



# *Workshop on National Safety Rules*

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## Main objectives:

- *Separation of essential functions*
- ***Opening up to competition of rail transport and supply market***
- *Technical harmonisation, mutual acceptance*
- ***From self-regulation to public regulation***
- *A common approach to safety*
- ***Transparency (publication of rules by public bodies)***





# A time-line of EU railway regulation

**2001**

**European Commission's White paper**  
A strategy for revitalising the Community's railways

**2001**

**Rail infrastructure package**

- levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure
- licensing of railway undertakings

**2004**

**Second railway package**

- Interoperability and Safety Directives
- Establishment of ERA



**2007**

**Third railway package**

- Access rights rail freight service from 2007
- Opening of the international passenger transport service market from 2010

**2008**

- Interoperability Directive extended to the whole EU Network
- Directive 2008/110/ EC amending Safety Directive: duties for entity in charge of maintenance (ECM)





## Current issues in achieving our mission

Legal EU framework: no major weaknesses, BUT:

Transposition in  
national laws  
not always correct

Support EC in the **evaluation** and  
**explanation** of the Directives

Secondary legislation (as TSIs)  
not applied in a harmonised  
way. Different maturity in MS

- **Facilitating**: guidelines, workshops, training
- **Monitoring** of the application

**Essential to make our strategic priorities work**





# Strategic priorities and cyclic activities of the Work Programme

## ERA strategic priorities

**Harmonised  
Safety  
Regulatory  
Framework**



**Simplified  
Vehicle  
Authorisation**



**Single EU  
train control  
system**



**Simplified  
system access  
for EU customers**



## ERA draft work programme 2014 (activities)

1. **Developing** a harmonised safety regulatory framework
2. **Monitoring** the safety regulatory framework implementation and performance
3. **Facilitating** the improved performance of the safety regulatory framework
4. **Developing** a harmonised framework of technical specifications and their application
5. **Monitoring** the framework implementation and performance
6. **Facilitating** the improved performance of the framework
7. **Developing** ERTMS (as System Authority)
8. **Monitoring and Facilitating** ERTMS implementation and performance
9. **Developing, Monitoring and Facilitating** improved system access
10. **Operational activities across several strategic priorities**
11. **Corporate Services**
12. **Agency Management**



**Our mission: we make the railway system  
work better for society**

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