

**PRIME Meeting 15**  
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**Item 8.4 - Information points:**  
**Update on 4th Railway Package latest developments (tech pillar)**

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**1. TRANSPOSITION**

The general deadline to transpose the Interoperability and Safety Directives into national legislation was 16 June 2019, with the possibility to request an extension until 16 June 2020.

8 EU Member States - Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, France, Slovenia, Italy, the Netherlands and Finland - committed to the transposition of the 4th Railway Package technical pillar by 16 June 2019. Now, most of the Member States have met their obligation. Only Romania has not communicated any national transposition measure.

The Commission expects timely transposition of the technical pillar by the remaining Member States. The Commission Services are now focusing on enforcement, ensuring that technical pillars of the 4th package is transposed and implemented correctly.

**2. ERA AS EU AUTHORISING/CERTIFYING AUTHORITY**

As of 16 June 2019 ERA started as European vehicle authorising and safety certifying authority.

*State-of-play on 22 October 2019*

ERA has received 224 applications for vehicle authorisation; 174 decisions issued so far. Most applications concern conformity to type authorisations.

First vehicle authorisation was granted on 22 October 2019. ERA has received 10 applications for single safety certificate. First single safety certificate was issued on 16 September 2019.

**3. REDUCTION OF NATIONAL RULES**

In respect of compliance rules relevant for rail vehicles, the Commission, the Agency and Member States have made great progress in identifying redundant vehicle related national legislation and eliminating approximately 90% thereof (from 14000 to 1000 rules).

However, more effort will be required in 2019 and subsequent years in eliminating the vehicle related national rules and further achieving progress reducing national provisions managing rail safety, operations and rail infrastructure.

#### **4. COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ERA AND NSAs**

Cooperation agreements with national safety authorities from Member States transposing the technical pillar in 2019 have been signed. ERA negotiations with the remaining NSAs continues.

#### **5. FUTURE TSIs REVISION**

With the adoption of TSIs package alignment with the requirements of the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway package technical pillar, the Commission completed the legal framework necessary to fully implement the 4<sup>th</sup> package. Next revision of TSIs is scheduled for 2022 and is guided by the implementation of key policy objectives for sustainable and multimodal transport. Commission and the Agency are working together to identify priorities and in particular to:

- Incorporate the ERTMS game changers;
- Facilitate the introduction of digital technologies in rail and mitigate the complexity of change to the system through modularisation;
- Enhance ERTMS technical and operational interoperability, including through greater harmonisation of operational rules linked to ERTMS implementation.

Future TSIs revisions will be carried out in **package** (several TSIs at the same time) to deliver **strategic objectives set in advance** in a way that is **transparent** for Member States and sector. The revision process will consist of **planned revisions** to provide sufficient predictability and stability.

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## Overview of the national rules at EU level National Rules for Vehicle Authorisation

