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## DECISION n° 356

### *of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways amending the Single Programming Document 2024-2026 (#3)*

#### **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,

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°206 of the Management Board adopting the new ERA Financial Regulation,

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

Having regard to Decision n°353 of the Management Board amending the Single Programming Document 2024-2026 (#2).

#### **HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

##### ***Article 1***

The Agency's Single Programming Document 2024 is amended with the substantial changes listed in the Annex.

##### ***Article 2***

The present 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

The Chairwoman  
Paloma IRIBAS FORCAT

Annex: SPD 2024 substantial amendments #3

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## Annex: SPD 2024 substantial amendments #3

### 1. Substantial amendments of the SPD 2024-2026 multi-annual narrative and annexes (excluding procurement)

#	Description of the amendment	Justification for amendment	SPD section	Substantial/ Non-substantial criteria (MB Decision n°317 Art.2)
1	<p>Changes of outcome indicators as follows:</p> <p>Strategic Statement 1: To be removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Number of hours spent at cross-border operations</i></li> <li>• <i>Number of open type 3 issues when issuing VA and TA/ overall number of certificates issued</i></li> <li>• <i>Number of VA and TA issued with reduced validity period/ overall no. of certificates issued</i></li> <li>• <i>Number of data consumption of registers</i></li> </ul> <p>To be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Planned vs real transfer times at cross border points</i></li> <li>• <i>VAs for multi-member states issued by the Agency</i></li> <li>• <i>SSC for multi-member states issued by the Agency</i></li> <li>• <i>Data is FAIR, measured on a scale (numbers in KG)</i></li> </ul> <p>Strategic Statement 2&amp;3: To be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Noise-TSI-compliant freight wagons</i></li> </ul> <p>Strategic Statement 4: To be removed:</p>	<p>The proposed changes are brought after internal rethinking on the measurement and data availability of the outcome indicator. The current proposal reflects better interesting outcome indicators. The changes have also been flagged in parallel in the Official Opinion of the EC for SPD 2025.</p>	<p>II. Multi-annual programming 2024-2026 (Content of the multi-annual programme 2024-2026)</p>	<p>Major change in the strategic statements, outcome indicators, KPIs or accountability ceiling</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of open type 3 issues when issuing SSC's/ overall number of certificates issued</li> <li>Number of appeals made by operators in a year linked to SSC certification/ average number of SSC's issued per year</li> </ul> <p>To be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of negative decisions of SSCs</li> </ul>			
2	<p>Changes of a KPI (in multiannual section):</p> <p>To be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. of reports for NoBos audit/inspection delivered" with a target of 4 (same as existing output indicator &amp; target of 000MRA1138)</li> </ul>	The amendment is proposed in order to address the recommendations from the IAS audit on 4RP tasks.	II. Multi-annual programming 2024-2026 (Content of the multi-annual programme 2024-2026)	Major change in the strategic statements, outcome indicators, KPIs or accountability ceiling

## 2. Substantial amendments of the SPD 2024 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	ERA1202	FM Service				Add New Indicator and Target	New building	Presentation to the MB on new building	Establishment of a Task Force Facility Management New Building (TF FMNB) by decision ERA-ED-2274-2024	adding a new output indicator and/or target that entails tasks previously not foreseen by the SPD

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2	ERA1222	Ethics service	% of Agency's staff trained on antifraud and Ethics	at least 15% per each type of training		Amend existing Indicator/Target	% of Agency's staff trained on antifraud and ethics	at least 10% per each type of training	<p>The current target of having at least 15% of staff per each type of training (antifraud and ethics) will most likely not be achieved.</p> <p>The current level of participation is 10% for each training.</p> <p>The primary factor contributing to the lower-than-expected participation in both trainings is related to the contract with the external training provider. The contract, which was intended to cover the development and delivery of the training, concluded earlier than anticipated. As a result, the scheduled sessions that would have ensured broader participation cannot unfortunately be delivered.</p>	<p>amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)</p>
3	ERA1227	Interoperable data	Migration of registers into a knowledge graph approach	EVR data migrated and in sync with the master database	✓	Amend existing Indicator/Target	Migration of registers into a knowledge graph approach	First set of EVR data migrated and in sync with the master database	<p>Due to resource reallocation to other priorities (e.g. CCS TSI - RINF), unforeseen delay with the new Framework Contract to engage contractor support for the development and additional need for ontology clarification, the full migration of EVR will be achieved in 2025.</p>	<p>amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)</p>

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4	ERA1227	Interoperable data	Preliminary work for ISS-Stage 1	Basic User interface developed		Amend existing Indicator/Target	Preliminary work for ISS-Stage 1	Proof of concept of a User Interface with limited scope developed	In the absence of budget obtained (there was no possibility of contracting work), an amendment is proposed to better capture the work done on this workstream.	amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)
5	ERA1227	Interoperable data	Preliminary work for ISS-Stage 1	Pilot chatbot for natural language queries of the knowledge graph		Delete existing Indicator/Target			Resources have been reallocated from this task following the announcement by DIGIT that it would not be possible to continue hosting the ERA KG further than 2024, which is a change that impacts all related projects and in particular this indicator since the ERA KG availability is a prerequisite for it. Priority shifted to migrating the ERA KG to cloud infrastructure of which ERA is in charge.	postponement of a project/service for a reason within ERA's sphere of influence by more than 6 months or to a subsequent year's work programme
6	ERA1227	Interoperable data	Development of the RINF Application in accordance with Article 6 of RINF Regulation (EU) 2019/777	1) End of testing phase Q2 2024; (2) End of deployment phase Q3 2024		Amend existing Indicator/Target	Development of the RINF Application in accordance with Article 6 of RINF Regulation (EU) 2019/777 (2023 amendments)	(1) First draft of Application Guide by Q2 2024; (2) Second draft of Application Guide by Q3 2024	The work in the RINF Application started by defining data presentation, the main output to draft the Application Guide which is foreseen to be completed/published before data provision can be implemented (12 months after, in accordance with the RINF Regulation) and the RINF	amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)

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			(2023 amendments)						application update. Additionally, the SPD 2025 indicators and targets are already in line with the proposed amendment. EC-ERA are in agreement in regards with the progress as outlined with this target amendment.	
7	ERA1175	TSIs maintenance	TSI as a global standard	International Strategy finalised		Delete existing Indicator/Target			Indicator transferred to ERA1178	amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)
8	ERA1178	Collaboration with European and international standardization organizations				Add New Indicator and Target	TSI as a global standard	Strategy for TSI as global standard drafted	Indicator transferred from ERA1175, minor change in wording of the target to reflect more precisely the document's actual content. Target definition changed from 'finalised' to 'drafted'.	amendment of an output indicator and/or target by making it significantly "easier" (i.e. the Agency needs to deliver less, slower, etc.)

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

#### a. Amendment of the FWC planned spending

DIGIT/2016/FWC/DI/07722	Software for Innovation, Diversity and	01/12/2016	502,360 EUR
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#### Rationale of the requested change:

*The FWC was omitted in the previous SPDs due to an administrative oversight during the drafting. Once the omission was discovered, the errors was reported in the Nonconformity register of the Agency and this amendment is part of the corrective measures taken to rectify the situation as the FWC is still valid until the end of the year. The omission of the FWC from previous SPDs (starting with SPD 2017) did not result in any misuse or misallocation of resources. The Agency's strategic priorities and objectives remained aligned with the intended scope of this framework contract. Furthermore, all operational and financial decisions of the previous years were compliant with the minimum legal requirements: Art.72.3 of the ERA Financial Regulation stipulates that the Financing Decision (i.e., SPD) shall also set out for procurement: the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurements. However, in order to foster financial accountability and operational transparency, the Agency is publishing additional information regarding the use of the FWC which was not reflected in the past SPDs with respect to this FWC.*

#### *b. Updated planned use in 2024 of existing framework contracts*

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

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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 EUR
DIGIT/2016/FWC/DI/07722	Software for Innovation, Diversity and Evolution II	06/09/2025	502 360 EUR