

The European Union Agency for Railways - Mandate and Challenges

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The Four Forces of Rail

Competition
(by other modes)



Derail



Sustainability
(Decarbonisation)

Push



Keep on track

Safety

Hold back

Fragmentation

Rail is the only transport mode without global rules.

The European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)

- › The Agency was founded in 2004 by the Regulation (EC) 881/2004, today it employs approximately 180 staff members, its tasks are defined in the new Regulation (EU) 2016/796
- › Location
 - › Headquarters in Valenciennes (FR) – all staff have their workplace there
 - › Meeting facilities in Lille (FR)

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4th Railway Package – Technical Pillar

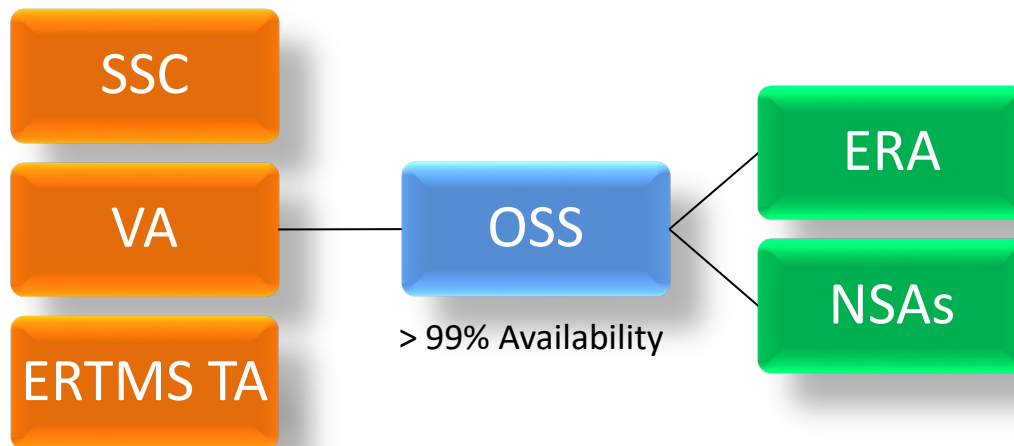
The EU Agency for Railways is mandated to issue **single safety certificates** and **vehicle (type) authorisations** valid in multiple European countries and to ensure an **interoperable European Rail Traffic Management System**, in the development and implementation of the **Single European Railway Area**.

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- › **8 Member States**
transposed the Safety and Interoperability Directives by 16/06/2019
- › **18 Member States**
will transpose the Safety and Interoperability Directives by 16/06/2020
- › **2 Member States**
out of the scope of the Directives (Malta and Cyprus)

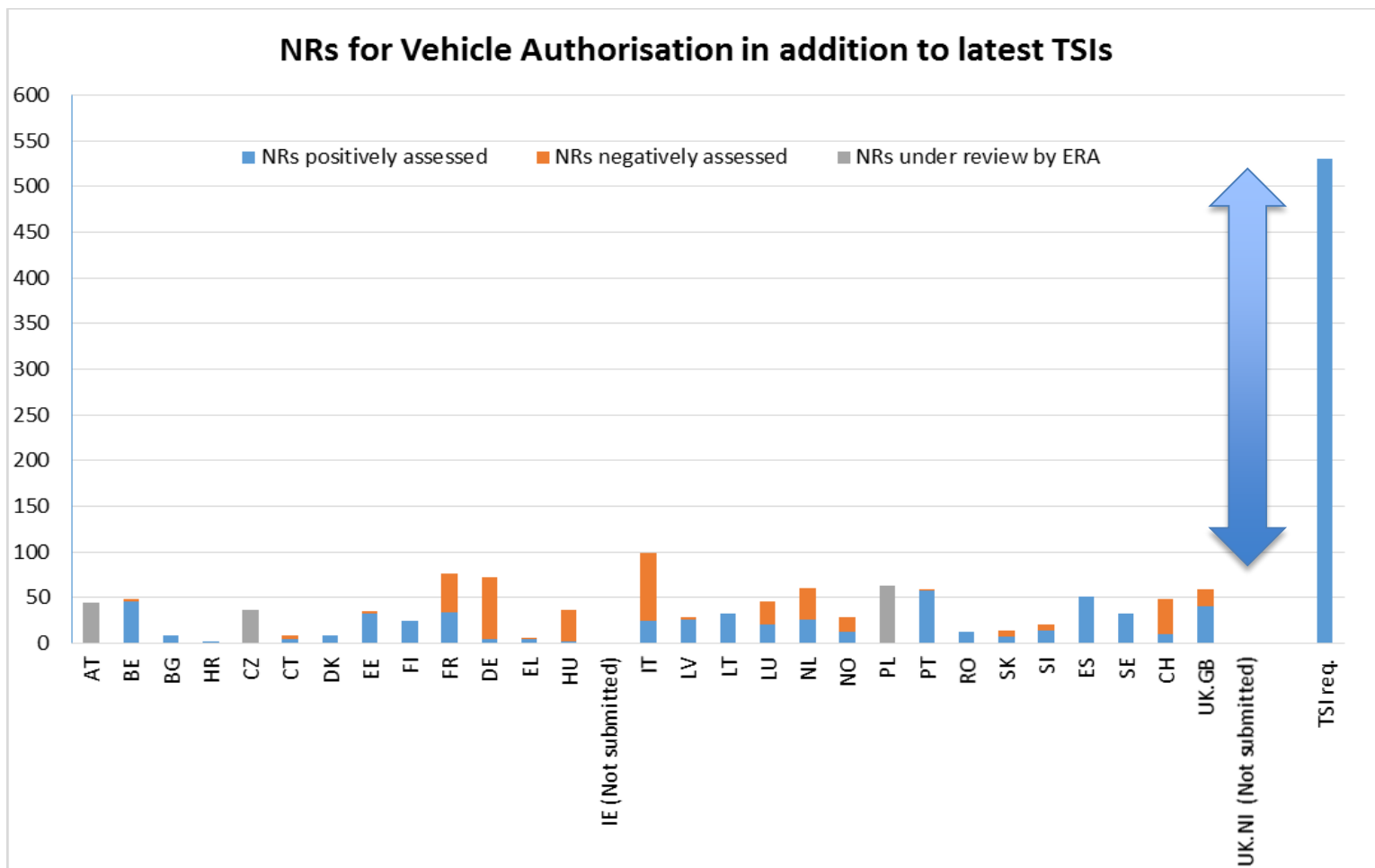


(As of 16th June 2019, all freight wagons in Europe are authorised by the Agency)



Reduction of National Rules for Vehicle Authorisation

- › Starting point **14 312** at 01/2016
- › Now **1 061** (September 2019)



- › Full transition of ERA to the **European authority for rail 2020/2021**, sustaining an excellent reputation of ERA both in technical terms but also in terms of customer service
- › As European authority, driving further strong **harmonisation** towards the Single European Rail Area, both in technical interoperability and operational harmonisation, in order to arrive at the vision of seamless rail transport across borders
- › Further contribution to enhancing the **Safety Level** of European Railways
- › Foster innovative solutions based on **digital technology** and promote compatible evolution of ERTMS, with the goal of drastically enhancing the competitiveness of rail
- › Promote further transformation of the European transport system towards emission-free, sustainable transport modes, based on **multi-modal integration (MaaS)**



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