



# *Workshop on National Safety Rules*

## General presentation

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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

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)

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## Current issues in achieving our mission

Legal EU framework: no major weaknesses, BUT:

Transposition in  
national laws  
not always correct

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

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

- **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**



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work better for society



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