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safe railway system without frontiers.

DECISION n° 363

of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the policy on monitoring the performance and decision-making of National Safety Authorities (NSAs) for the years 2025 onwards and repealing Decision n° 274

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS,

Having regard to the Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways¹ (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 881/2004 (hereinafter called “the Agency Regulation”), and in particular Article 33 (2), thereof

Having regard to DECISION n° 274 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the policy on monitoring the performance and decision-making of National Safety Authorities (NSAs) for the years 2022 onwards and repealing Decisions n° 161, 188, 214, 244 and 266, adopted on 24 November 2021,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 33(2) of the Agency Regulation empowers the Management Board to adopt the policy, working methods, procedures and practical arrangements for the application of Article 33(2), including, where appropriate, arrangements regarding consultation with Member States before the publication of information.
- (2) 2024 was the last year of the 2nd NSA monitoring audit cycle activities carried out by the Agency since 2022.
- (3) Once all audit reports will be finalised in 2025, a full report on the return of experience of the 2nd audit cycle is going to be addressed to the Management Board in the first half of 2025;
- (4) Having gathered sufficient feedback and in order to be able to launch the 3rd audit cycle, the Agency shall be equipped with the appropriate NSA monitoring tools allowing scope adjustment for each audit on the basis of the results/outcome of the first two cycles.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The policy, working methods and procedure for monitoring of the performance and decision-making of NSAs are adopted in Annexes I-IV to this decision.

¹ OJ L 138, 26.5.2016, p. 1-43.

Article 2

Decision n° 274 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the policy on monitoring the performance and decision-making of National Safety Authorities (NSAs) for the years 2022 onwards and repealing Decisions n° 161, 188, 214, 244 and 26 continues applying for the 2nd audit cycle.

It shall be repealed with the delivery of the last audit report of the 2nd audit cycle.

Article 3

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

For the Management Board
On 19/11/2024

The Chairwoman
Paloma IRIBAS FORCAT

Annex I: NSA Monitoring - Policy
Annex II: NSA Monitoring - Audit Procedure
Annex III: NSA Monitoring - Referential Matrix Audit
Annex III bis: NSA Monitoring - Referential Compliance Audit
Annex IV: NSA Monitoring - Competency Framework