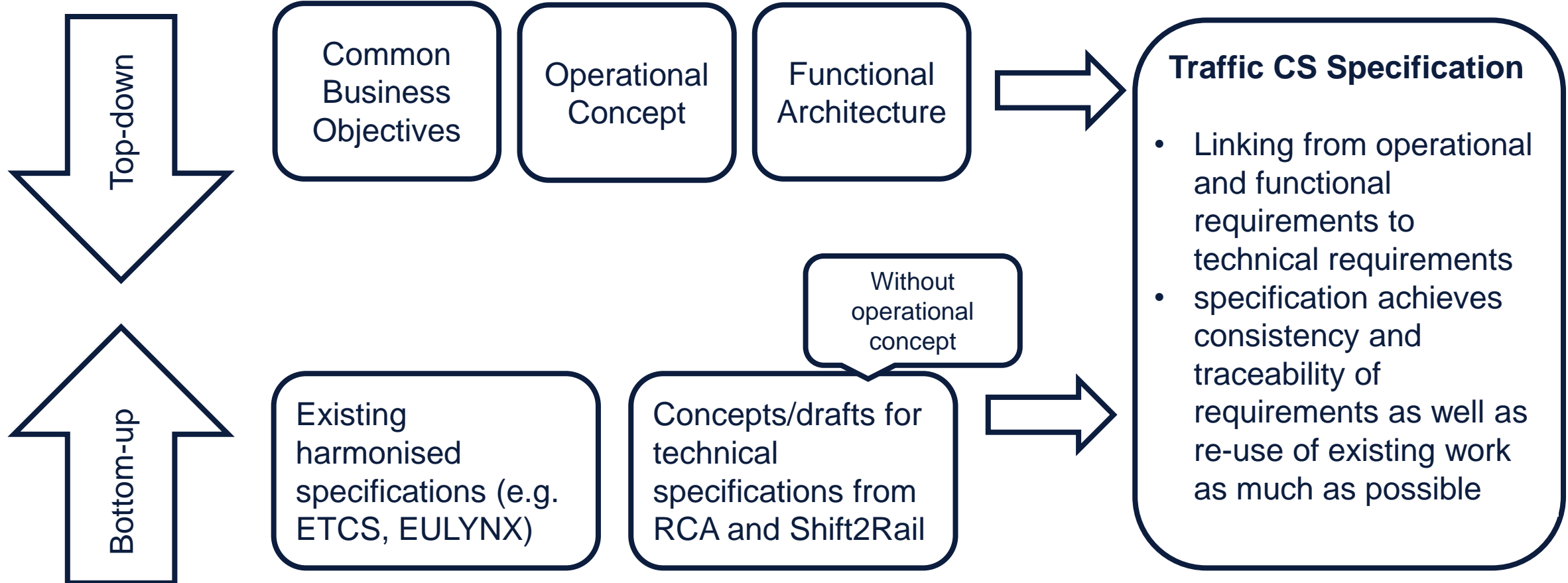
Show tracing from OD concept over CCS SysC to Traffic CS SysC + functions

# Traffic Control and Supervision domain

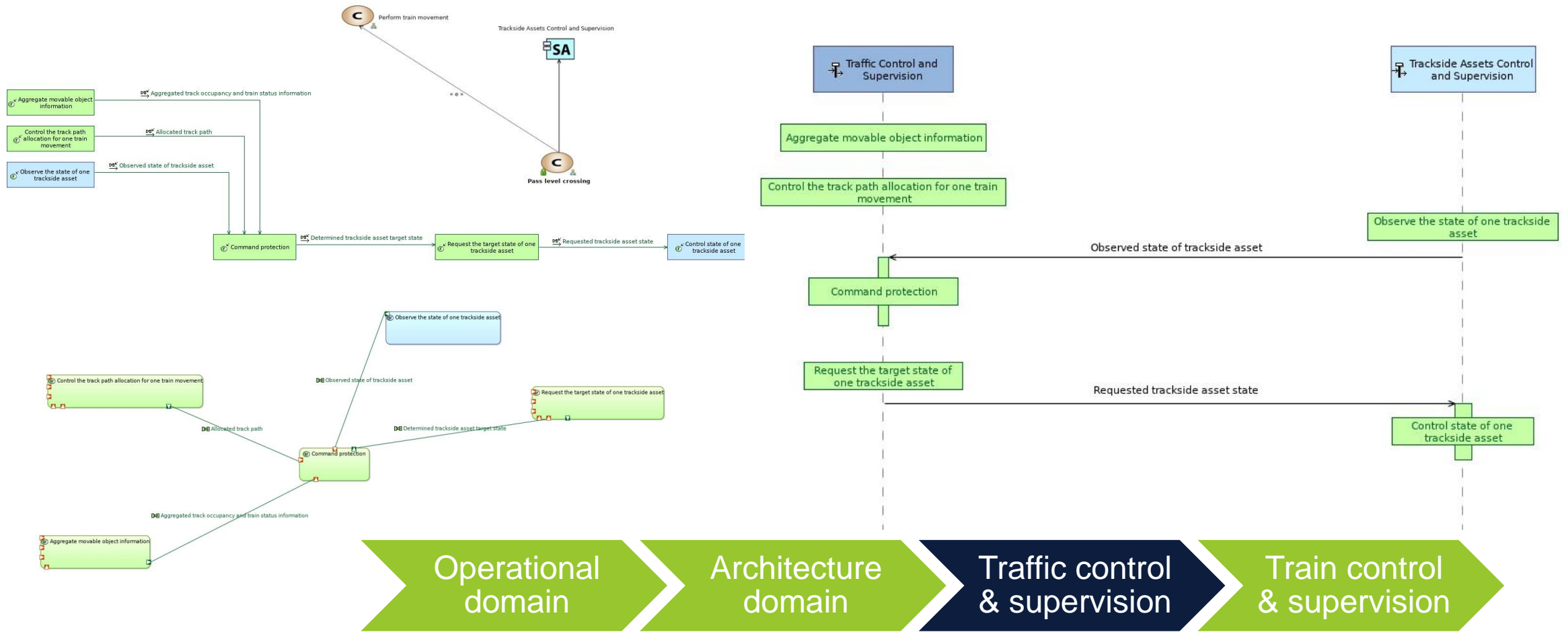


# Design approach for Traffic CS

## Linking top-down and bottom-up work



# How can operational harmonisation simplify the technical specifications of Traffic CS

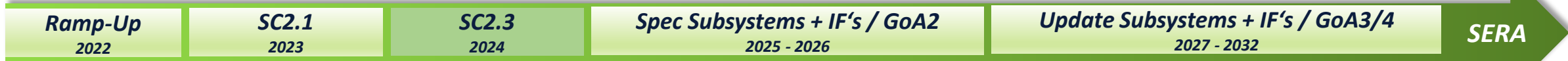


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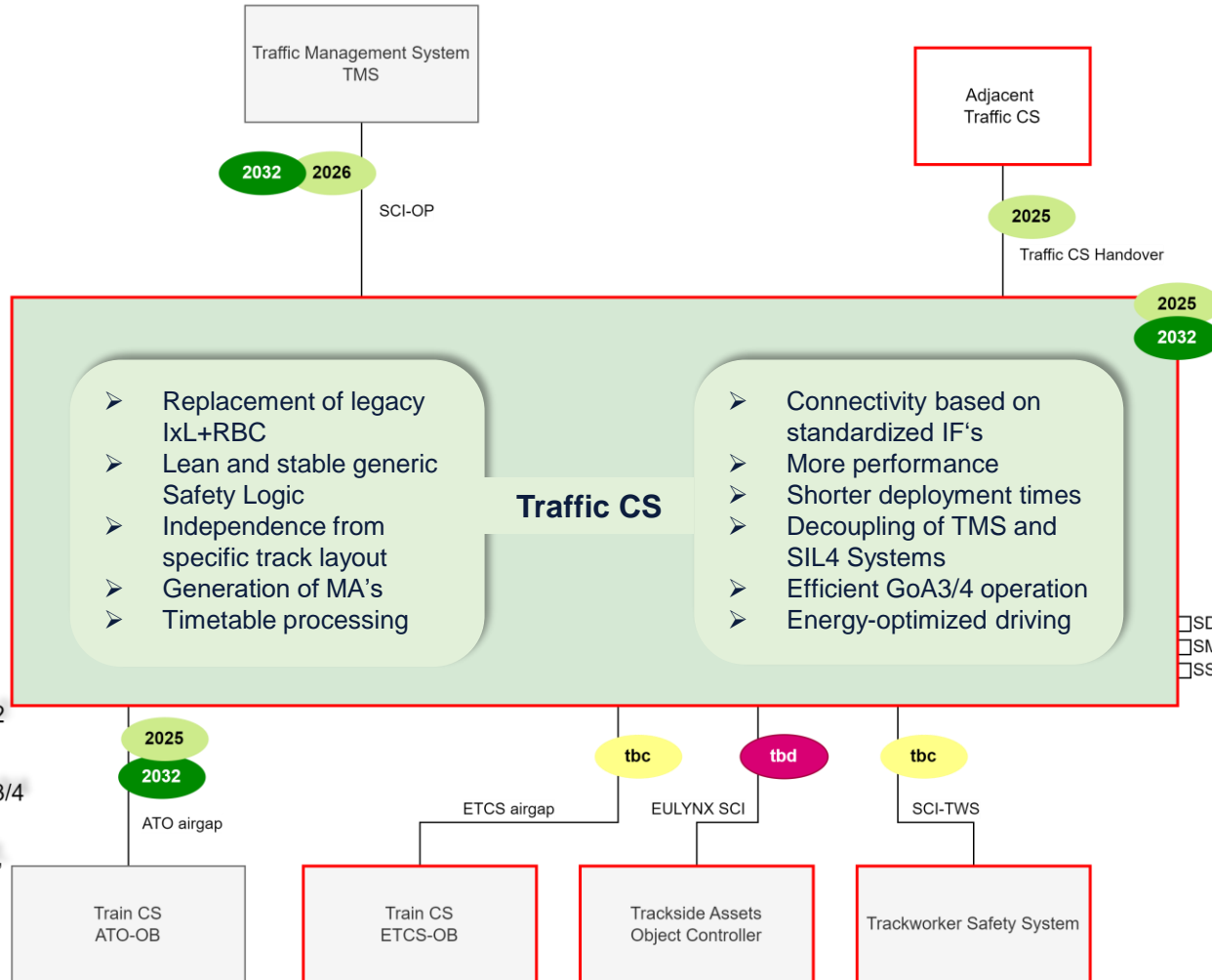


## Implementation of Harm. Operat. Concept and Roadmap (see STIP)



Key:

- Traffic CS subsystem  
Deliverable: SRS
- Central Services
- Interfacing systems
- Safety system

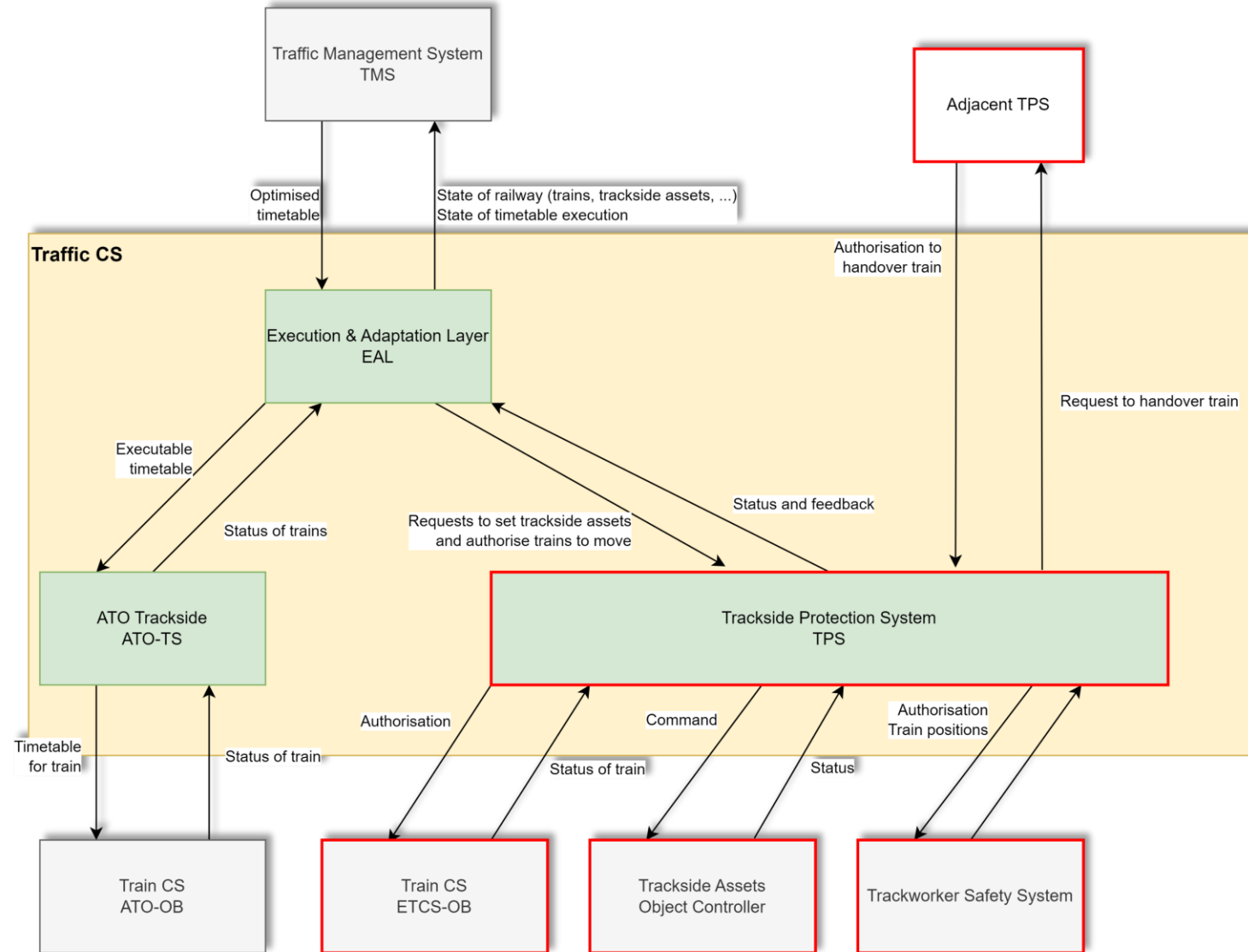


- 2025 Specifications in the context of GoA2
- 2032 Specifications in the context of GoA3/4
- tbd EULYNX Interfaces mainly specified, Upgrade specification date tbc
- tbc Specification date tbc

- tbc SDI-xx
  - 2025/26 SMI-xx
  - tbc SSI-xx
- Note: Dates are valid for all Traffic CS Subsystems

# Traffic CS subsystems and data flow

## Current draft from system concept



**Key:**

- Traffic CS subsystem  
Deliverable: SRS
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# Train Control and Supervision domain



# Train CS way of working

Reuse of existing material

OCORA

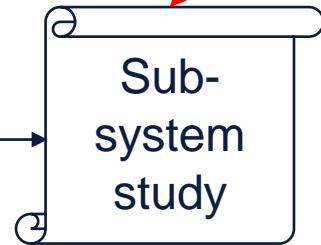
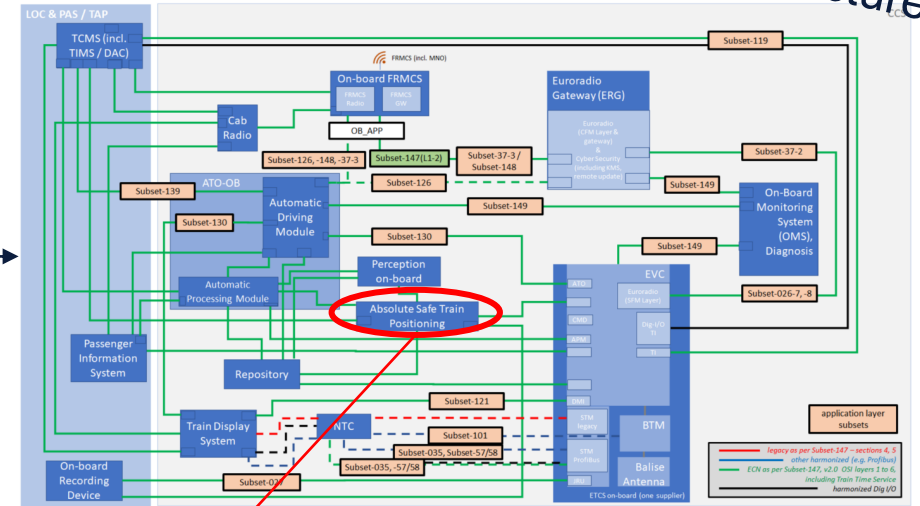
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Study of Flagship Project  
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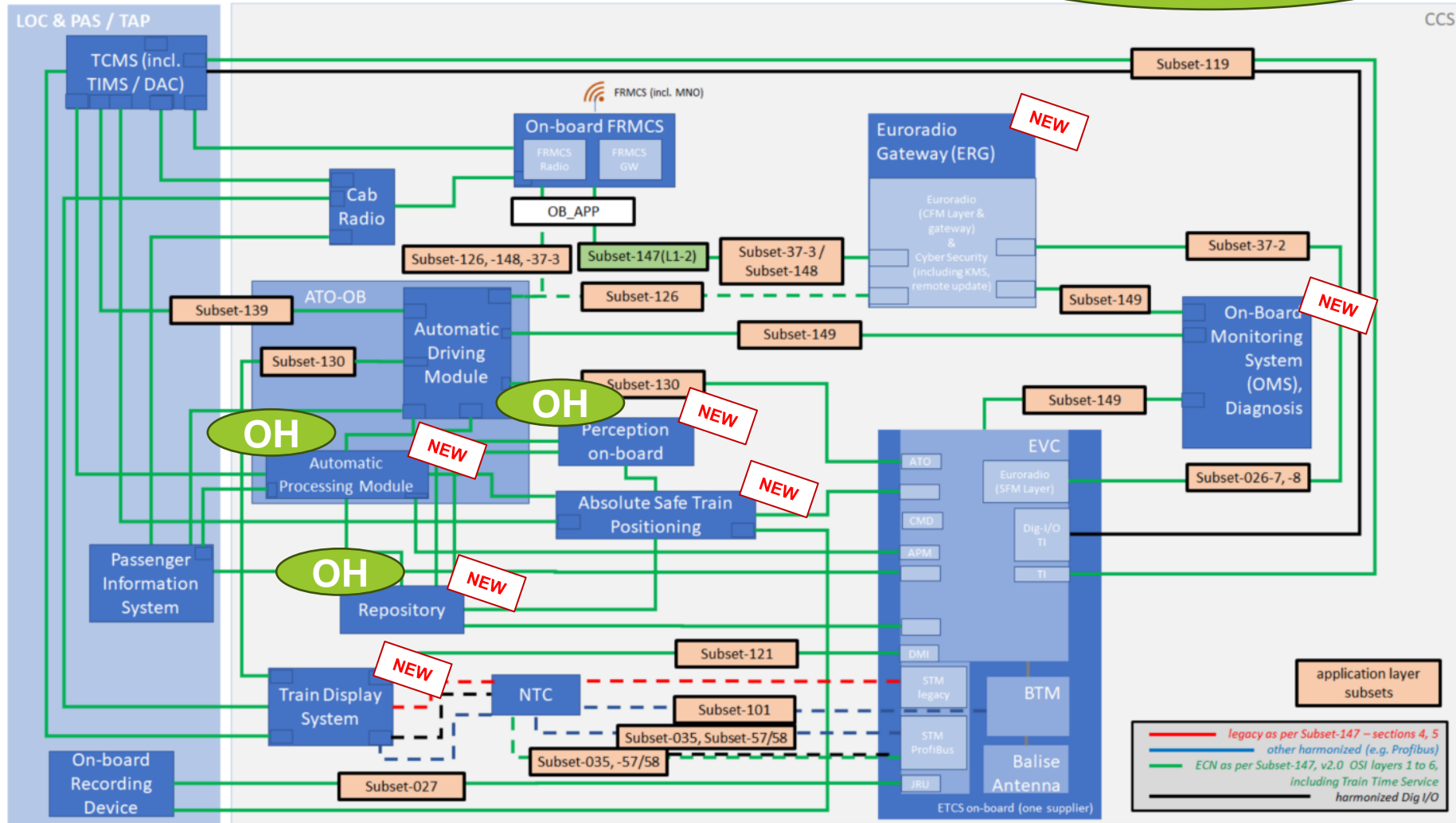


Preliminary CCS-OB Architecture



Example on ASTP

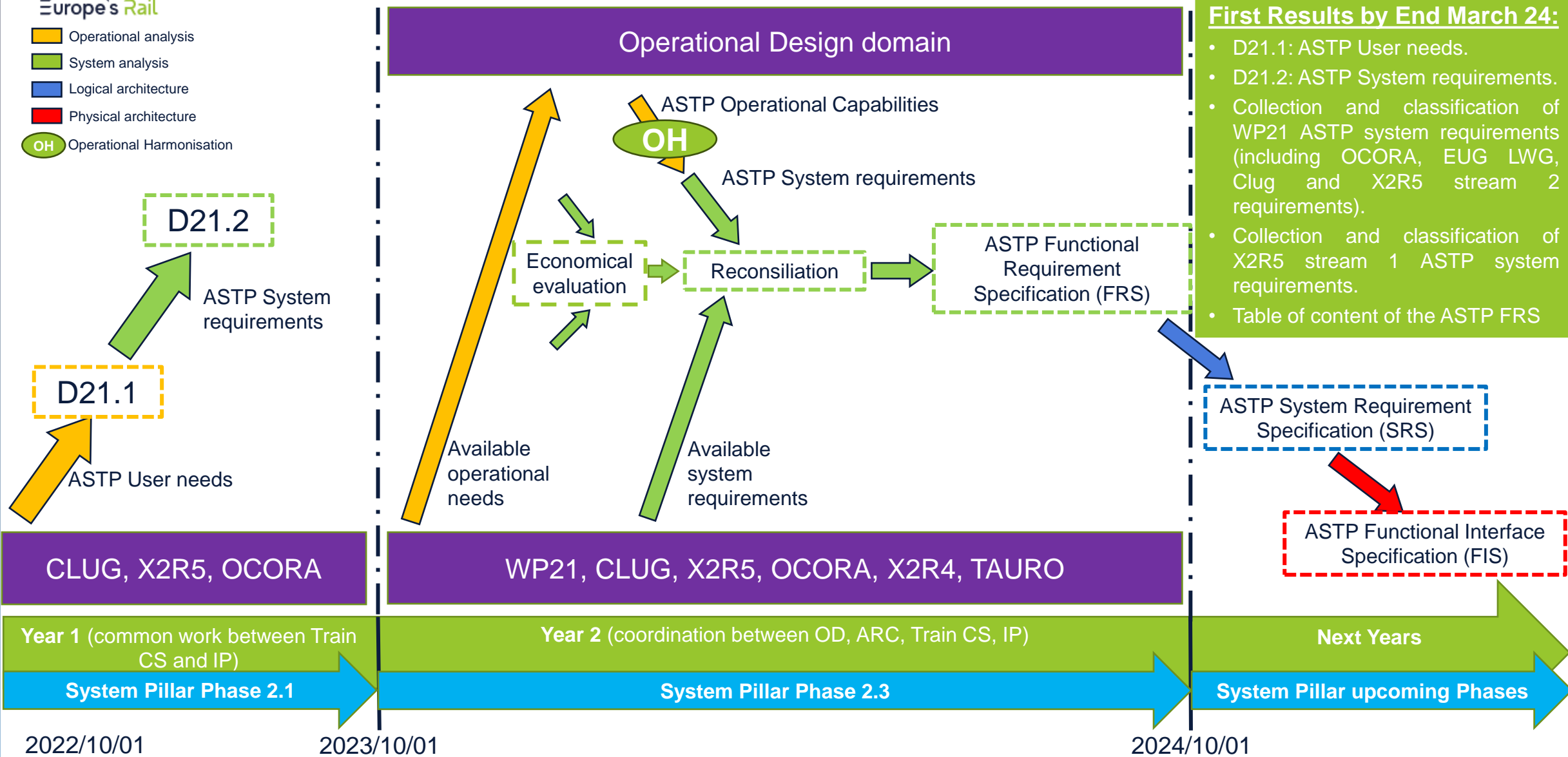
Operational Harmonization



- Next-steps :
- ✓ Refinement of the architecture with logical and physical perspective
  - ✓ Consolidation of the functions allocated to components, based on existing material
  - ✓ Continuous adjustments with the Top-Down (OH and ARC system analysis)

# Specific ASTP (Advanced Safe Train Positioning)

- █ Operational analysis
- █ System analysis
- █ Logical architecture
- █ Physical architecture
- OH Operational Harmonisation



- First Results by End March 24:**
- D21.1: ASTP User needs.
  - D21.2: ASTP System requirements.
  - Collection and classification of WP21 ASTP system requirements (including OCORA, EUG LWG, Clug and X2R5 stream 2 requirements).
  - Collection and classification of X2R5 stream 1 ASTP system requirements.
  - Table of content of the ASTP FRS



Now we want to hear from you

