

Moving Europe towards a sustainable and safe railway system without frontiers.

DECISION n° 353

of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways amending the Single Programming Document 2024-2026 (#2)

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) N° 2016/796 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") and repealing Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 (hereinafter called "the Regulation"), and in particular Article 51§1 (b) and 52§4 thereof,

Having regard to Decision n° 336 of the Management Board adopting the Single Programming Document 2024-2026,

Having regard to Decision n°206 of the Management Board adopting the new ERA Financial Regulation,

Having regard to Decision n°317 of the Management Board on delegating powers to the Executive Director to adopt non-substantial amendments to the Single Programming Document and repealing Decision n°289,

Having regard to Decision n° 342 of the Management Board amending the Single Programming Document 2024-2026 (#1),

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The text in the Annex to the Decision n° 336 of the Management Board adopting the Single Programming Document 2024-2026, as amended by Decision n° 342 of the Management Board, is amended with the substantial changes listed in the Annex to this decision.

Article 2

The decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption. It will be published on the Agency's website.

For the Management Board,
On 05/06/2024

The Chairwoman
Paloma IRIBAS FORCAT

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Annex: SPD 2024-2026 substantial amendments (#2)

1. Substantial amendments of the SPD 2024-2026 multi-annual narrative and annexes¹

#	Description of the amendment	Justification for amendment	SPD section	Substantial/ Non-substantial criteria (MB Decision n°317 Art.2)
1	Inclusion of the following narrative on the IPA grant in Multi-annual programming 2024-2026, strategic statement 7: <i>In December 2023, the Agency and the European Commission's Directorate General DG NEAR signed a three-year contract "EU support on transposition and implementation of the EU railway acquis by the European Union Agency for Railways". This contract will be implemented from 2024 to 2026 (included). The contract will allow the Agency to continue its efforts supporting the beneficiaries of the Western Balkans and Türkiye under the European Union's instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA). The Work Program comprises the cooperation with the Transport Community, based in Belgrade. Beneficiaries are the EU candidate and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo (This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.), Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Türkiye.</i>	The grant was confirmed at the end of 2023 and needs to be reflected in Multi-annual programming 2024-2026	Multi-annual programming 2024-2026	amendment of the multiannual work programme
2	Amendment of Annex XI (Plan for grant, contribution, or service-level agreements), with the inclusion of the following new elements: <i>a) The new IPA grant will run from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2026 with a total budget of 450,000 EUR. It foresees 0.5 FTEs (CA FGIII) for the period.</i> <i>b) Extension of the EUMedRail grant by year with no additional budget</i> <i>c) Placeholder for an upcoming Contribution Agreement on Capacity building on Safety & Interoperability in Greece (tentative). The details of such grant will be filled in as soon as the signature takes place.²</i> These amendments will also be reflected in all relevant tables which include "grants, contribution, or service level agreements details" (e.g. Annex III and IV).	The SPD must reflect the new grant and contribution agreement to ensure it reflects all agreements the Agency has in place.	Annex XI (as well as Annex III and IV)	Amendment of the overall financial and human resource planning with a direct connection to or impact on the EU Budgetary procedure

2. Substantial amendments of the SPD 2024-2026 outputs, indicators and/or targets

#	ERA project Code	Project Name	Output indicator in adopted SPD	Output target in adopted SPD	SAP indicator/target	Amendment type	Proposed new output indicator	Proposed new output target	Justification for amendment	Substantial/ Non-substantial criteria (MB Decision n°317 Art.2)
1	ERA1151	IPA and Western Balkans				Add New Indicator and Target	Workshop Trackside Approval for new and upgraded railway infrastructure; Workshop on Conformity Assessment (Modules) Interoperability Training (TSIs 2023); Incident Investigation Training	All 4 training are delivered	In December 2023 ERA and the European Commission's Directorate General DG NEAR signed a three-year contract "EU support on transposition and implementation of the EU railway acquis by the European Union Agency for Railways". This contract is implemented 2024 to 2026 included. The contract will allow the Agency to continue its efforts supporting the beneficiaries of the Western Balkans and Türkiye under the European Union's instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA).	commencement of a completely new activity (i.e. project/service), esp. if founding regulation does not foresee it; major revision of the list of projects/services

¹ Except the procurement annex, which is dealt as #3 in this annex.

² Amendment contingent on signature of Contribution Agreement by DG REFORM (foreseen by mid-May)

2	ERA1151	IPA and Western Balkans				Add New Indicator and Target	Traineeships	2 trainees hosted	In December 2023 ERA and the European Commission's Directorate General DG NEAR signed a three-year contract "EU support on transposition and implementation of the EU railway acquis by the European Union Agency for Railways". This contract is implemented 2024 to 2026 included. The contract will allow the Agency to continue its efforts supporting the beneficiaries of the Western Balkans and Türkiye under the European Union's instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA).	commencement of a completely new activity (i.e. project/service), esp. if founding regulation does not foresee it; major revision of the list of projects/services
3	ERA1151	IPA and Western Balkans				Add New Indicator and Target	Relevant experts from West Balkans and Türkiye are invited to participate as observers in the NSA-Network Meetings of the Agency and in NSA Monitoring and NIB Peer Review.	Beneficiaries are invited to participate in 2 NSA Monitoring exercises. 1 Beneficiary is invited to participate in 1 NIB Peer Review exercise. Relevant experts from West Balkans and Türkiye are invited to participate in the NSA- and NIB-Network Meetings.	In December 2023 ERA and the European Commission's Directorate General DG NEAR signed a three-year contract "EU support on transposition and implementation of the EU railway acquis by the European Union Agency for Railways". This contract is implemented 2024 to 2026 included. The contract will allow the Agency to continue its efforts supporting the beneficiaries of the Western Balkans and Türkiye under the European Union's instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA).	commencement of a completely new activity (i.e. project/service), esp. if founding regulation does not foresee it; major revision of the list of projects/services
4	ERA1158	Internal Management and Control System	Agency's processes management - % of Agency processes revised in line with the ICF and leaning objectives	20%		Delete existing Indicator/Target			The current target (i.e. 20%) for the output indicator " Agency's processes management - % of Agency processes revised in line with the ICF and leaning objectives" cannot be achieved in the current context. As per the SAP action plan, the leaning activity shall be outsourced and the deliverables will be delayed. Thus the SAP time plan for the 'leaning' deliverables is not aligned anymore with the target. Furthermore, the service ERA1156 has already an output on monitoring among others the progress of the leaning process activities. This output might be more relevant as the service manager has a better overview on the results and it is more efficient to limit the resources allocated for monitoring the output	amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)
5	ERA1218	Manage ERTMS long term evolution	ERTMS - Maintenance and operational activities	Update of ETCS generic handbook		Delete existing Indicator/Target			Delay in delivery of the output due to initial delay in awarding the contract. SPD Output target to be created for 2025.	amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)
6	ERA1226	Registers Operation and Development	ERADIS - Release 6.0	In production by December 2024		Amend existing Indicator/Target	ERADIS - data migration to Knowledge Graph - Phase 1	Delivered by December 2024	Following a new priority from the EC the ERADIS indicator needs to be amended as follows. More information on the deliverables will be found in the output list.	major change in the strategic statements, outcome indicators, KPIs or accountability ceiling
7	ERA1226	Registers Operation and Development	ERATV - Release 3.0	100% approved CRs delivered		Amend existing Indicator/Target	ERATV - Release 3.0 - Alignment with the TSI package	March 2024	The alignment with the latest updates of the legal framework (TSI package) was postponed in 2023 and it was delivered in March 2024. This results in the ERATV release 3.0. The indicator and target is reformulated to reflect better the output to be delivered. This indicator has already been achieved. The rest	amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)

									of the changes planned for ERATV are deprioritised in favour of migrating ERATV data to KG (new indicator to be proposed).	
8	ERA1226	Registers Operation and Development	SAIT - Release 2.0	2024		Delete existing Indicator/Target			In view of the transition to the Knowledge Graph, the new ISS and the fact that there are not major CRs from users, no resources will be spent to this indicator.	amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)
9	ERA1226	Registers Operation and Development	SRD - Release 3.0	In production by December 2024		Delete existing Indicator/Target			A new indicator related to new features in SRD (SRD 2.0) was introduced. The target of the indicator SRD release 3.0 will therefore be postponed to Q3 2025.	amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)
10	ERA1250	ERA support to Greece for strengthening its systems safety and interoperability in line with EU railway legislation				Add New Indicator and Target	Provide (theoretical and on the job) training on accident analysis for investigators of NIB EL	Training delivered by 31/12/2024	Introduce project in SPD 2024-2026 to capture the work of the Support to Greece Task Force	commencement of a completely new activity (i.e. project/service), esp. if founding regulation does not foresee it; major revision of the list of projects/services
11	ERA1250	ERA support to Greece for strengthening its systems safety and interoperability in line with EU railway legislation				Add New Indicator and Target	Publication of the final investigation report by NIB EL	Published within two years from the Tempi accident which took place on 28/02/2023	Introduce project in SPD 2024-2026 to capture the work of the Support to Greece Task Force	commencement of a completely new activity (i.e. project/service), esp. if founding regulation does not foresee it; major revision of the list of projects/services
12 ³	ERA1253	Capacity building on Safety & Interoperability in Greece				Add New Indicator and Target	Inception report	Sent to DG Reform	A new CA with DG REFORM is expected to be signed in the near future and the related activity needs to be included in SPD 2024-2026.	commencement of a completely new activity (i.e. project/service), esp. if founding regulation does not foresee it; major revision of the list of projects/services
13 ⁴	ERA1253	Capacity building on Safety & Interoperability in Greece				Add New Indicator and Target	Capacity building workshops and trainings on a risk-based and system-based approach to safety, on safety management systems, safety certification and authorisation, and ERTMS	At least 4 sessions of trainings/workshops delivered	A new CA with DG REFORM is expected to be signed in the near future and the related activity needs to be included in SPD 2024-2026.	commencement of a completely new activity (i.e. project/service), esp. if founding regulation does not foresee it; major revision of the list of projects/services

³ Amendment contingent on signature of Contribution Agreement by DG REFORM

⁴ Ibid.

3. Substantial amendments of the 2024 Procurement plan (Annex XIII)

3.1. Substantial amendments of the SPD 2024-2026 procurement plan

a. New Procurement procedures

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b. Amendment of procurement procedures already in the 2024 procurement plan

Title	Description	Date	Market ceiling	Type of Contract
Innotrans 2024	Initially not planned as part of the Innotrans activity, a train shuttle will be carrying VIPs and press from Brussels to Innotrans. To be able to offer a varied and interesting programme during this journey, the Academy estimates an additional budget of 15,000EUR.	Q3	100,000.00 € 115,000.00 €	100.000€ (MoC with EU-RAIL and DG-MOVE) and 15,000€ direct contract

3.2. Updated and consolidated procurement plan for SPD 2024-2026 (following the changes described in #1)

Title	Description	Date	Market ceiling	Type of Contract
Process leaning services	in line with SAP, all of the Agency's processes will need to be leaned for which the support of a company is needed in line with the endorsement of the MB.	Q1	156,000.00 €	Direct contract
ERTMS Conference	As system authority for ERTMS, ERA in past years gathered the global ERTMS community in its hometown Valenciennes to discuss the way forward. Held on bi-annual basis in alternation with the European Rail Safety Days, the conference usually features keynote presentations and workshop elements over a two-days period. Traditionally it made EU decision-makers find their way to Valenciennes.	Q1	250,000.00 €	Framework contract (SCIC)
Rail Data Forum 2024 (June 2024, Italy)	Digitalisation becoming increasingly important, the Agency is planning its first Rail Data Forum in June 2024.	Q2	220,000.00 €	Framework contract (SCIC)
Innotrans (Sept. 2024, Berlin)	Since 2008, ERA has been present at the largest railway industry fair worldwide InnoTrans, which is held every two years in Berlin. It was used as platform to present ERA's key activities that impact the rail sector in its new role as European authority with one-to-one meetings between ERA staff and members of the rail sector. In 2024, the EU institutions - ERA together with the European Commission and Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-RAIL) - will attend InnoTrans for the first time jointly using a common "EU village" stand.	Q2	115,000.00 €	MoC between ERA, ERJU and DG-MOVE. ERJU to contract the supplier And Direct contract
HOF Biennial Conference (Dec 2024, Valenciennes)	The ERA Human and Organisational Factors (HOF) Biennial Conference has become a house number for the positive railway safety culture community in Europe. Addressing topics such as HOF and railway automation, or managing workload and fatigue, it is an important catalyst for discussions and reflection on key topics and brings together the railway community to promote a positive safety culture in the EU and beyond.	Q4	30,000.00 €	Framework contract
Procurement of IT tool for confidential storage of data for economic analyses	Procurement of IT tool to facilitate storage and use of confidential data linked to standard inputs for economic analyses linked to launched Economic Steering Group Task Force	Q1	50,000.00 €	Direct contract
ESISDID - External Services for Information Systems Development on Interoperable Data	ESISDID FWC is aimed to provide off-site services for conducting Analysis, Design, Development, Maintenance and Studies related to Information Systems on the Interoperable Data area of activity, including specifically those based on semantic technologies, such as Linked Data, Knowledge Graphs and Semantic Web.	Q1	4,000,000.00 €	Framework contract
Domain technical support (Telematics)	Contracted technical in the field of telematics (TAP and TAF) to support the evolution of the telematics area to a semantic approach and alignment with the Register of Infrastructure (RINF)	Q1	240,250.00 €	Direct contract
Domain technical support (Digital Route book)	Contracted technical support on the development a digital Driver Route Book, including identification of data requirements for the provision of necessary information for the driver and technical advice on the data presentation of the elements for the driver.	Q1	240,250.00 €	Direct contract

Generic ETCS Driver's Handbook update	The aim of the tender is to establish a contract for the update of the Generic ETCS Driver's Handbook on the use of the onboard equipment of ERTMS/ETCS (European Rail Traffic Management System / European Train Control System) in accordance with the Control Command and Signalling Technical Specification for Interoperability (CCS TSI)	Q1	130,000.00 €	Direct contract
Professional film for a safety leadership training	ERA safety leadership training was developed in 2018 and has been successfully deployed. Critical factor is the professional film that shapes the course. A follow-up training is to be developed. The possible successful tenderer will produce the film that will support this new training.	Q1	160,000.00 €	Direct contract
Provision of catering services	The purpose of the new procurement procedure is to find a company providing catering to the Agency, through the delivery of beverages, sandwiches and salads for meetings organised in its headquarters in Valenciennes	Q1	95,000.00€	Framework contract
Website management Support	Procurement of website management support. Following the expiration of the FWC OC_EFSA_COM_2019_01 LOT 2-01	Q3	150,000.00€	Framework contract
Event Management support	Procurement of event management support for the various activities the Agency organises. This would replace the former "SCIC" contract.	Q3	2,000,000.00€	Framework contract

3.3. Updated planned use in 2024 of existing framework contracts (table 37 in the SPD)

FRAMEWORK CONTRACTS			To be committed in 2024 (estimated)
Local Identifier	User Reference	Expiry Date	
ERA 2022 05 FWC-01	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ERTMS TRACKSIDE APPROVAL	21/05/2027	34 500 EUR
ERA 2023 01 FWC-01	INTERPRETATION SERVICES	24/07/2027	207 500 EUR
ERA 2021 07 FWC	Catering services (Valenciennes)	08/12/2025	30 000 EUR
PMO contract / AMEX GLOBAL BUSINESS TRAVEL	Travel Agency services (missions)	31/03/2024	100 000 EUR
SCIC/C1/2018/FWC/02	SCIC EVENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES - LOT 2	23/01/2024	470 000 EUR
OC_EFSA_COM_2019_01 LOT 2-01	DEVELOPMENT OF STATIC AND INTERACTIVE INFORMATION AND STORYTELLING PRODUCTS	22/06/2024	30 000 EUR
OC_EFSA_COM_2019_01 LOT 1-01	DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS	10/05/2024	90 000 EUR
ESMA 2022 02	ESMA ICT Consultancy	18/10/2026	1 250 000 EUR
ERA 2019 06 FWC	ESP-EISD6 - Off site IT services	28/07/2024	1 000 000 EUR
ERA 2021 02 FWC	Consultancy support on Vehicle Authorisations applications	06/01/2026	350 000 EUR
ERA 2022 03 FWC	DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING PRODUCTS FOR THE EU AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS KNOWLEDGE HUB	31/08/2026	85 000 EUR
SLA DIGIT 028	Service Level Agreement with DG DIGIT	No end date	250 000 €
ERA 2024 20 OP FWC	Event Management Services	07/2028	250 000 EUR