



# HOF Conference

## Human & Organisational Factors



22-23 October 2024 - Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](https://era.europa.eu)



# Human & Organisational Factors (HOF) Conference

A person's hand is shown typing on a laptop keyboard. The scene is overlaid with a futuristic digital interface featuring glowing blue lines and nodes, resembling a network or data visualization. A semi-transparent dark blue rounded rectangle is centered over the image, containing white text. In the background, a laptop screen displays the word 'RISK' and a person icon.

**Welcome!**  
Streaming will start very soon

22-23 Oct 2024 Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](https://era.europa.eu)




# Human & Organisational Factors (HOF) Conference

The background image shows a person's hand typing on a laptop keyboard. Overlaid on the scene is a futuristic digital interface with glowing blue lines and nodes, suggesting a network or data flow. A laptop screen in the background displays the word 'RISK' and a person icon.

**Welcome by:  
Dr. Josef Doppelbauer**

22-23 Oct 2024 Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](http://era.europa.eu)



As railways have evolved— from steam engines to high-speed trains and digital control systems— the risks that we have to manage have also changed.



EUROPEAN UNION  
AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS



# HUMAN FACTORS

Attention  
on the system  
as a whole?



Human  
factors  
concentrates  
on the  
“screen out”



Hardware/  
software  
engineering  
concentrates on  
the “screen in”

e.g. situation awareness errors,  
inconsistent behaviour,  
confusion, ...

(after Nancy Leveson)

*HOF is a mindset,  
a way of thinking that  
places human beings at  
the center of our safety  
and risk management  
strategies.*





# HOF Conference

## Human & Organisational Factors



22-23 October 2024 - Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](https://era.europa.eu)



AGENCIA ESTATAL  
DE SEGURIDAD FERROVIARIA

# MIND ON TRACK:

## ASSEESING TRAIN DRIVERS' PSYCHOLOGICAL FITNESS

Estefanía Cortés Ramírez



[ecortes@seguridadferroviaria.es](mailto:ecortes@seguridadferroviaria.es)

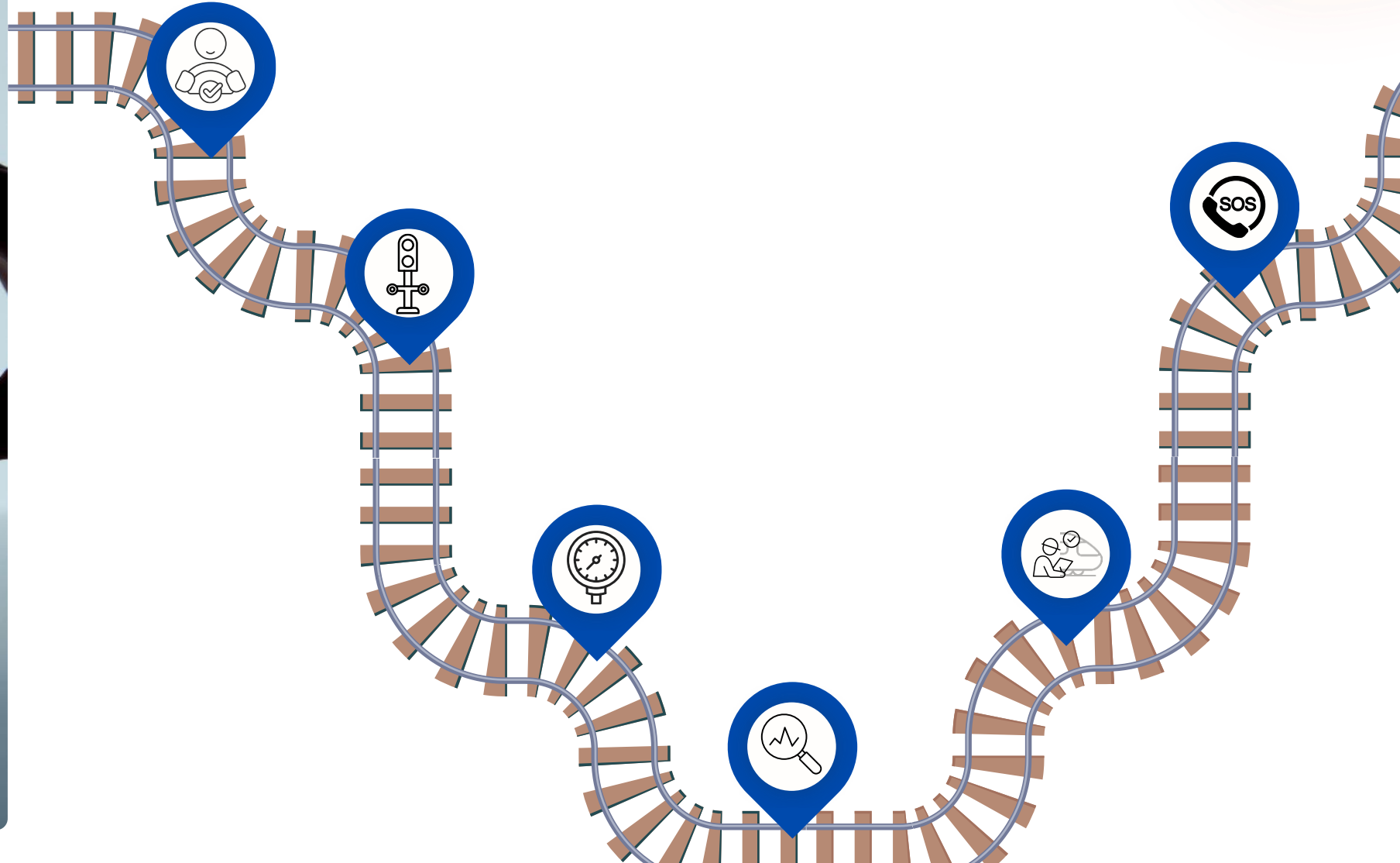


**HUMAN & ORGANISATIONAL  
FACTORS (HOF) CONFERENCE**

**22-23 OCT 2024  
VALENCIENNES, FRANCE**

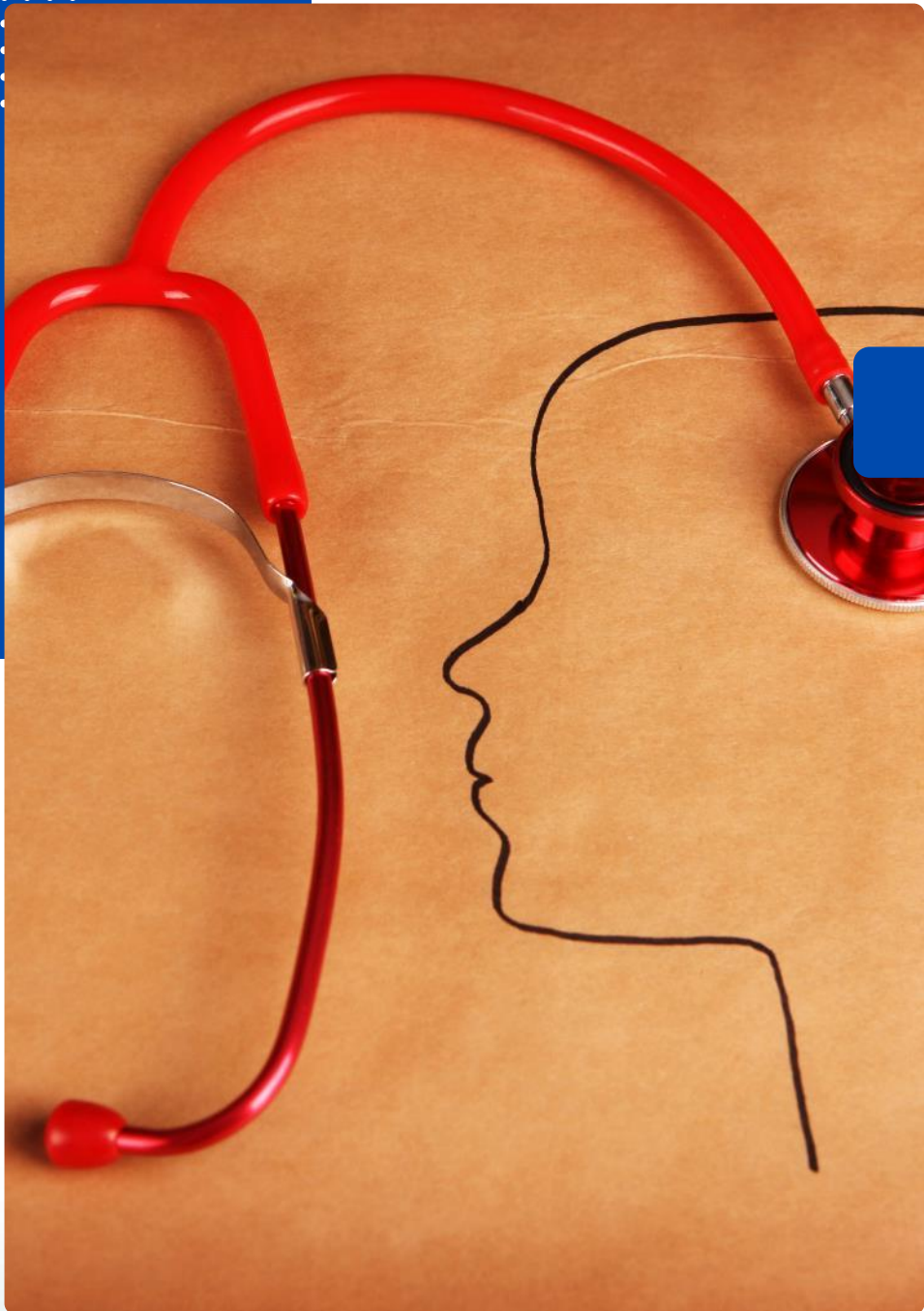


# A KEY ROLE



# PHYSICAL AND MENTAL BALANCE

Train Driver Directive



# PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS IN TRAIN DRIVERS



## Cognitive Skills

Memory, speed reaction, spatial attitude, psychomotor coordination, mental capacity, situational awareness, executive functions.



## Personality

Sensation-seeking, risk-taking, perceived control, responsibility, friendliness.



## Psychoticism

Mood disturbance, anxiety, sleep disorders, emotional instability..

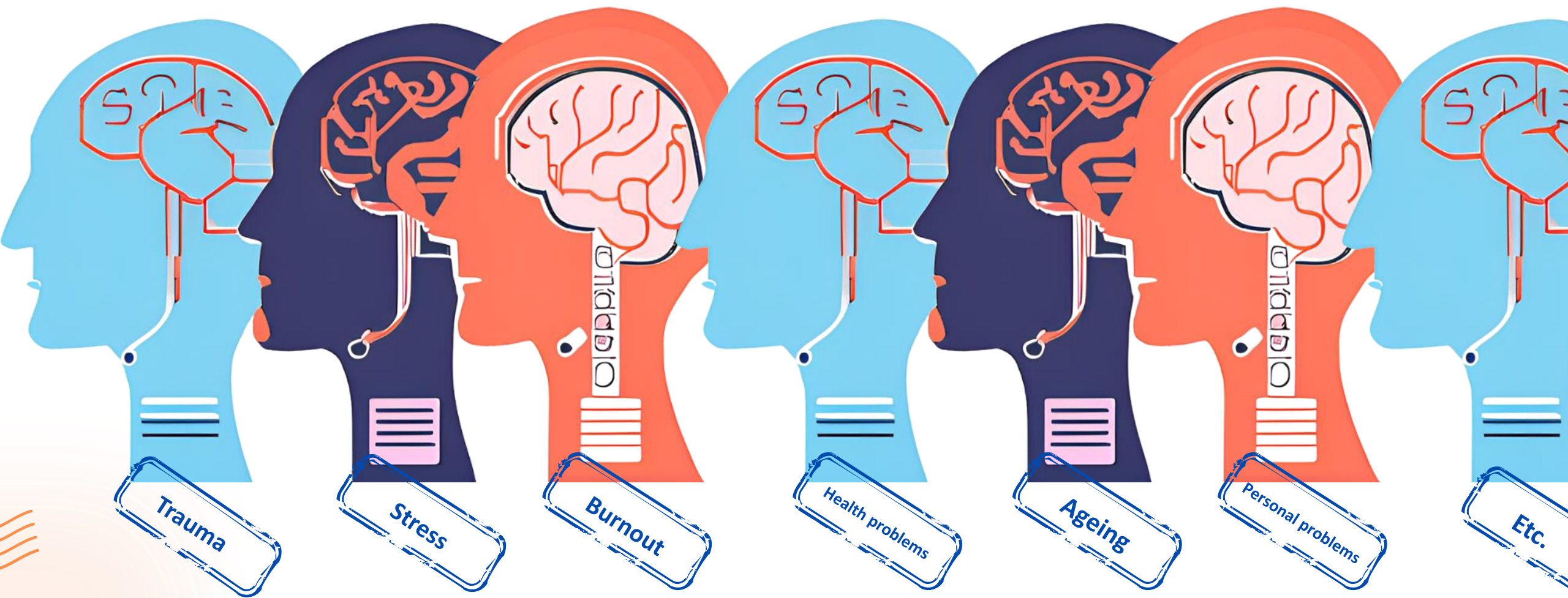




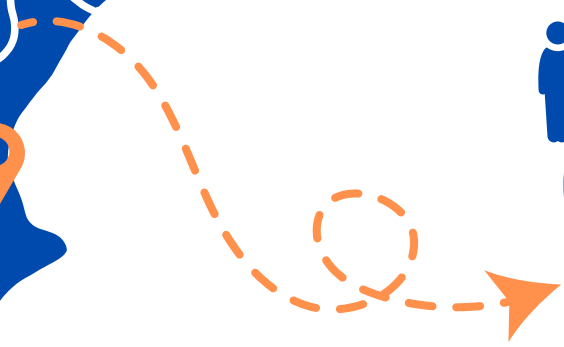
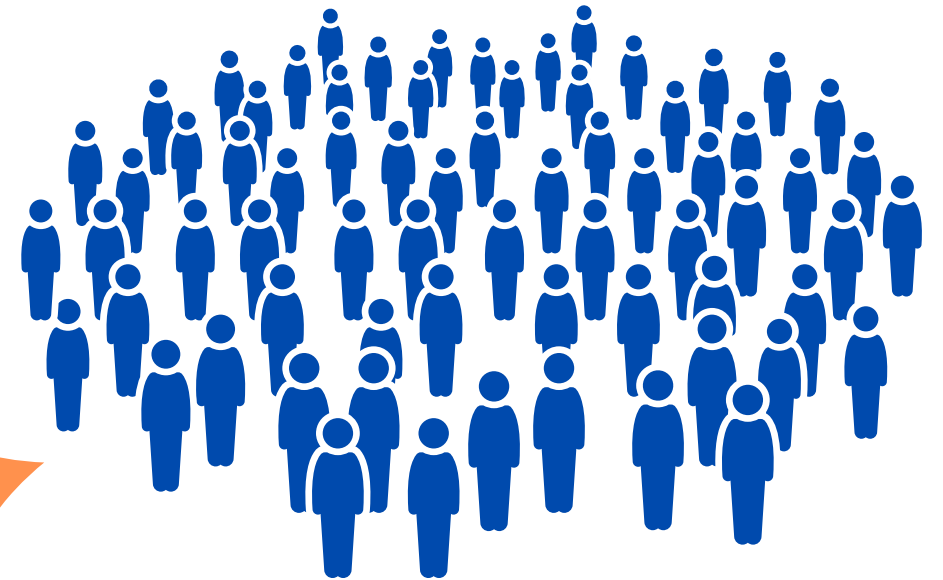
WITH GREAT  
~~POWER~~ COMES  
GREAT  
RESPONSIBILITY



# PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING IS NOT STATIC



# HOMOGENEOUS ASSESSMENTS



# APP FEATURES

1 Reliability

---

2 Intuitive

---

3 Data Security

---

4 Scientific evidence

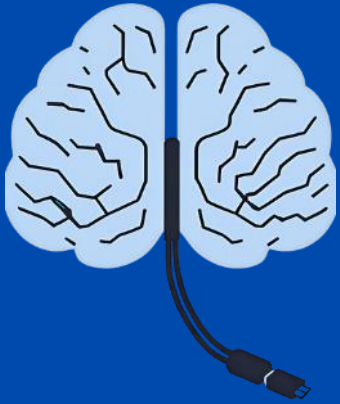
---

5 Holistic assesment

---

6 NON-diagnostic

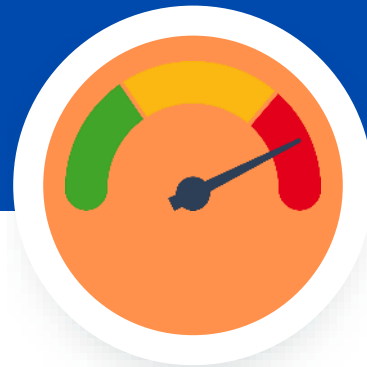
---



# RESULTS



**REPORT**



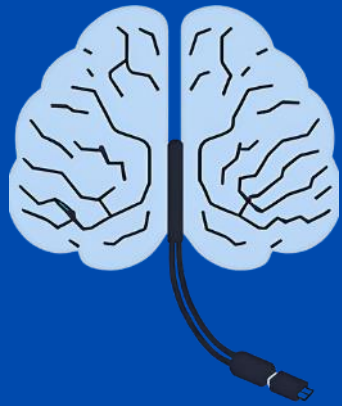
**INCIDENT RISK**



**VERIFY**



# A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



# UNITY MAKES STRENGTH



 Apertia

 adif

 alsia

**CEFF**  
CENTRO EUROPEO DE FORMACIÓN FERROVIARIA

*renfe*

**VIAS**



# HOF Conference

## Human & Organisational Factors



22-23 October 2024 - Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](https://era.europa.eu)

# Applying Human and Organisational Factors to better manage change

Paul Leach

Head of Human Factors at the Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB)



# RSSB Human Factors Team

- Set up when RSSB began
- 12 team members
- Professions: Psychologists, Ergonomists, PHD, Chartered professionals
- Experience in many sectors: rail, aviation, defence, transport
- Cover all the railway: passenger, freight, infrastructure, supply chain, heritage, operations, design, maintenance
- Services:
  - Rail operations
  - R&D
  - Standards
  - Training
  - Consultancy

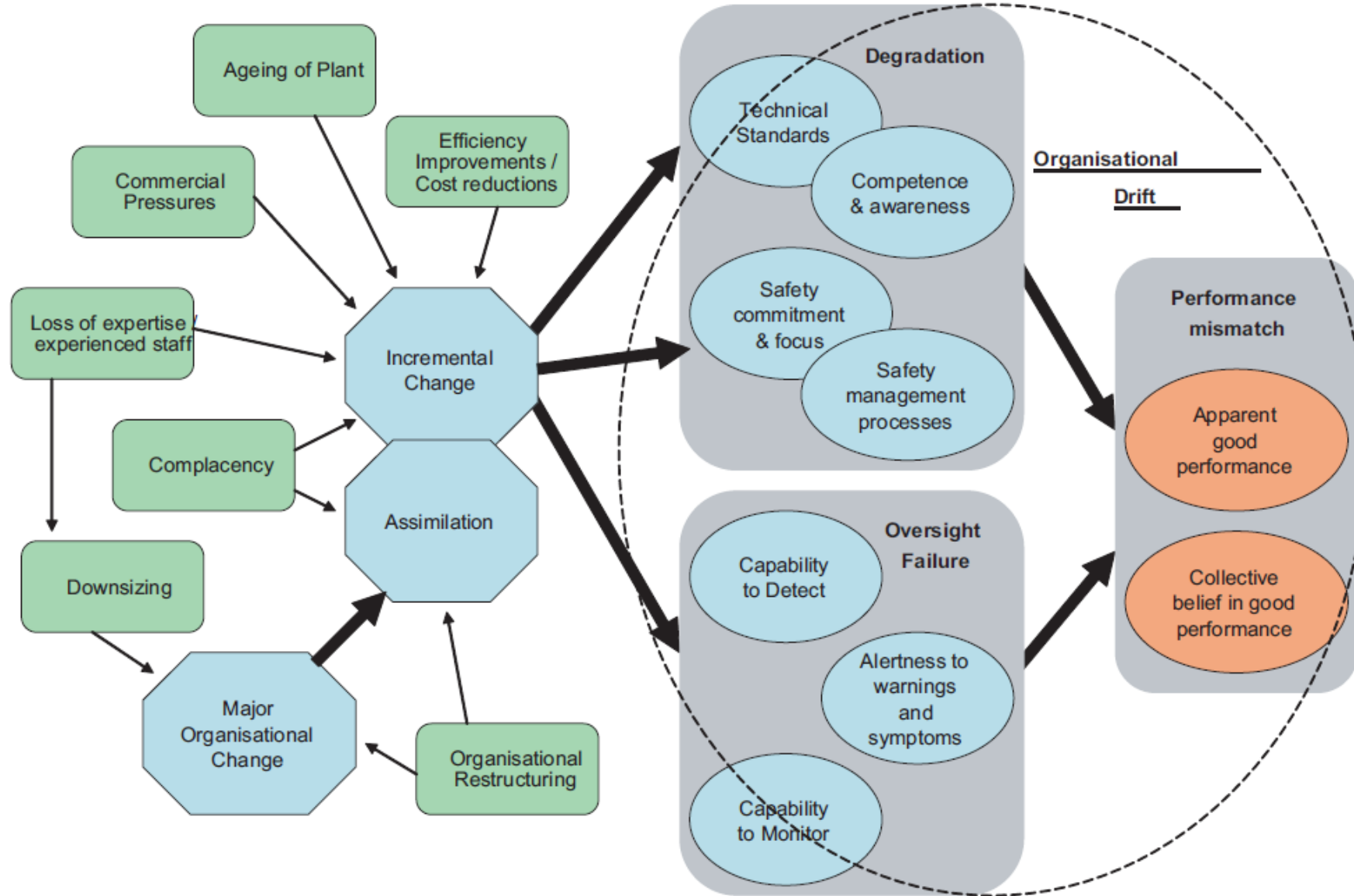


# Today's talk

## Putting people at the heart of change

People focused change  
process

Building psychological  
safety



# Background: People Change Process

Rail infrastructure organisation was changing their procedures and safety rules around managing possessions.

They were concerned that they were not managing people well enough during this change.

Required a HOF review of their change management plans and materials



# Checklist for managing people through change

## Policy

- Statement of change & benefits
- Objectives
- Change teams & engagement
- Risks & Human Centred Design

## Emergencies

- Operation in normal, degraded and emergency
- Impact on existing arrangements for these conditions

## Leadership

- Responsibilities for decision making
- Behaviours expected
- Training and support
- Culture to support change

## Involvement

- Involvement and engagement
- Feedback and listening
- Anxiety and fear
- Decision making

## Staff

- Human performance impacts (tasks etc)
- Work as done vs work as imagined
- Staffing requirements

## Procedures & equipment

- Task and job change
- Work as done
- HOF factors
- Equipment changes

# Checklist for managing people through change.

## Training & competence

- Task & job change
- Job analysis
- Blended learning
- Trainers & assessors

## Wider business

- Changes in the business
- Change fatigue
- System approach
- Other roles, tasks and equipment

## Decision making

- What decisions?
- When to make them?
- Decision making process
- Participative decision-making

## Communication

- Hearts & minds
- Champions
- Communication vacuums
- Feedback & measurement

## Measuring & monitoring

- Planning
- Success criteria
- Making changes
- Monitoring management behaviours

# Lessons for managing people during change

- Change can have a technical focus – but you need to win over hearts and minds
- Can be many different change documents and people – you need one version of the truth
- Leaders and managers may not be prepared - formalise leadership and management behaviours, responsibilities and accountabilities
- Can focus on employed workforce - consider contractors and outsourced resource
- Is the technical, behavioural, equipment and staffing impact fully understood? Assess and fully understand how the change affects tasks, roles, competence, resourcing & equipment
- Briefing doesn't equal training – blend the learning and train the trainers.
- Engagement vs participative decision making
- Remember the wider business and other organisations affected
- People will fill communication vacuums
- Activity and outcome measures

## Background: Developing psychological safety

A rail infrastructure organisation wanted to develop a more collaborative approach to managing safety.

Wanted to develop psychological safety by improving their leadership safety conversations.

We created a safety conversation aide memoir for the senior team supported by scenario-based training.

## Psychological safety

*“belief that one will not be punished or humiliated for speaking up with ideas, questions, concerns, or mistakes”*

Edmondson (2019)

# Why build psychological safety?

- Greater staff engagement and wellbeing
- Better organisational learning
  - Better decision making and ability to make proactive improvements
- Better performance outcomes
  - Reduced employee errors
  - Enhanced safety
  - High-performing teams
  - Staff speaking up and challenging

*What Lucy Letby tells us about the NHS  
culture of secrecy and denial*



# Leadership behaviours

1. State and demonstrate during safety conversations that safety is a priority
2. Communicate it is acceptable to make mistakes and errors, and these are opportunities to learn
3. Seek to understand staff perspectives and rationale for their actions
4. Facilitate reflection and growth through coaching questions during the safety conversation.
5. Admit that you do not know all the answers and want to learn and understand
6. Look to dismantle hierarchy within the conversation
7. Take a coaching style to safety conversations
8. Talk to staff at all levels
9. Thank staff and show appreciation for honesty
10. Take actions away from the conversation and be transparent in what will happen next.

<p><b>G</b>oal – where do we want to be?</p>	<p><b>Step 1: Set the Scene</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduce self, explain what you are doing and why</li> </ul> <p><b>Step 2: Invite participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Empower and include</li> <li>- Promote growth mindset</li> <li>- Destigmatise failure</li> </ul>
<p><b>R</b>eality – where are we now?</p>	<p><b>Step 3: Grow understanding of workforce reality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open questions</li> <li>- Explore and acknowledge successes</li> <li>- Understand challenges</li> <li>- Encourage discussion and others view</li> </ul>
<p><b>O</b>ptions – what could we do to reach our goal?</p>	<p><b>Step 4: Explore options</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What help do they need?</li> <li>- Empower to identify solutions</li> </ul>
<p><b>W</b>ay forward – what will we do?</p>	<p><b>Step 5: Reinforce and empower</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss next steps</li> <li>- Empower them to act</li> <li>- Thank and acknowledge</li> </ul>



# The intervention

## Aide memoir


- Core leadership behaviors
- Coaching framework
- Practical suggestions

## Leadership evaluation questionnaire

- Self-reflection
- 360 feedback

## Training session

- What good looks like
- Operational scenarios
- Discussion and reflection



Helped to break down hierarchy and make leaders more approachable



Supports continual improvement



It has changed mindsets

## Key messages

- People will deliver change, so they need to be at the heart of the change
- Really understand the change, its impact and HOF factors
- Win the hearts and minds – technical, knowledge and behaviours
- Psychological safety enables open and honest conversations during change
- Safety conversations provide the opportunity to communicate and understand impact of change
- Coaching culture enables effective change and learning



**Human Factors  
Rail Conference 2025**

# Save the Date

**18 and 19 September 2025**  
Leonardo Royal Hotel, St Paul's, London



Supported by



**Paul Leach**

Head of Human Factors, RSSB

[Paul.Leach@RSSB.co.uk](mailto:Paul.Leach@RSSB.co.uk)



# HOF Conference

## Human & Organisational Factors



22-23 October 2024 - Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](https://era.europa.eu)



## Collaborative engagement on HF integration: The case of DART+ Fleet

N.Balfe, F.Florek, V.Pargade

22/10/2024

# Introduction

---

- Good HF integration avoids the risk of human errors or minimizes their impact.
  - Operational & safety risks (railway operation)
  - Project management & procurement risks (railway business)
- Irish Rail impose a guideline on the change management (procurement) process for Plant, Equipment, Infrastructure and Operations (PEIO), including the integration of HF
- Both Irish Rail & Alstom have in-house HF/E teams that agreed to work together for the success of the DART+ New Fleet project
- This presentation provides highlights of this HF program.

01

## DART+ Project

# DART + program

- 1 **Fleet**
- 2/3 West- DART service to Maynooth/M3 parkway
- 4 Southwest- DART service to Hazelhatch
- 5 Coastal North- Dart between Connolly and Drogheda
- 6 Coastal South- Enhanced DART to Bray/Greystones
- 7 Underground





# DART+ Rolling Stock



- **10 year framework** to supply commuter trains for Dublin Area Rapid Transit, DART
- New trains needed operate new services on the expanded network AND to replace old trains.
- Orders spread over 10 years in line with the infrastructure expansion and fleet replacement needs.
- Submission 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020. Alstom identified as preferred bidder 18<sup>th</sup> May. Contract finalisation by August.

## TENDER REQUIREMENTS

- Commuter trains: 1500V DC (overhead), 84m (HLU) and 168m (FLU)
- Quantity to be considered under the Tender Evaluation : **52 trains**
  - ▶ Initial order of 19 trains including 13 Battery BEMU's = 95 cars
  - ▶ Year 2 order 10 trains = 100 cars
  - ▶ Year 4 order 15 trains = 120 cars
  - ▶ Year 6 order 8 trains = 80 cars
- 15 year TSSSA



02

## Human Factors Integration Process

# HF Scope

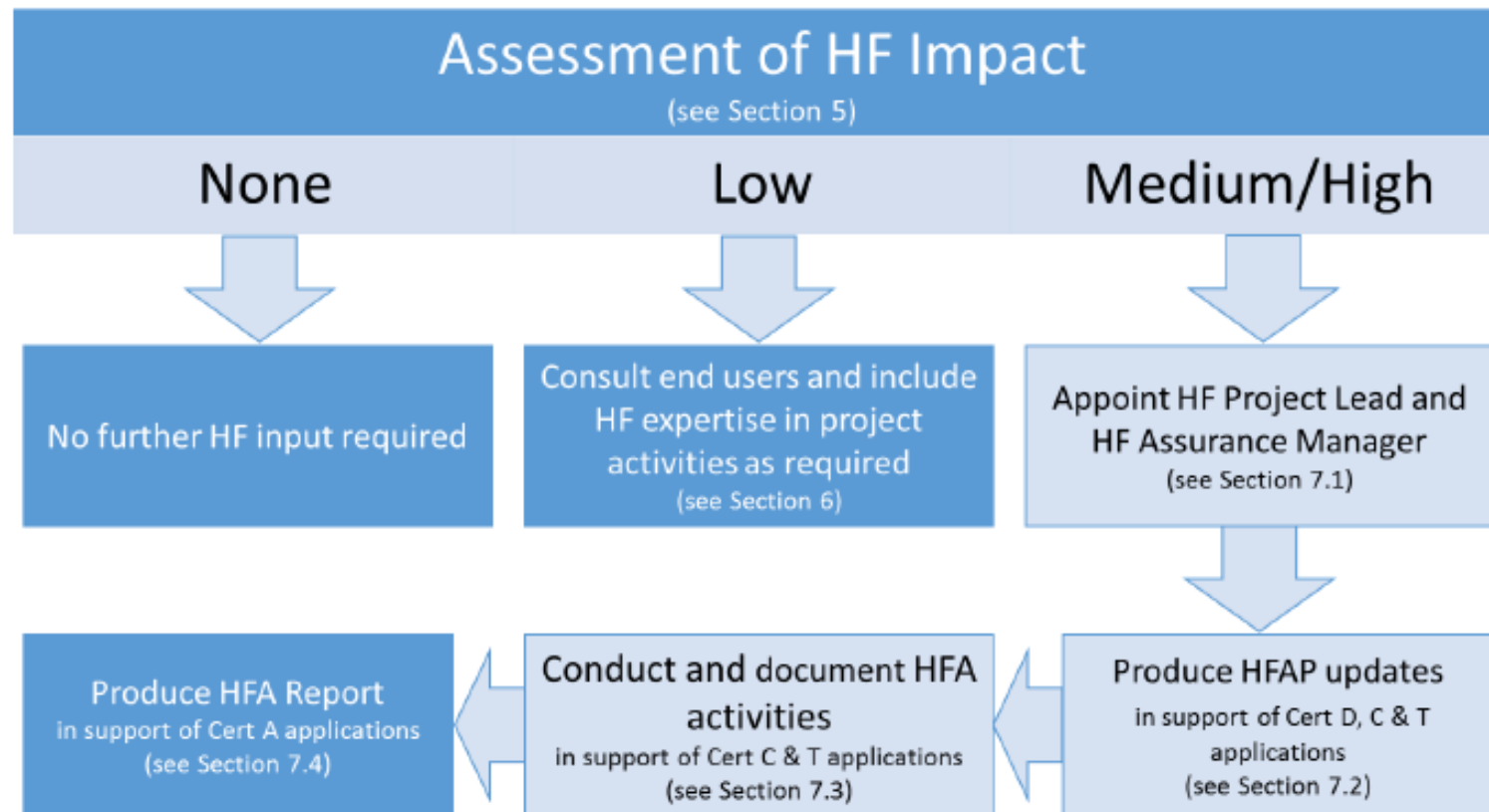
- Irish Rail Human Factors Impact Assessment Tool (H-FIT) used to assess the HF scope
- The tool rates the change for end users across 14 factors on a scale of 0 (none) to 3 (high)

#	Factor	Rating
1	Environment	3
2	Tasks	3
3	Tools/Equipment	3
4	HMIs	3
5	Alarms	3
6	Automation	2
7	Procedures	2

#	Factor	Rating
8	Communication Protocols	0
9	Staffing levels	1
10	Resource availability	0
11	Roles and responsibilities	0
12	Information provision	2
13	Leadership and supervision	0
14	Working time	0

# HF Integration Process

- Irish Rail Guideline RU-SMS-014-OP1: Guidance on integration of Human Factors in PEIO Change Process describes the HF integration process



# IE Guidance of Integration of Human Factors in PEIO Change Process

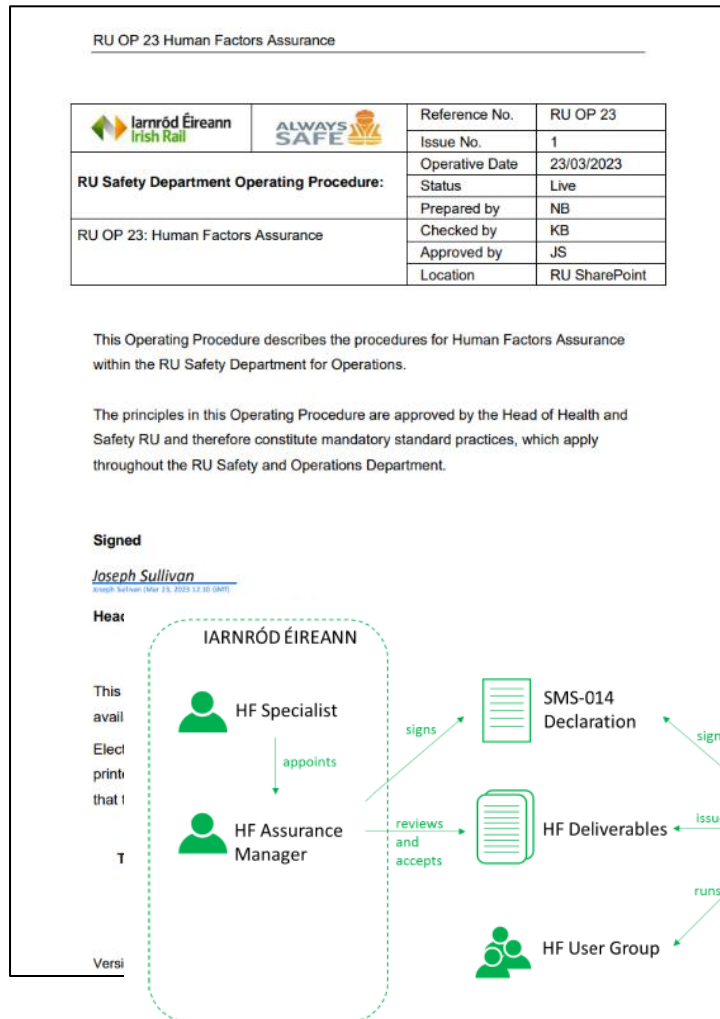
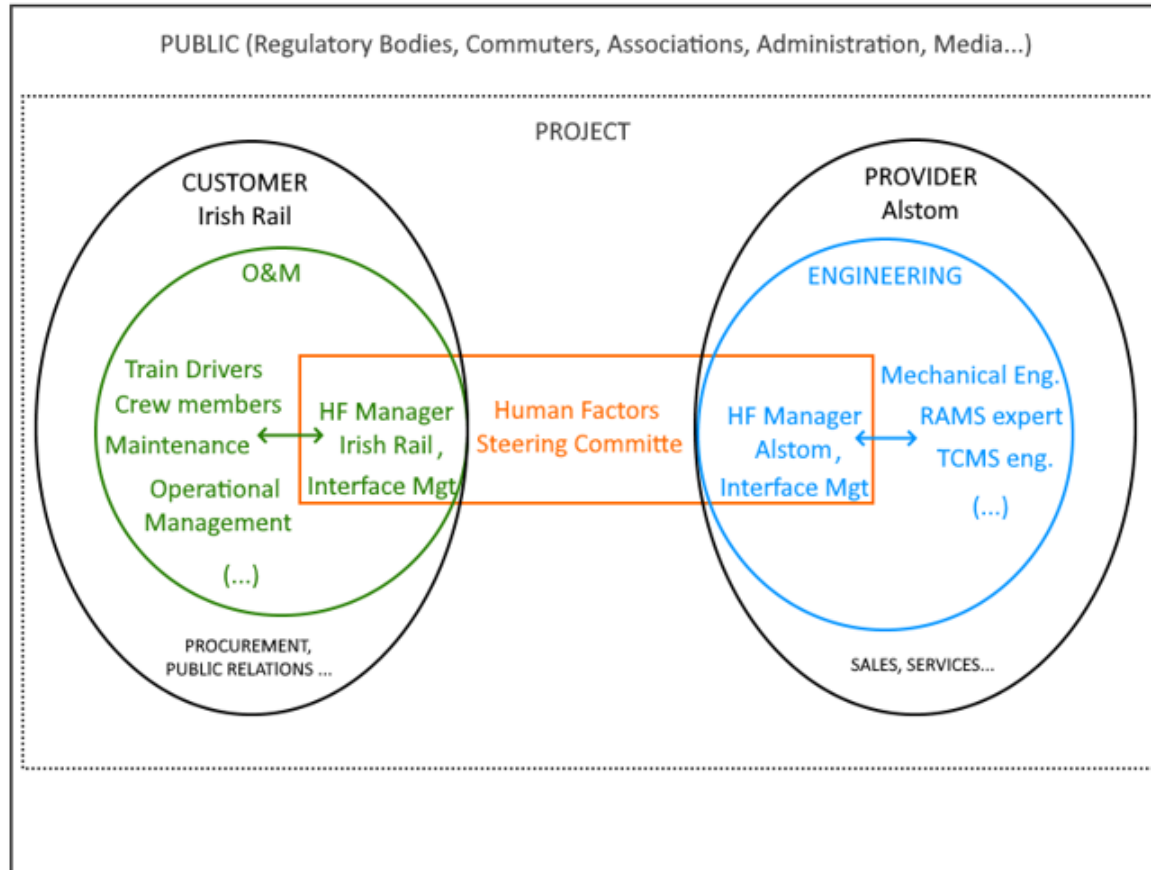


Figure 3: HF Assurance structure

- The objectives of the HF Assurance process are:
  - To ensure that when a PEIO change is proposed the change **appropriately considers the impact on human performance.**
  - To optimise human performance, through the **systematic consideration of human capabilities and limitations** during the PEIO process, thereby enhancing operational performance
  - To **identify and mitigate HF/E related risk** and ensure that human interactions within the system are optimised for system performance and safety, minimising the impact of human error and rule violations on the safety and reliability of the rail system.
  - To ensure that PEIO provided is **easy, efficient and safe to use** by staff and the public.
  - To **improve system acceptance** among end users.

# Human Factors Steering Committee in DART+ Fleet Project



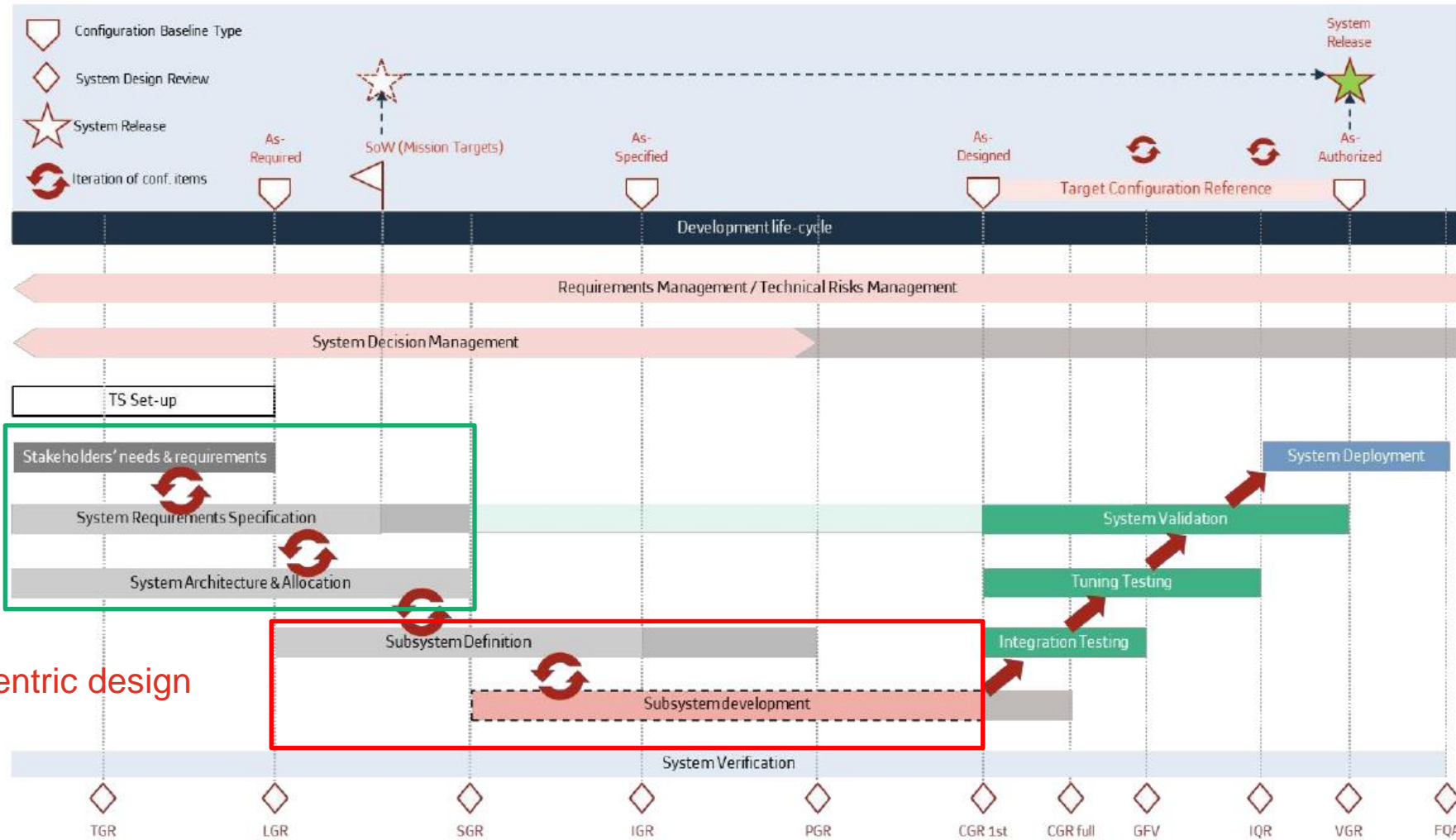
- Forum for discussion of HF agenda, in close collaboration with Operations and Maintenance stakeholders (Irish Rail) and the O&M and Irish Rail Engineers
- HF Issues Register open points are reviewed and progressed
- Operational tests, interviews and presentation are organised

# Human Factors Assurance Plan

- Developed by Alstom, and accepted by Irish Rail
- Describes the Human Factors and Ergonomics (HF/E) program to be applied for the project
- To ensure that the human-system interfaces of the train set are designed according to end-users needs and capacity
- Describes of all Human Factors activities to be performed
- Applies state of the art practices in HF in product design and in compliance with Customer, Regulatory and applicable standards requirements



# Integration of HF in the design process



Early stages & requirement management

User-centric design



03

## Technical activities

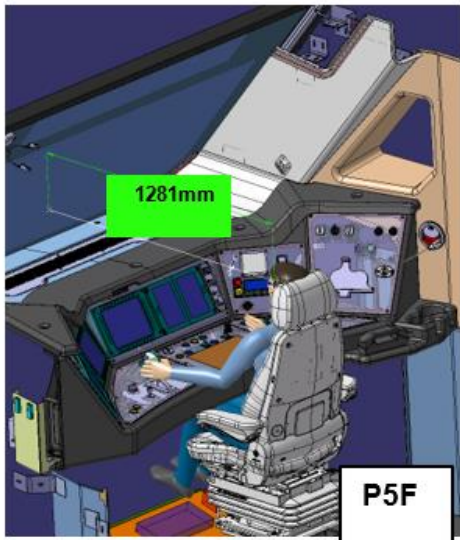
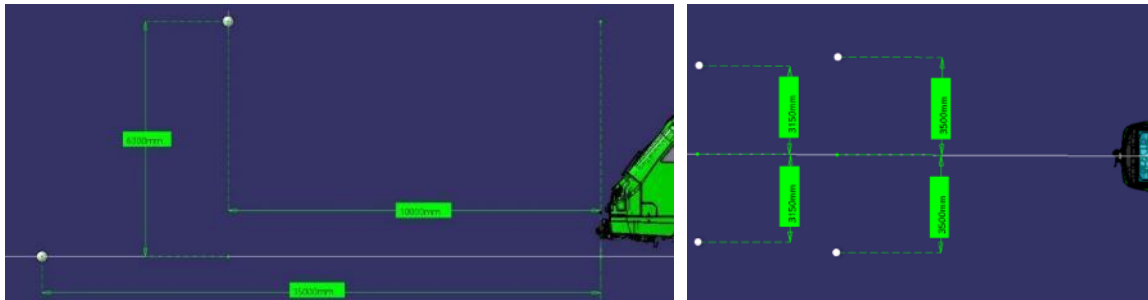
# Example Activity 1: Return on Experience

- Start of the project:
  - Visit to Irish Rail facilities in Dublin (depots)
  - Presentation of ergonomics of existing fleets
  - Driving & Maintenance
  
- Benefits
  - Understanding current ways of working
  - Pros & Cons of designs according to front line operators
  - Replication of local customs and practices
  - Example: Blue light indicator in cab

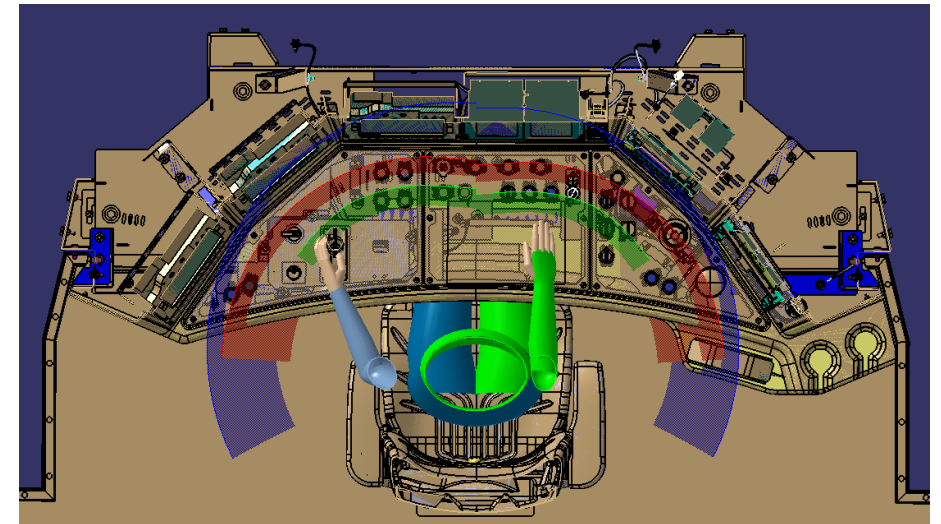


# Example Activity 2: HF Assessment of Cab Design (computer simulation)

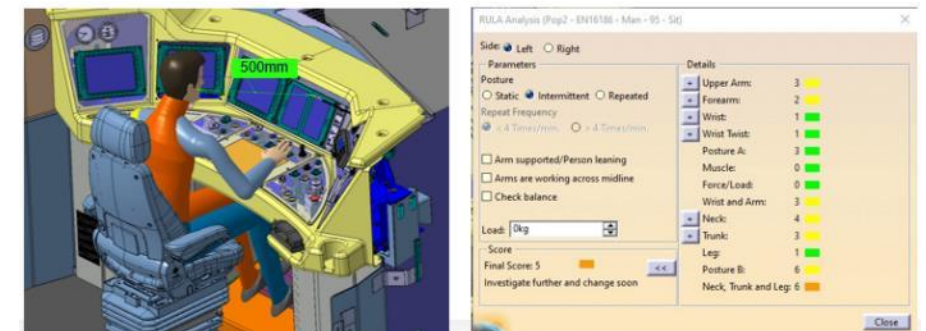
- External signal visibility study (TSI / EN 16186-1)
  - Geometrical & ergonomic simulation with CATIA v5



- Driver desk accessibility study



- Biomechanical analysis using RULA

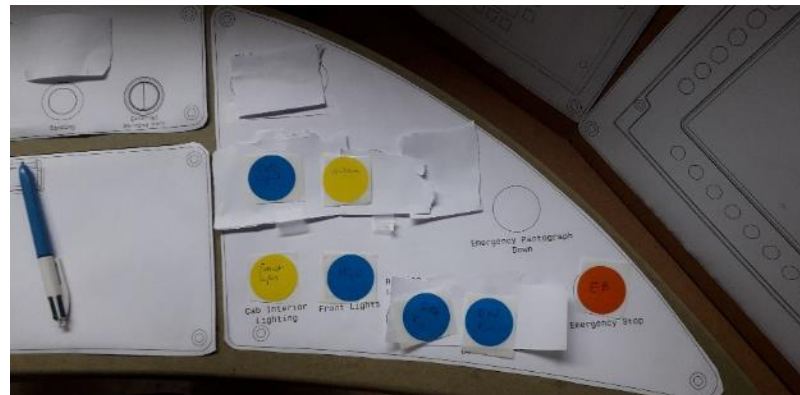


# Example Activity 2: HF Assessment of Cab Design (mock-up verification with drivers)

- End-users consultation using full scale cab mock-up (14 drivers, including 2 women)
- Low fidelity mock-up (2022)
  - General space, circulations, physical ergonomics at seated and standing driving position,
  - Screens, actuators and pushbutton layout, grouping and relative position,
  - Arrangement of communication HMIs, tablet holder, cupholder,
  - Comfort of the assistant seat
- High fidelity mock-up (2023)
  - Verification of evolutions (driver seat adjustments) push-button layouts...
- Results & design evolutions
  - Pushbuttons layout
  - Communication HMI & handset position
  - Screens arrangement
- Task based simulation of work, within the physical environment

Embedded cognition theory:

*The Embodied Mind: Cognitive Science and Human Experience (1992)* by F.J. Varela, E.Thompson, E.Rosch



# Example Activity 3: UX Assessment of Driver Machine Interfaces

- Laptop-based software simulation
- Panel of users: 10 drivers
  - 3 women, 7 men
  - 3 to 30 years experience
  - Low to medium experience in computerised driving HMIs
  - First exposure to Alstom HMI product
- Scenario-based approach on dynamic mock-up
  - Adjusting cab temperature
  - Checking bypass
  - Checking CCTV
  - Passenger Announcement
  - Door fault
  - ....
- UX assessment
  - NASA TLX
  - Time assessments
  - System Usability Score (IBM)
- Results: List of improvement items for HMI evolution



Perception of the CCTV menu and use of the navigation button	OK
Perception of the possibility to consult the details of each unit	OK
Understanding and using the car access button	Could be improved
Perception and use of the backspace button	OK
Understanding and use of the car access button (including the exterior view)	Must be reviewed
Understanding and using the tab	OK

# Example Activity 4: Maintainability Assessment

- Maintainability of existing Rolling Stock was captured during REX campaign
- Tasks to be studied were prioritized based on frequency, safety & importance for Irish Rail technical & project teams
- RULA assessment using CAD simulation were performed & design adjustments made

Vehicle Instruction Number	Document Type	Maintenance Description	Rolling Maintenance Items						Vehicle 18000 Parts			
			A	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5		C6		
8300	8510	8520	ACB30001	VMI	Main Compressor - Oil Level Check	X	X	X	X		X	X
8300	8510	8520	ACB30002	VMI	Main Compressor - Renew Air Filter						X	
8300	8510	8520	ACB30003	VMI	Main Compressor - Clean Cooler						X	
8300	8510	8520	ACB30004	VMI	Main Compressor - Oil Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	ACB30005	VMI	Aux Compressor - Oil Level Check			X				
8300	8510	8520	ACB30006	VMI	Aux Compressor - Check air intake filter						X	
8300	8510	8520	ACB30007	VMI	Aux Compressor - Oil Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	ACB31001	VOI	Air Supply Module - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	ADB30001	VMI	Air Drive - Operation Check						X	
8300	8510	8520	AHB30001	VMI	Air Horns - Test	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8300	8510	8520	ARB30001	VMI	Flexible Delivery Hose - Check			X		X	X	
8300	8510	8520	ARB30001	VMI	Air Reservoirs - Drain Integrity Check			X	X	X	X	X
8300	8510	8520	ARB31002	VOI	Air Reservoirs - 2-Year External Visual Inspection						X	
8300	8510	8520	ASB30001	VMI	Sanding Equip - Filter Check	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8300	8510	8520	ASB30002	VMI	Sanding Equip - Integrity Check						X	
8300	8510	8520	ASB40004	VMI	Sanding System - Discharge Test		X	X	X	X	X	X
8300	8510	8520	ASB31001	VOI	Air Reservoirs - 1% Sampling Inspection						X	
8300	8510	8520	ASB30001	VMI	Sanding System - Overhaul						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB30001	VMI	Air Compressor Safety Valve - Check						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB30002	VMI	Aux Compressor Safety Valve - Check					X	X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB30003	VMI	Air System Safety Valve - Clean Seat				X		X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31001	VOI	Air Suspension Levelling Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31002	VOI	Air Suspension Levelling Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31004	VOI	Pressure Reducing Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31005	COI	Air Filter - change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31006	VOI	Overflow Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31007	VOI	Mean Pressure Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31008	VOI	Main Compressor Safety Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31009	VOI	Aux Compressor Safety Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31010	VOI	System Safety Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31011	VOI	Check Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31012	VOI	Purge Valve - Change						X	
8300	8510	8520	AVB31014	COI	Isolating Cocks - Examine						X	
8300	8510	8520	AWB30001	VMI	Windscreen washer and wipers - check	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8300	8510	8520	AWB30001	VMI	Compressor Governor - Check			X			X	
8300	8510	8520	E-085-PP-4	HM Exam	4-Year Pneumatic Exam							
8300	8510	8520	E-085-PP-4	HM Exam	4-Year Pneumatic Exam							
8300	8510	8520	E-085-PP-4	HM Exam	6-Year Pneumatic Exam							
8300	8510	8520	E-085-PP-4	HM Exam	8-Year Pneumatic Exam							
8300	8510	8520	E-085-PP-4	HM Exam	10-Year Pneumatic Exam							
8300	8510	8520	E-085-PP-4	HM Exam	12-Year Pneumatic Exam							
8300	8510	8520	E-085-PP-4R	HM Exam	Reservoir HM Exam							



RULA Analysis (British - Man - 50 - Stand\_Remove\_Windscreen\_Upper\_Screws)

Side:  Left  Right

Parameters

Posture:  Static  Intermittent  Repeated

Repeat Frequency:  < 4 Times/min.  > 4 Times/min.

Arm supported/Person leaning

Arms are working across midline

Check balance

Load: 0kg

Score

Final Score: 7 ■

Investigate and change immediately

Details

- + Upper Arm: 6 ■
- + Forearm: 3 ■
- + Wrist: 3 ■
- + Wrist Twist: 1 ■
- Posture A: 9 ■
- Muscle: 0 ■
- Force/Load: 0 ■
- Wrist and Arm: 9 ■
- + Neck: 4 ■
- + Trunk: 2 ■
- Leg: 1 ■
- Posture B: 5 ■
- Neck, Trunk and Leg: 5 ■

Close

# HF Issues Management

- HF/E studies identify design flaws at various stages and consider them as HF open issues
- HF Issues are logged in a spreadsheet called Human Factors Issues Log (HFIL), allowing traceability along with their resolution proposals and closure date
- HFIL includes a column identifying safety related issues, that are transferred to the Hazard Log of the project, in order to be followed by the safety engineers
- HFIL is regularly reviewed between Irish Rail and Alstom

ID	Issue Short Name	Description	Associated HF / Project Reference	Planned Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Planned By (Name/Function)	Issue Owner (Name)	Impact Rating	Progress Actions
6	Cab001	Vigilance operation There are several proposed devices for vigilance, all currently hand operated. Concern regarding the strain on upper limbs from these devices - particularly where there is wrist twist and/or pressure applied to maintain the vigilance operation. To be assessed. Foot operation should be considered	DART - New Fleet	21/04/2022	N Barle	Alstom	High	202022: AT to perform feasibility study 060922: Joystick ergonomic MC is recommended and include requested to add diversified Vigilance actuator as pedal. Footrest to under study. AT HF: Suggestion to close this item. IE not closing; review item still open.
7	Cab003	Driver vigilance monitoring No evidence of whether the Driver vigilance monitoring system is suitable for use in heavy rail environment. A trial is necessary to determine whether the system performs acceptably and does not raise false alarms during routine operations (e.g. when standing to check the platform, when looking at the timetable at stations or between signals)	DART - New Fleet	21/04/2022	N Barle	Irish Rail	High	202022: IE asks for an item of driver vigilance. AT to study if 170622: AT to deliver & IE to install. Trial to be run by IE with 151122: IE HF did an analysis based on user involvement, w 000219: HF communicated the report to IE Project Team. AT's 16022023: some direct feedback from IE HF is requested in 280423: IE HF update: HF study on stage 2 mock-up results & team meeting with drivers next week. Discussions in prog 170622: IE & AT are currently discussing the matter. A back-from cab door. Suggestion that IE HF & drivers check this pc 060922: item still open 151122: item still open 202222: to be study as part of HF maintainability studies. 280423: idem - item still open.
13	Cab009	Dispatch via CCTV 2 CCTV cameras need to be kept sufficiently clean to enable dispatch. Need to check cleaning frequency and procedure	DART - New Fleet	21/04/2022	N Barle	Irish Rail	Low	170622: item followed within the door CCTV part of the proj 151122: item still open 202222: ACTION 1: as per cab008 comment: CCTV issue to be ACTION 2: all other ergonomic aspects of this item to be stn revision 5 100123: ACTIONS to be taken on both sides.
14	Cab010	Door monitoring HF_Recom_01: As drivers are used to driver only operation and are fully responsible for doors control and passenger security while boarding, ALSTOM FS should provide an efficient environment to support visual checking of boarding and doors operation. It is likely that no glare, blind spots nor CCTV failure modes which would not be covered by an efficient HF safety barrier will be accepted by the DART drivers.	DART - New Fleet	02/06/2022	V Pargade	Alstom	Medium	180423: item still open 170622: set up an item management working group including 060922/ no progress, item still open. Principle of a working

# On-going: Validation plan & activities

- As a new design, there are elements that we need to test in practice to fully understand
  - HF testing will be incorporated into the validation phase of the project when the first unit arrives
- Examples:

DOO testing	Finalise alarm design	Operability testing	Maintainability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-cab DOO in normal and degraded operations</li> <li>• Check visibility on different platform types</li> <li>• Assess timing of operations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops to agree allocation of alarms</li> <li>• Check volume levels</li> <li>• Feedback from drivers during testing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close out open points on cab and saloon design</li> <li>• Check signal visibility in real conditions</li> <li>• Use of DAS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check CAD results against real accessibility</li> <li>• Work with depot design team to match maintenance requirements</li> </ul>



04

## Conclusion

# Conclusion & take-aways

## Entirely integrated and in-house management of HF for the project



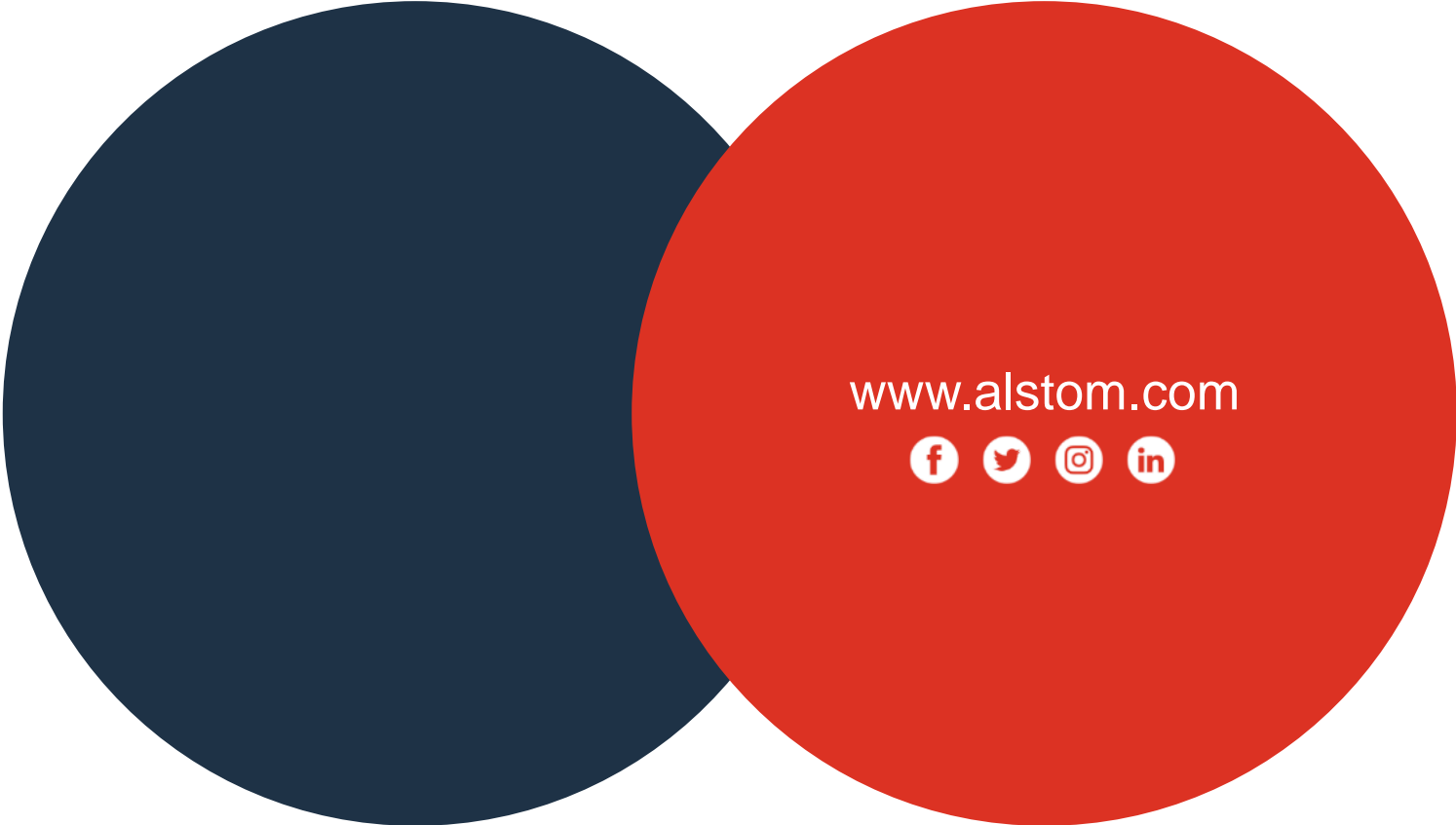
## Shared access facilitated collaboration during design and testing

### Business Wins

- ✓ The design freeze of the train was achieved for HF with no blocking points
- ✓ Increased user acceptance of the final design
- ✓ Better operational and safety performance
- ✓ Lower risk of re-work to meet unanticipated user needs

### End User Wins

- ✓ The first Irish Rail train to be designed around end user needs
- ✓ Initial driver feedback is very positive, both about the final design and how their needs have been considered



**Iarnród Éireann**  
**Irish Rail**

**ALSTOM**  
• mobility by nature •



**EUROPEAN  
UNION  
AGENCY  
FOR RAILWAYS**



# Human & Organisational Factors (HOF) Conference

A hand is shown typing on a laptop keyboard. The scene is overlaid with a futuristic digital interface featuring glowing blue lines, nodes, and 3D bar charts. A dark blue rounded rectangle is centered over the image, containing the text 'Coffee Break'.

**Coffee Break**

22-23 Oct 2024 Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](http://era.europa.eu)

# HOF Conference 2024 Valenciennes, France

Human & Organisational Factors

22 October 2024



# HOF Conference 2024

Human & Organisational Factors



**Michiel  
Tom**

Independent Occupational  
and organisational expert  
At Shuntingyard

Researcher and graduate  
student



**Rutger  
Den Drijver**

Health & Safety Officer at  
Swietelsky Rail Benelux BV

Graduation Supervisor

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Research
- 3 Results
- 4 What can the sector learn from this?
- 5 Company, author and supervisor

Introduction

We are Swietelsky

1



# HOF Conference 2024

## Valenciennes, France

### Human & Organisational Factors

#### Swietelsky Rail Benelux BV;

Active in the BeNeLux countries;

Part of the Austrian „Swietelsky AG“ organisation, one of the leading European railway construction companies;

Swietelsky is expert in track renewal with high-output renewal trains;

These renewal trains are continuously working. Not just in the BeNeLux, but in most of the North-, Central and Eastern European countries;

A permanent group of Engineers and Operators travels across Europe with the machines. Expertise and experience is thus secured.



# HOF Conference 2024 Valenciennes, France

## Human & Organisational Factors



### Issues;

- Staff deployed across various countries;
- What goes well and what could be better in cross-border deployment of skilled workers? Are local workers better qualified and motivated than international workers?
- Language and cultural differences;
- Safety awareness is not at the same level across Europe;
- Is the existing safety awareness programme (*BSAFE, specific designed for BeNeLux*) adequate and suitable to be used for other nationalities and cultures?;
- What is the impact of cross-border deployment of professionals on psychosocial workload, e.g. work pressure and work stress in connection with travelling and working abroad?
- **Conclusion: there was a need for a Graduation Study**



Research

2

# HOF Conference 2024 Valenciennes, France

## Human & Organisational Factors

### Graduation research;

- Swietelsky asked Michiel Tom (Shuntingyard) and working on an in-depth study on human factors to do a graduation research to cultural and safety awareness differences of skilled workers;
- 6 nations (NL/DE/AT/UK/HU/RO);
- Research started in 2022 and was completed early 2023;
- Research included literature research, interviews and observations on construction sites of Swietelsky Rail Benelux;
- The research led to Graduation of Michiel Tom as Occupational and Organisational Expert



# HOF Conference 2024 Valenciennes, France

## Human & Organisational Factors

### Research targets;

- How does intercultural communication function in the workplace?
- Can it be said that behaviour of foreign work crews is now not in line with the BSAFE programme and what is the evidence of this?
- What perception exists regarding language and cultural differences?
- Within the context of deploying international work teams, what can be said about psychosocial workload.
- What interventions can be used to align behaviour and safety awareness of foreign teams with the safety awareness programme.



# HOF Conference 2024

## Valenciennes, France

### Human & Organisational Factors

#### Intercultural communication in the workplace (1)

- Essential conditions to understand cross-cultural communication
  1. *Others are different from us*
  2. *We don't know what these differences exactly are*
  3. *We are responsible for dealing with the other*
- Empathy in developing methods of communication
- Selection of employees: consideration of intercultural competencies and language skills
- Cultural education: prepare people for any kind of 'culture shock'

# HOF Conference 2024

## Valenciennes, France

### Human & Organisational Factors

#### Intercultural communication in the workplace (2)

##### Pros and cons of intercultural teams

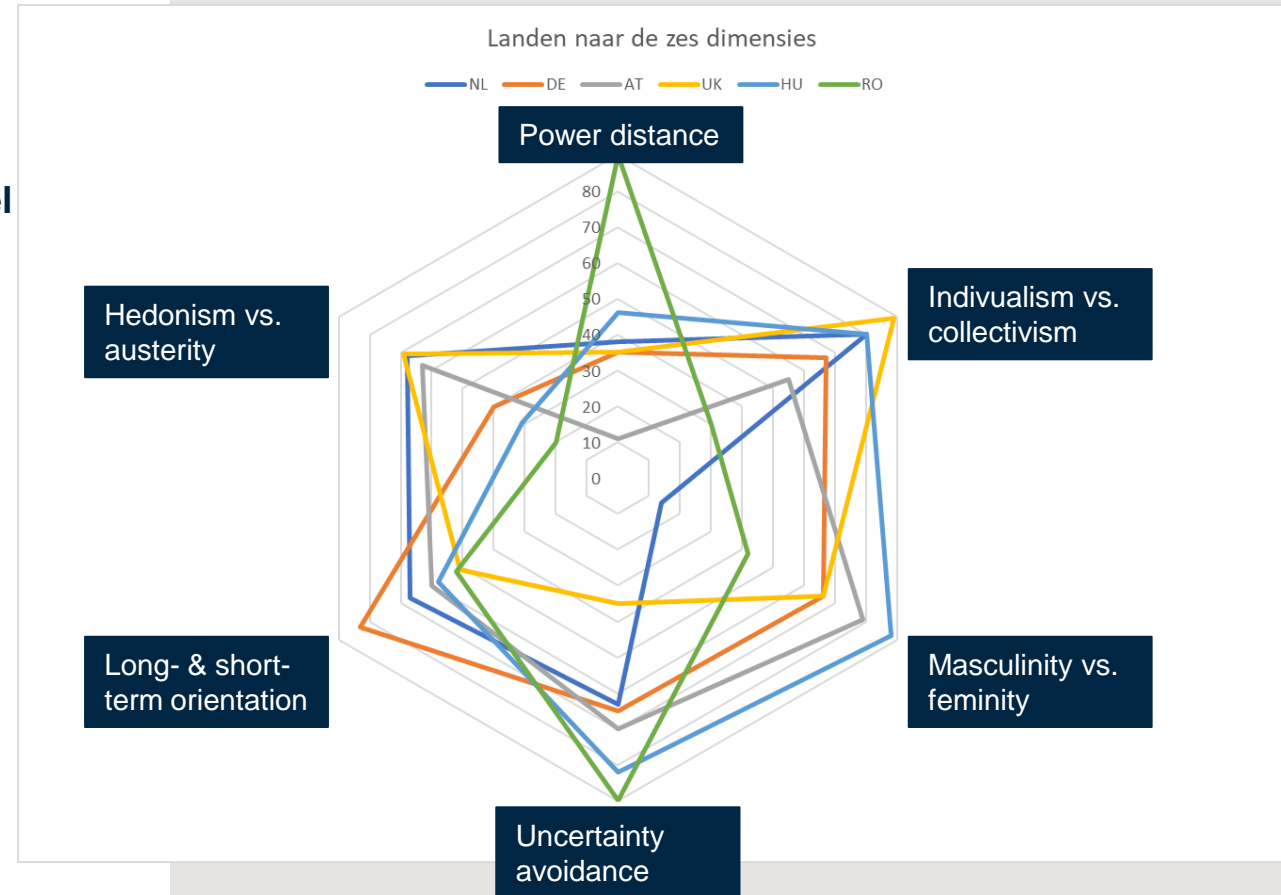
Pros	Cons
Different views: more innovative ideas	Building understanding and trust takes time
Other paradigms: alternative problem solving	Communication issues can lead to stress and risk of fatigue
Starting point for development of verbal and nonverbal communication	Risk of speech confusion and incorrect task execution
Reduces risk of 'group thinking' and conformity pressure	More time needed for clarification. Processing details in second language is more difficult
	Frustration or dissatisfaction may arise

# HOF Conference 2024 Valenciennes, France

## Human & Organisational Factors

The research included the use of Hofstede's culture model '*six dimensions of national culture*';

1. Power distance;
2. Individualism vs collectivism;
3. Masculinity vs femininity;
4. Uncertainty avoidance;
5. Differences in long- and short-term orientation;
6. Hedonism vs. austerity.



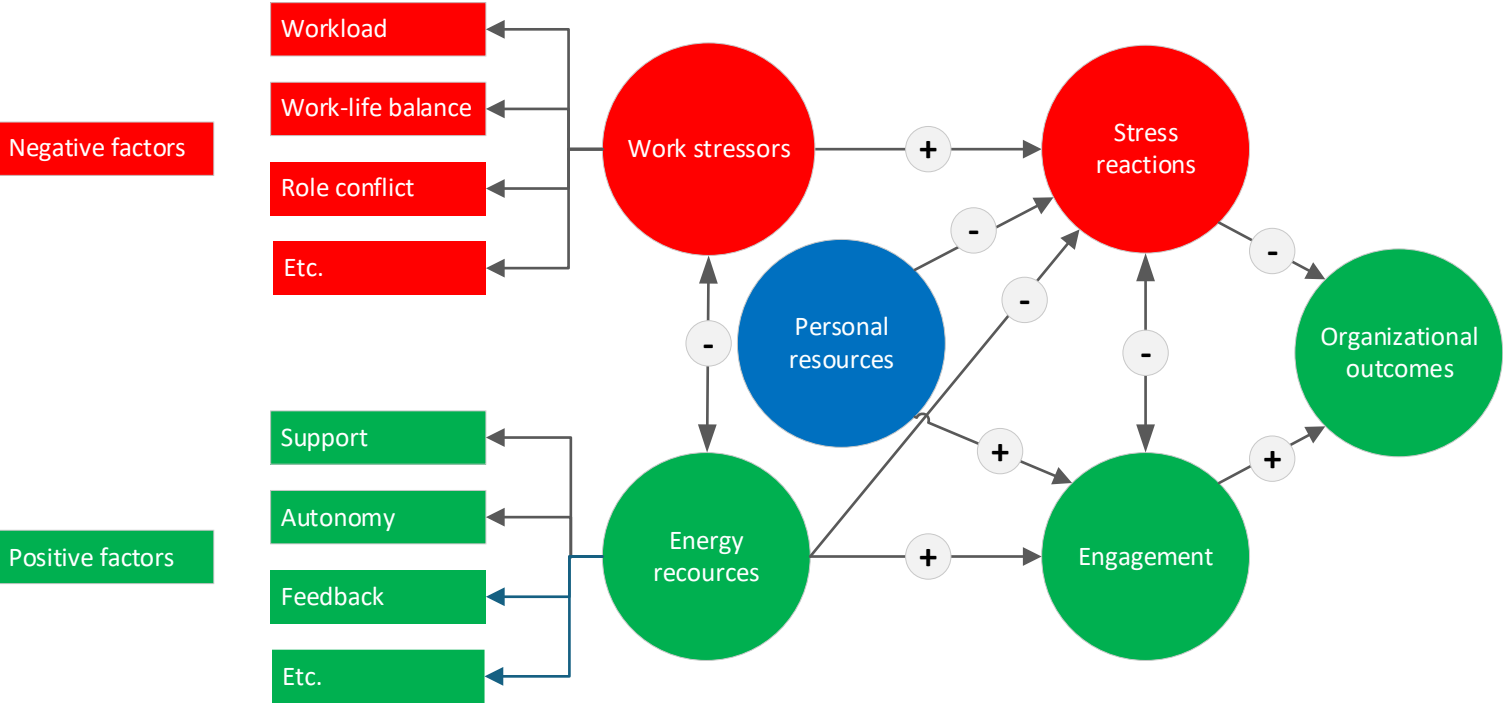


# HOF Conference 2024 Valenciennes, France

## Human & Organisational Factors

The research also included factors when travelling to and staying abroad for work and the JD-R Model:

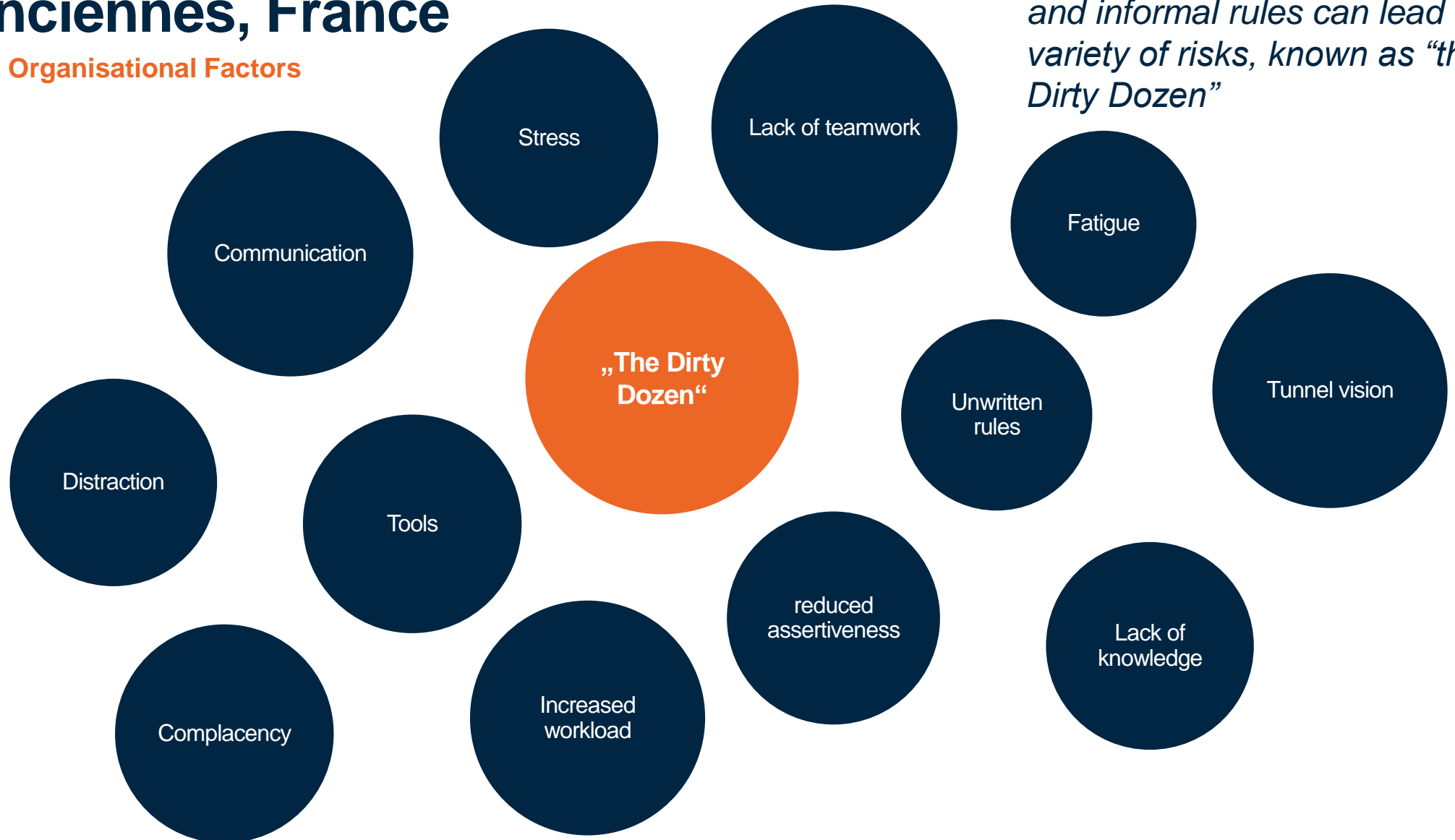
- Negative factors are **work stressors** and **stress reactions**, like workload, work-life balance and role conflicts;
- Positive factors are **energy sources** and **enthusiasm**, like support, feedback and autonomy.



# HOF Conference 2024 Valenciennes, France

## Human & Organisational Factors

*Cultural differences, miscommunication, local habits and informal rules can lead to a variety of risks, known as “the Dirty Dozen”*



# Results

# 3

# HOF Conference 2024

## Human & Organisational Factors

### Research conclusions;

- 1) A Safety awareness program must be internationally orientated in order to succeed and be futureproof;
- 2) The BSAFE programme is suitable for further change and improvement to accommodate usage internationally;
- 3) Intercultural communication comes with pitfalls. *“Others are different from who they see as others”*.
- 4) Despite language and cultural differences, foreign employees are well suited for tasks in the BeNeLux.
- 5) Skilled foreign employees are better valued than unmotivated local staff.
- 6) Motivated and skilled professionals are often offered from so-called masculine countries rather than from the Netherlands.
- 7) Providing continuity is the key to finding the right and motivated people. An exclusive national orientation is no longer tenable.

# HOF Conference 2024

## Valenciennes, France

### Human & Organisational Factors

#### Orientation on interventions

Options for essential topics in a training

- Cultural awareness
- Language training
- Briefing on national customs, habits and procedures
- Scenarios for emergencies and incidents

What have we  
done with this  
knowledge?

4

# HOF Conference 2024

## Valenciennes, France

### Human & Organisational Factors

#### Learning points in practice

The knowledge and experience from this graduation is already used within Swietelsky:

- 4 Theme sessions within our company (*approximately 100 colleagues already took part, ranging from executive staff to projectmanagers and board*);
- Specific 4 hour training called „BSAFE in the Netherlands“. A Safety and Cultural training for cross-border workers when coming to the Netherlands for work. (*approximately 400 workers already took part*).
  - *One of the topics was cultural differences;*
- Safety Walks and coaching on-the-job;
- Designed specific footage to support training and coaching.

Companies, author  
and supervisor

5



Mr. Michiel Tom  
Shuntingyard  
Rijksweg 100  
7011 EB Gaanderen | The Netherlands  
+31 (0) 6 51 66 24 11  
michieltom@shuntingyard.com  
shuntingyard.com



Mr. Rutger den Drijver

Swietelsky Rail Benelux BV  
Laarakkerweg 11  
5061 JR Oisterwijk | The Netherlands  
+31 (0) 13 52 99 800  
qhse@swietelsky-rail.nl  
swietelsky.com





# HOF Conference

## Human & Organisational Factors



22-23 October 2024 - Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](https://era.europa.eu)

# Risk management by simulating ERTMS signaller / system / driver interaction

*For better implementation and education of ERTMS*

Reinoud Liefing


reinoud.liefing1@ertms.nl

22-23 OCT 2024

Valenciennes




# Introduction: Role Operational Processes ERTMS

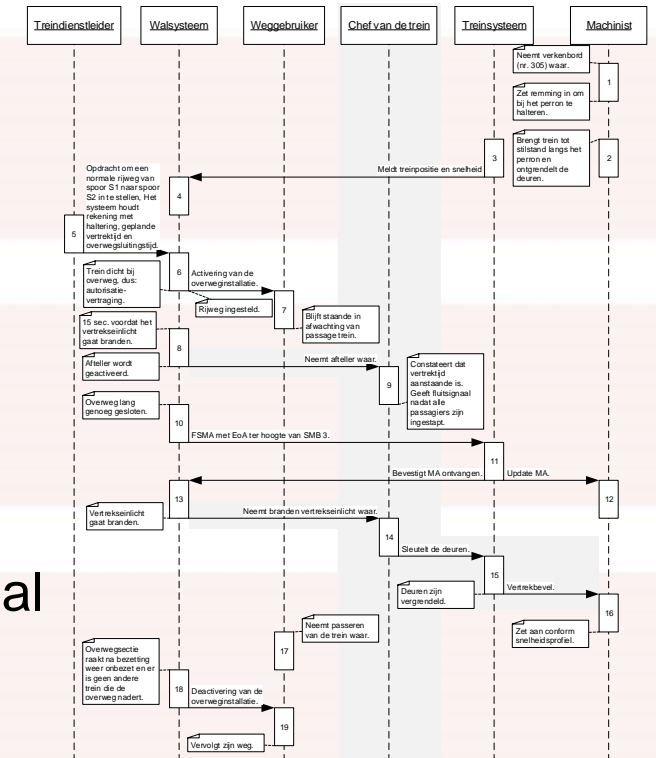
 **Operational Processes ERTMS Level 2 (OP's)** describe ERTMS signaller / system / driver interaction (and some other users)

 **OP's ERTMS approach used since 2007 in the Netherlands**

 **Paper review is performed (TSI-OPE / ISO-25010)**

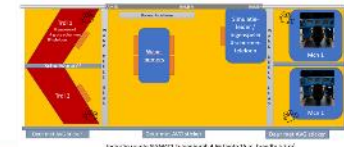
 **Simulating combined sets of OP's in scenario's identify potential safety, reliability and user satisfaction risks which can then be mitigated**

(OP = Operational Process comparable with Operational Scenario within *System Pillar Operational Design*)



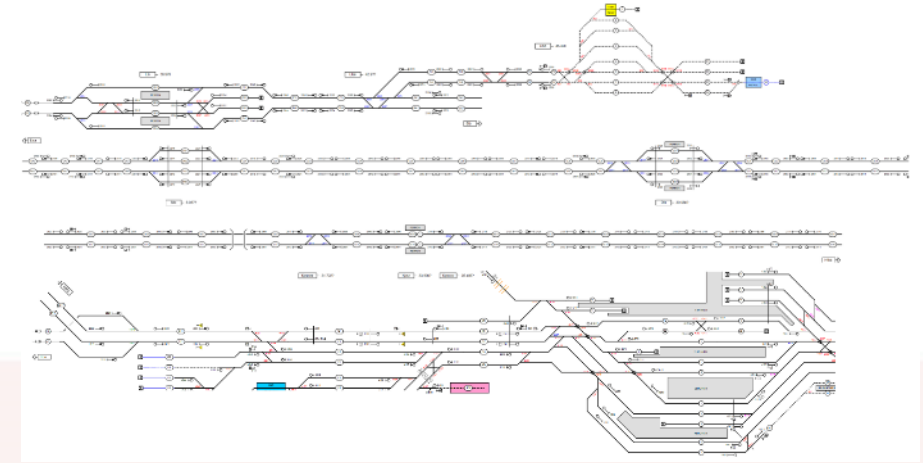
# Simulating scenario's

- Scenario **more representative** than individual OP's
- Scenario includes **multiple OP's** so that ~90% OP's are tested
- Scenario includes up to 2 OP's for **degraded or emergency** operation
- Scenario duration ~ 40 minutes
- Run scenario if possible **> 10 times, this starts statistics**
- Run with **different users**; personal influence decreases



# OP's in Scenario 6

- OP-13 Transition from level NTC ATB to level 2
- OP-08 Driving on a set route
- OP-06 Short stop
- OP-87 Temporary Speed Restriction set by signaller with European Instruction 5 (EI5)**
- OP-56 Shortening MA with train tripping by passing EoA (with EI2)**
- OP-35 Handling of a brake intervention due to a **balise reading error**
- OP-09 Turning/Reversing**
- OP-89 Entering a Not Centrally Controlled Area with a Stop sign on the border
- OP-65 Shunting within Not Centrally Controller Area
- OP-07 Ending a journey



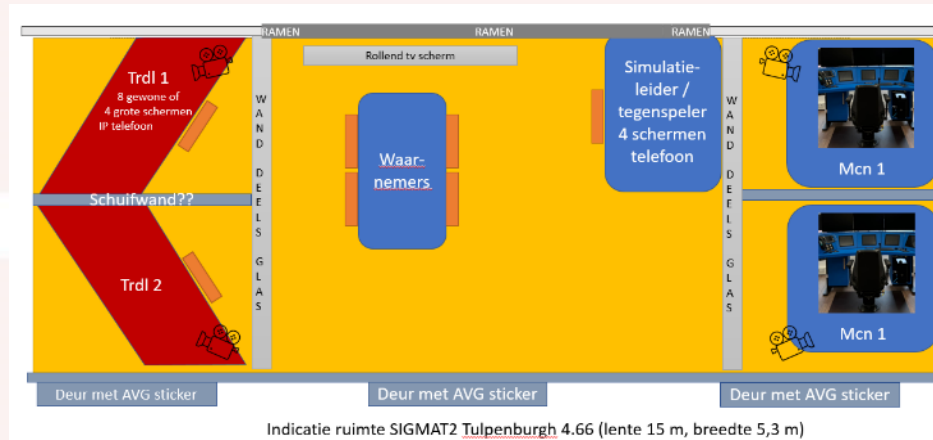
# Simulation environment SIGMAT2

## Simulatie Gebruikersprocessen MAchinisten en Treindienstleiders

Signaller & observer



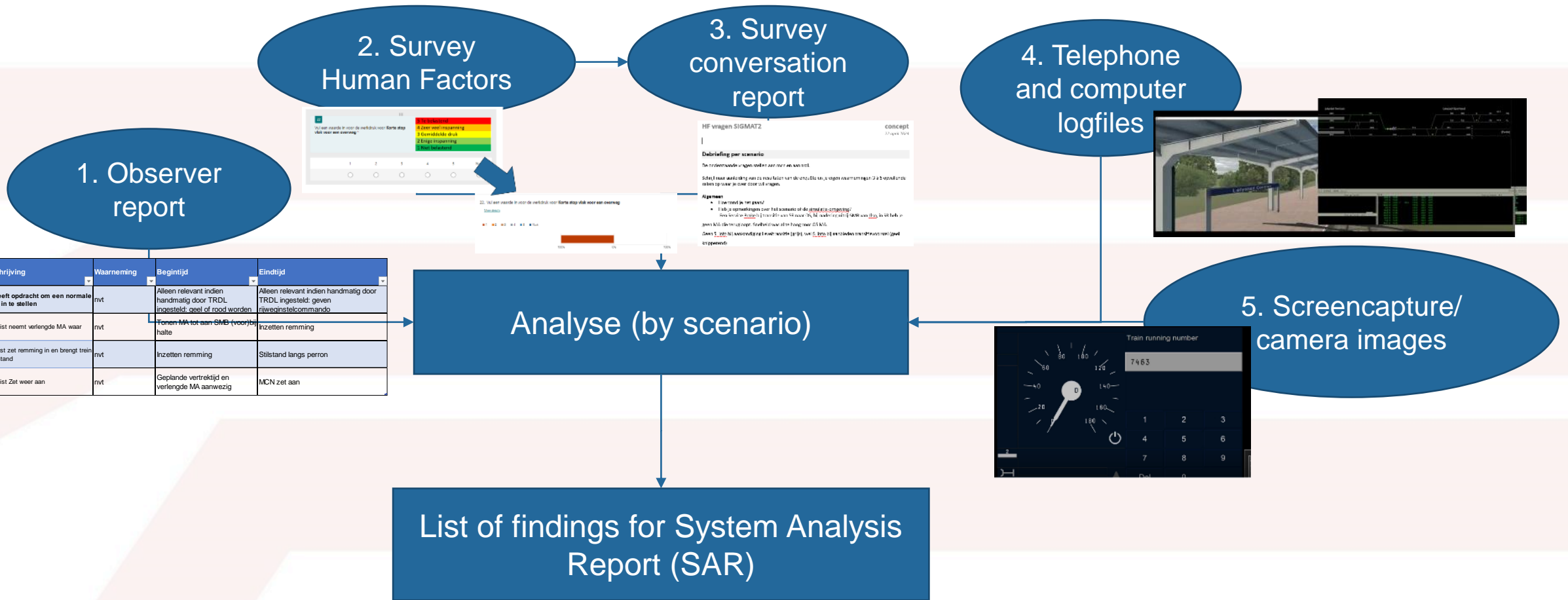
Simulation leader / Game master



Driver & observer



# Information based on executed scenario's



GP-40	Omschrijving	Waarneming	Begintijd	Eindtijd
6-1	TRDL geeft opdracht om een normale rijweg in te stellen	nvt	Alleen relevant indien handmatig door TRDL ingesteld: geel of rood worden	Alleen relevant indien handmatig door TRDL ingesteld: geven rijweginstelcommando
6-4	Machinist neemt verlengde MA waar	nvt	Fonen MA tot aan SMB (voor) bij halte	Inzetten remming
6-5	Machinist zet remming in en brengt trein tot stilstand	nvt	Inzetten remming	Stilstand langs perron
6-6	Machinist Zet weer aan	nvt	Geplande vertrektijd en verlengde MA aanwezig	MCN zet aan



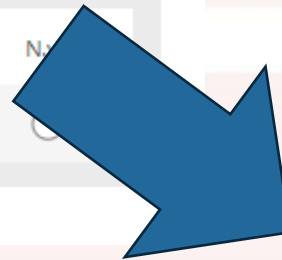
## 2. Survey Human Factors (ISO-25010)

22

Vul een waarde in voor de werkdruk voor **Korte stop vlak voor een overweg\***

5 Te belastend  
4 Zeer veel inspanning  
3 Gemiddelde druk  
2 Enige inspanning  
1 Niet belastend

1 2 3 4 5 N

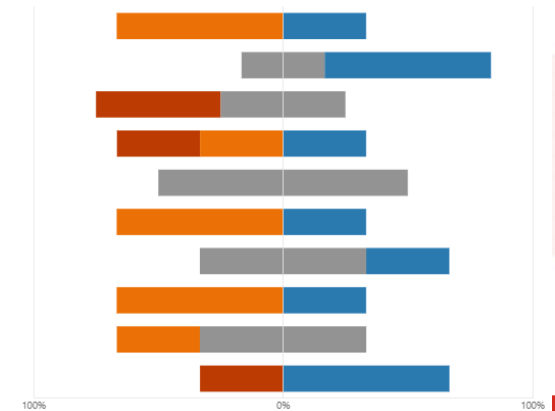


27. Geef voor het **Rangeren binnen NCBG of vrijgevegebied** in hoeverre je het met de onderstaande stellingen eens of oneens bent.

[Meer details](#)

1 2 3 4 5

- Ik wil ERTMS vaak gebruiken.
- Ik vond ERTMS onnodig complex.
- Ik vond ERTMS gemakkelijk te gebruiken.
- Ik denk dat ik de hulp van een specialist nodig heb om het systeem te kunnen gebruiken.
- Ik vind dat de verschillende functionaliteiten van ERTMS goed met elkaar geïntegreerd zijn.
- Ik vind dat ERTMS te veel inconsistenties heeft.
- Ik kan me voorstellen dat de meeste mensen ERTMS snel leren gebruiken.
- Ik vond ERTMS moeilijk in gebruik.
- Ik voelde me zelfverzekerder in het gebruik van ERTMS.
- Ik moest veel leren voordat ik gebruik kon maken van ERTMS.



# Combined operational signaller and driver analysis:

## Train with communication loss and position close to transition to Non Centrally Controlled Area

SR and override

Communication Loss

Geopos mcn

41 097 13:47:09

The cockpit interface includes a speedometer on the left with a needle pointing to 0. Below it is a red '1' icon in a circle, labeled 'Communication Loss'. To the right is a 'SR and override' label. Further right is a train icon in a circle, labeled 'Geopos mcn'. At the bottom right, a box displays the train ID '41 097' and the time '13:47:09'.

SMB op 41.096

Trein 70741:  
Oude positie: 42.431

Train 70741  
Close to SMB2046

The signaller's interface shows a 'Treinlijst' (Train List) table with columns for 'Regel', 'Rijweg', 'Bedien', 'VH/TS', 'ERTMS', 'Trots', 'Marnol', 'Toon', 'Incident', 'VBI', 'Alarm', and 'Herroep'. A table entry for train 70741 is highlighted with a yellow circle, showing 'Wp-Loo' and 'Wp-Loo: 42.431 NEE'. Below the table, the text 'SMB op 41.096' and 'Trein 70741: Oude positie: 42.431' are displayed. At the bottom, a track diagram shows the location of 'Train 70741' near 'SMB2046' with a yellow circle around the train icon.

# Bonus: having a simulation environment enables (international) user alignment





Reinoud Liefing  
And many others



# HOF Conference

## Human & Organisational Factors



22-23 October 2024 - Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](https://era.europa.eu)

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. A road runs vertically through the center, flanked by large, brownish fields. In the background, there are trees, a small town, and a body of water under a hazy sky.

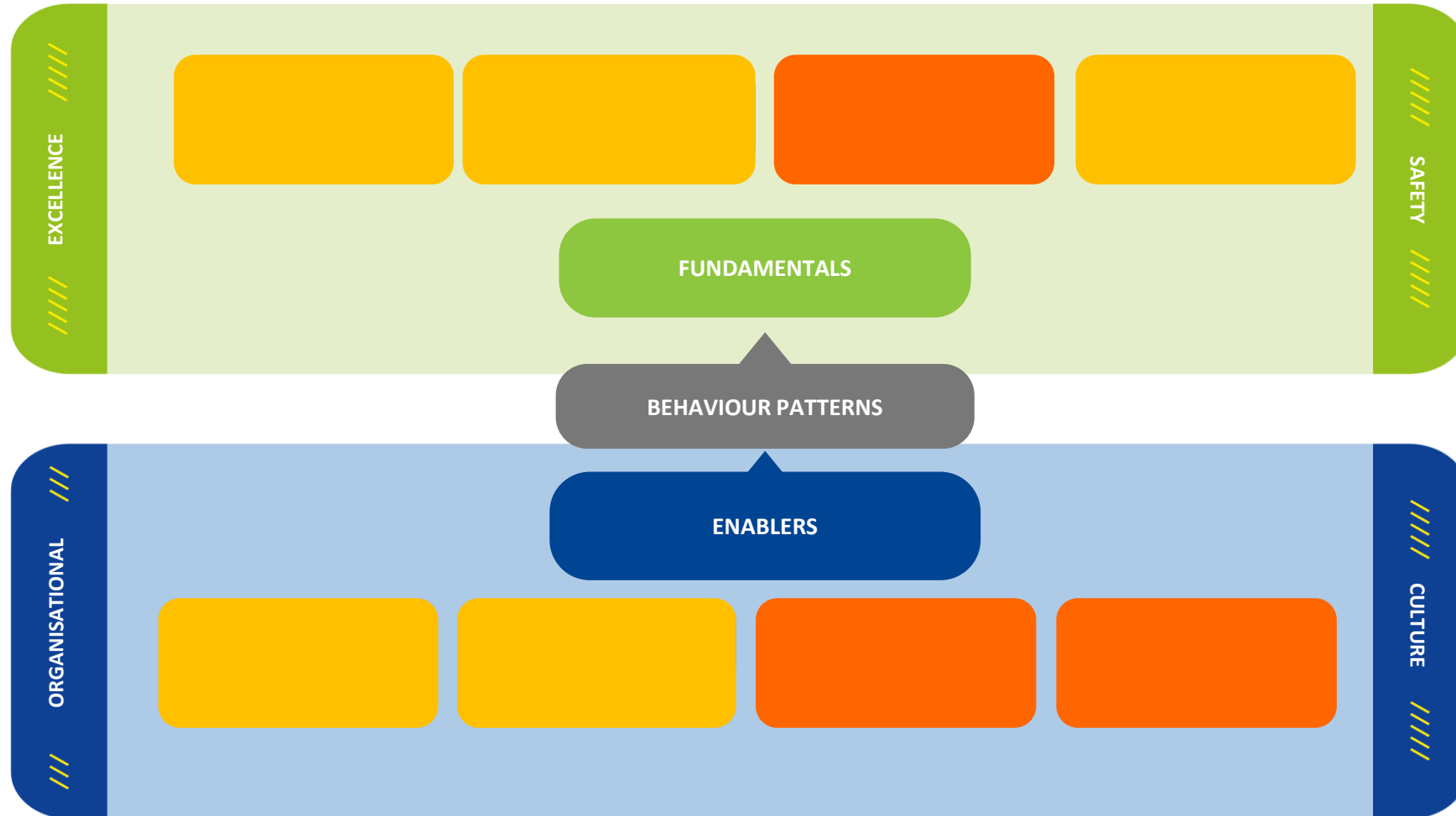
LokalTog **A Safety U-turn**  
**From random culture to HOF-integration in the SLS**

Practical tools

Mette Bomholt, Safety & Culture Manager

22. september 2024

# Examine the Safety Culture



...PROMOTE A POSITIVE SAFETY CULTURE

## Objectives



Prevent railway accidents and occupational accidents



Understand the reality of the workplace and the employee in safety



Create a learning organisation, better well-being and working environment

*"The top management shall demonstrate leadership and commitment to the development, implementation, maintenance and continual improvement of the safety management system by:*

*... promote a positive safety culture"*

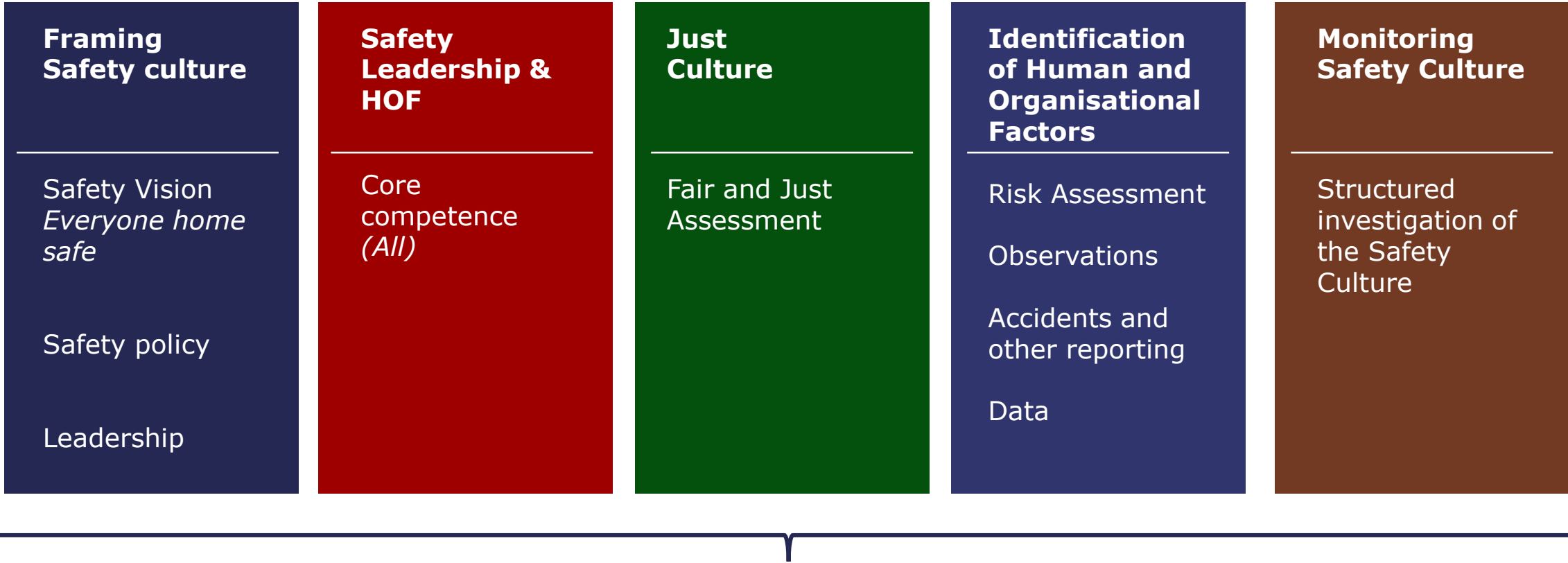
EU Regulation 2018/762 CSM SMS  
2 LEADERSHIP  
2.1 Leadership and commitment  
2.1.1 (J)





... AND BTW WHERE IS OUR SAFETY VISION?

# Implementing in SMS



Safety & Culture Manager

# Human and Organisational Factors in Risk Management

## Identification of Human and Organisational Factors

Risk Assessment

Observations

Incidents,  
Accidents and  
other reporting

Data

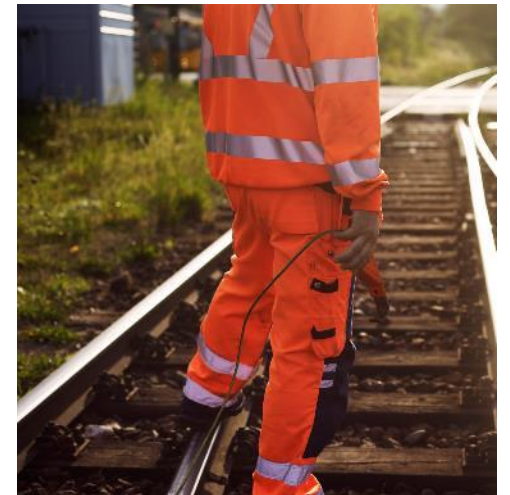
## Stage of the project



End users

- **Organisation of the work**
  - Planning, the right informations, time
  - Work load
  - Breaks in operations covering basic needs
  - New staff in unusual situations
- **Procedures**
  - The right competencies for procedures rules, standards etc.
  - Effect from dispensations
- **Appropriate resources in relation to the activities**
  - Number of staff to carry out the task
  - Approved and updated tools
  - Aids and protective equipment

Competencies

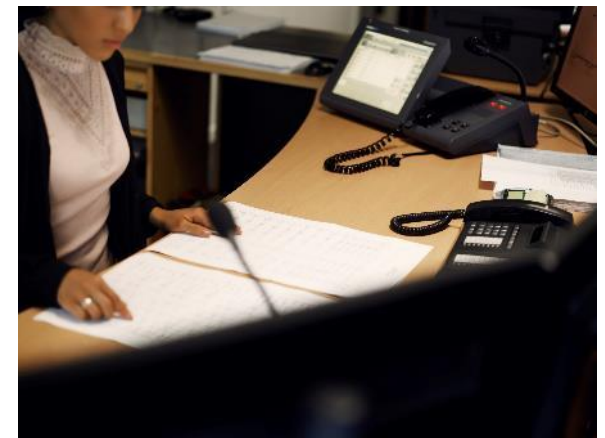
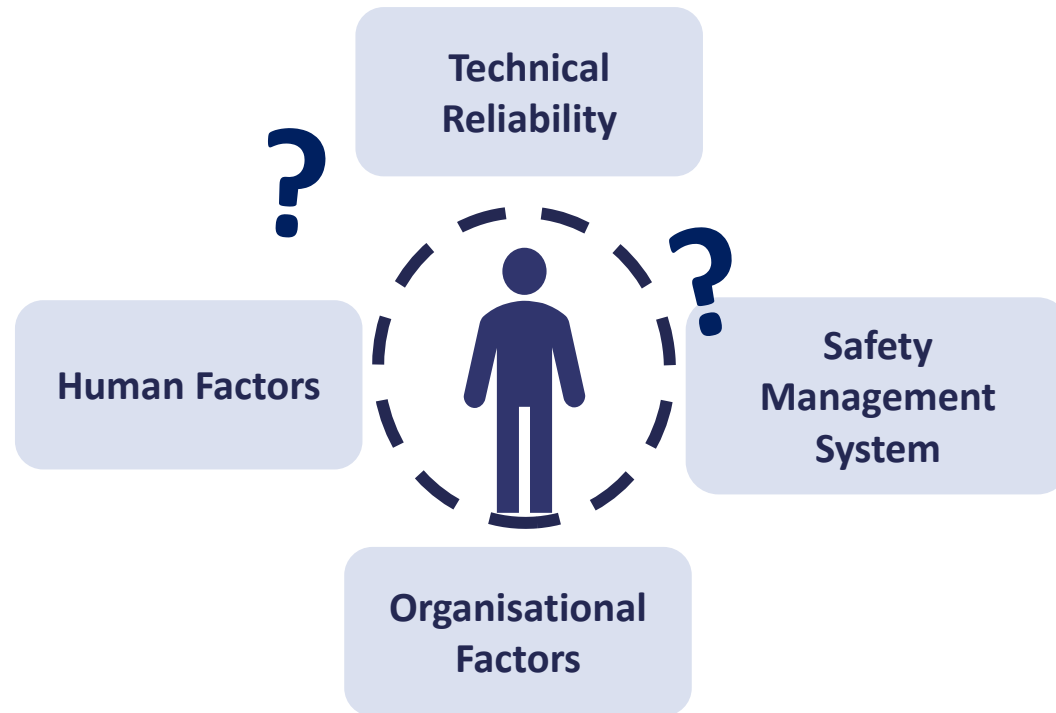


A HUMAN MISTAKE, AND THEN WHAT?

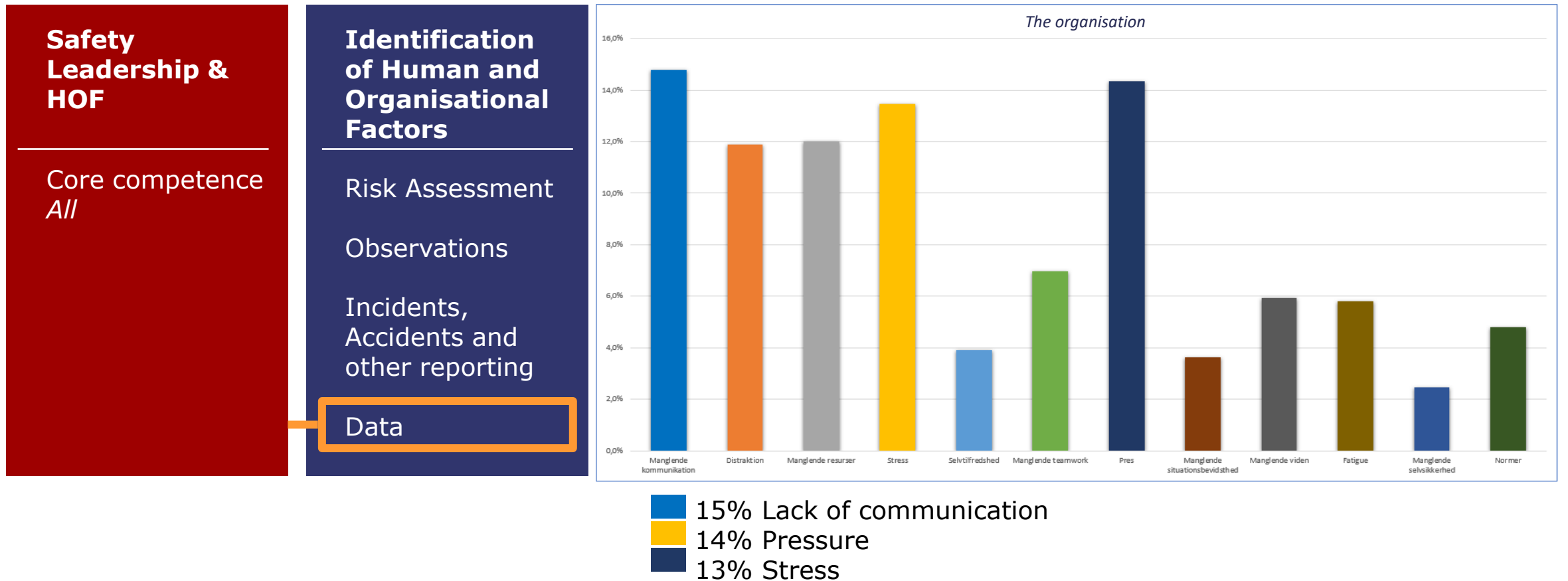
# Human and Organisational Factors in Risk Management

**Identification of Human and Organisational Factors**

- Risk Assessment
- Observations
- Incidents, Accidents and other reporting
- Data



# Human and Organisational Factors in Risk Management



POINT OF NO RETURN

# The U-Turn

## MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT

ERA Safety Climate Survey  
2021



**SAFETY LEADERSHIP (all)**  
Roll out 2021-2025

**FRAME FOR SAFETY CULTURE IN SLS**

2023



**SAFETY VISION**  
Leaders ownership  
Staff ownership

2024



**HUMAN FACTORS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
Classroom and e-Learning

### PHASE 1

Create common language  
Focus on Safety Leadership

## HOF IN PRACTICAL EDUCATION



Mandatory dialogs in the cabin  
(Trainee and instructor)



**SUPERVISION ON WELL-BEING,**  
A structured chat on how the driver thrives in the job (no-technical)



**COFFEE AND A CHAT**  
Human and Organisational Factors



**THE LEARNING ORGANISATION**  
Channels to the organisation



**ORGANISATIONAL JUST CULTURE**  
Leaders



**SAFETY LEADERSHIP**  
New staff (All)

2025

### PHASE 2

Reinforce  
Merge HOF technical skills



**SAFETY CLIMATE SURVEY**  
No.2



Everyone home safe  
Thank you for your effort



# HOF Conference

## Human & Organisational Factors



22-23 October 2024 - Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](https://era.europa.eu)



## HOF awareness and development in ITALO

*22 October 2024*



# ITALO Organization & Network



## NETWORK

- ❑ 118 railway services a day in 2023
- ❑ 55 cities and 62 stations connected

## NUMBERS

- ❑ 29 million trains\*km/year
- ❑ 22,7 million total passengers carried in 2023

## FLEET

- ❑ 25 AGV575
- ❑ 26 ETR675

## EMPLOYEES

- ❑ 1.519 employees (average age: 32 years)
- ❑ 653 employees involved in safety-related tasks



# HOF - balance between people, technology and environment

## Project objectives

Improving the interactions between **humans** and the elements of the **context** in which they operate - to increase the level of **safety**, the **well-being** of individuals and the **performance of the system**.

Promoting the **safety culture** in Italo and increasing everyone's responsibility for **collective improvement**.



# HOF Strategy development - 5 pillars

## Safety culture

Promoting a positive and safety-oriented work environment through governance mechanisms, as well as highly-qualified internal and external management resources.

## Involvement

Promoting a work environment that enhances mutual trust. Ensuring that employees (both staff and operational) are active part of improving the company culture, involving project resources. Generating greater risk awareness, and correcting ways to manage work.

## Positive behaviours

Highlighting and rewarding positive behaviour from individuals - citing them as example. Ensuring feedback on safety performance is provided with continuity, impartiality and transparency to staff.

## Communication

Promoting open and free communication on work-related issues. Ensuring that workers feel listened to, and encouraged to provide input on improving working conditions - for their own benefit, as well as for the benefit of the entire company.

## Learning from mistakes

Using errors as a source of learning to improve the organization's safety level and improve its objectives. Promoting «just culture», not «blame culture», to facilitate knowledge of problem causes - and for the sole purpose of prevention.

# HOF Deployment



**Risk Management**  
*HOF integration*

**Skills**  
*Model review*

**Training**  
*Skill acquisition*

**Sharing Experiences**  
*Service reports, Voluntary reports, Focus Group*

## Activities:

Gap analysis for the HOF integration

Focus on Driving and Accompanying processes by comparing what is observed in the field and what is described in the operating procedures.

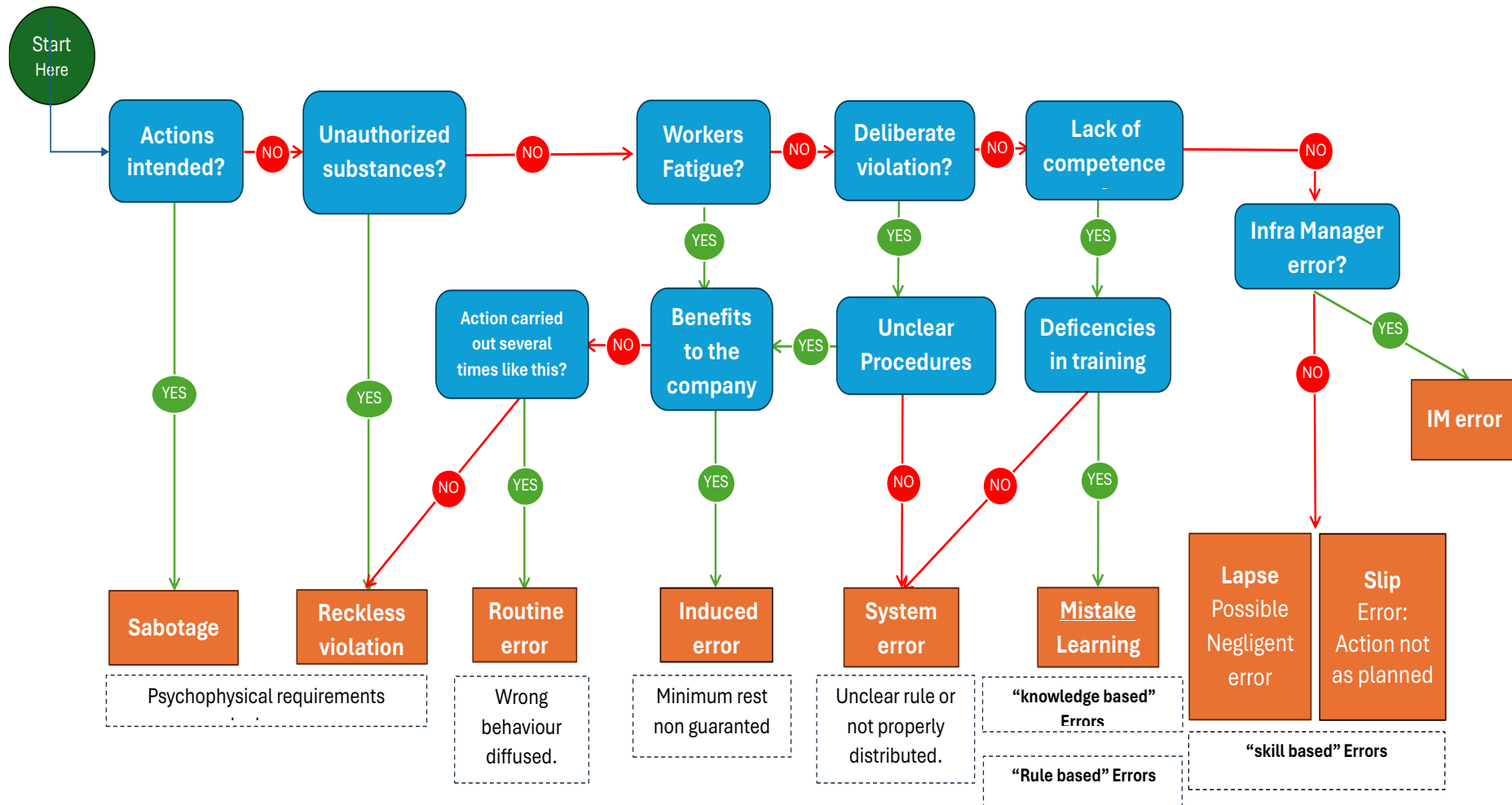
New Hazard identification through application of methods for the HOF integration

NEXT

Development of new risk models with the Bow Tie Analysis



# Italo Just Culture Decision Tree



# Training

## HOF knowledge acquisition



ERA Safety Leadership Training - February 2024

Training in partnership with ITA Airways

**80 hours of training for all organizational level:**

- 11 Manager Executives
- 18 Middle Managers
- 28 Instructors and Tutor (Train the Trainer)

**Role-playing with a high emotional/cognitive impact:**

- Flight simulator
- Emergency simulator
- Multimedia classrooms

Learnings will be transferred from the Italo instructors to the operational staff.

Training in partnership with ENAV



# Skills - Model review



## HOF Integration into Italo SMS

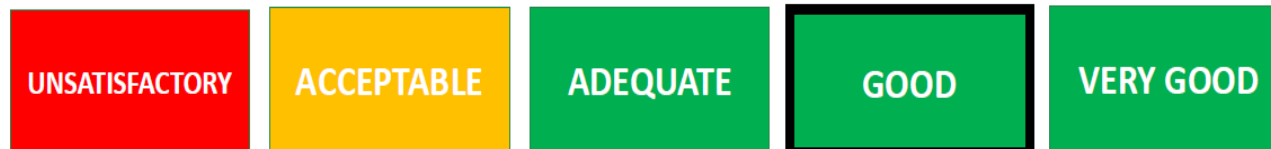
LEADERSHIP
SITUATIONAL AWARENESS
COMMUNICATIONS
WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT

Initial and on-going training

Performance evaluation

Accident investigation

## NEW RATING SCALE





# Sharing Experiences

## Service Reports

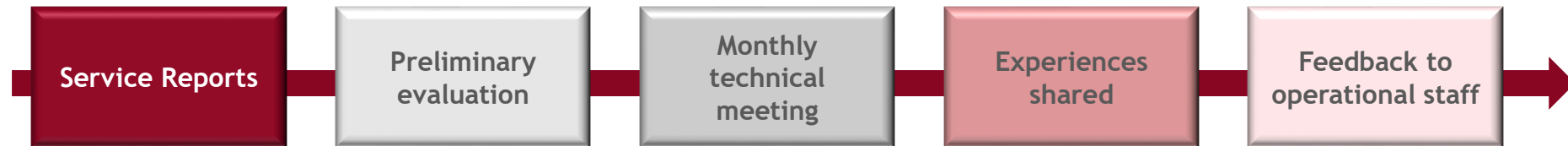


### Goals

- Analyse system **experiences** and identify improvement/corrective actions;
- Bring the issues identified by the **operational staff** to the attention of the staff structures, which constitutes as a high-value observation tool.

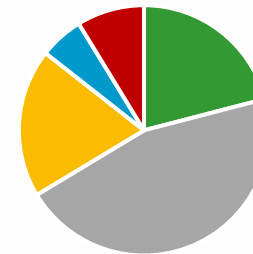
Staff can report **significant events for safety purposes** (for example, dangerous events, inconveniences, train or circulation anomalies, non-compliance with rules and procedures).

From the third quarter, **voluntary reporting** was established.



2023

- **5591** Service Reports received
- **416** Service Reports deemed sensitive



- Railway operation
- Maintenance and supplies
- Technique
- Training and regulations
- Health & Safety



**Italo ... thanks you!**



# Human & Organisational Factors (HOF) Conference

## Panel Discussion

22-23 Oct 2024 Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](https://era.europa.eu)



# Human & Organisational Factors (HOF) Conference

A person's hands are shown typing on a laptop keyboard. The scene is overlaid with a futuristic digital interface featuring glowing blue lines, nodes, and 3D data visualizations. A dark blue rounded rectangle is centered over the image, containing the word 'Closure' in white text.

**Closure**

22-23 Oct 2024 Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](http://era.europa.eu)



# Human & Organisational Factors (HOF) Conference

**Thank you!**

22-23 Oct 2024 Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](http://era.europa.eu)



# Human & Organisational Factors (HOF) Conference

## Networking Cocktail

22-23 Oct 2024 Valenciennes, France

[era.europa.eu](http://era.europa.eu)