

# CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2023



## EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS

Established in 2004.  
Headquarters in Valenciennes and Lille.

### 2023 at a glance

2023 was a year of challenges during which the Agency successfully managed to deliver important progress with the policy tasks, while coping with a substantial increase in the authority tasks. We were also all painfully reminded of the vital importance of a healthy, safe, and interoperable rail system across Europe, as we witnessed the dramatic rail accident that occurred in Greece. Rail safety continued to be a strategic priority in 2023, with much work dedicated to training and wider dissemination. In 2023, the authority tasks in Vehicle Authorisation, Single Safety Certification, and ERTMS Trackside Approval were timely delivered despite the significant increase in the number of applications received. The Agency also celebrated an important milestone: the 50,000th vehicle authorised by ERA. The second year of the cycle of the monitoring of National Safety Authorities continued with higher deliverables. The Agency also further enhanced its work on data towards the overarching goal of data-centricity. Finally, the Strengthening Action Plan went through its first year of implementation, with the additional posts for the Agency in support of the priority areas of work, while continuing Agency's commitments for effective and efficient resource management.



*'No SERA without ERA' has become a trendy affirmation that appropriately reflects our strategic mission. Data confirm that we have already made progress in terms of improving the safety and interoperability of railways in Europe. However, the tragic accident in 2023 in Tempi, Greece, serves as a stark reminder of the continuous need for improvement and cooperation in our railway system.*

**Josef Doppelbauer, ERA Executive Director**



### KEY DOCUMENTS IN 2023:

- Guides following adoption of the 2023 TSI package
- Annual Safety Overview
- Annual overview for Interoperability
- ERA Railway Factsheets

### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



**100%**

Proportion of decisions taken according to the legal framework deadlines for issuing SSC, VA and ERTMS TA



**98.19%**

Implementation of the establishment plan



**99.93%**

Commitment of budget appropriation

**1837**

Vehicle Authorisations issued in 2023, with 24% increase of authorised vehicles compared with 2022

**76**

Single Safety Certificates issued in 2023, an increase of 15% compared with 2022

**10**

ERTMS Trackside approvals were issued in 2023, an increase of 500% compared with 2022



8 National Safety Authorities (NSA) monitoring reports in 2023:



9 Notified Bodies (NoBo) monitoring reports in 2023:



**WELLBEING:** Better Together major advancements, further strive for diversity, positive staff engagement survey results, improved internal communication

### MAIN EVENTS IN 2023:

ERA's events connect rail professionals, businesses, ideas

- Satellite4Rail conference
- European Rail Safety Days
- ERA Multimodal Conference
- ERA-ENISA conference on cybersecurity
- 10 webinars and Q&As
- Women in Transport speed networking



### DIGITALISATION:

ERA employs digital initiatives to achieve its strategic goals



- Move to EC Corporate Tools (MIPS)
- Further improvement of registers
- Moodle (e-learning)



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