

Safety Alerts between railway actors

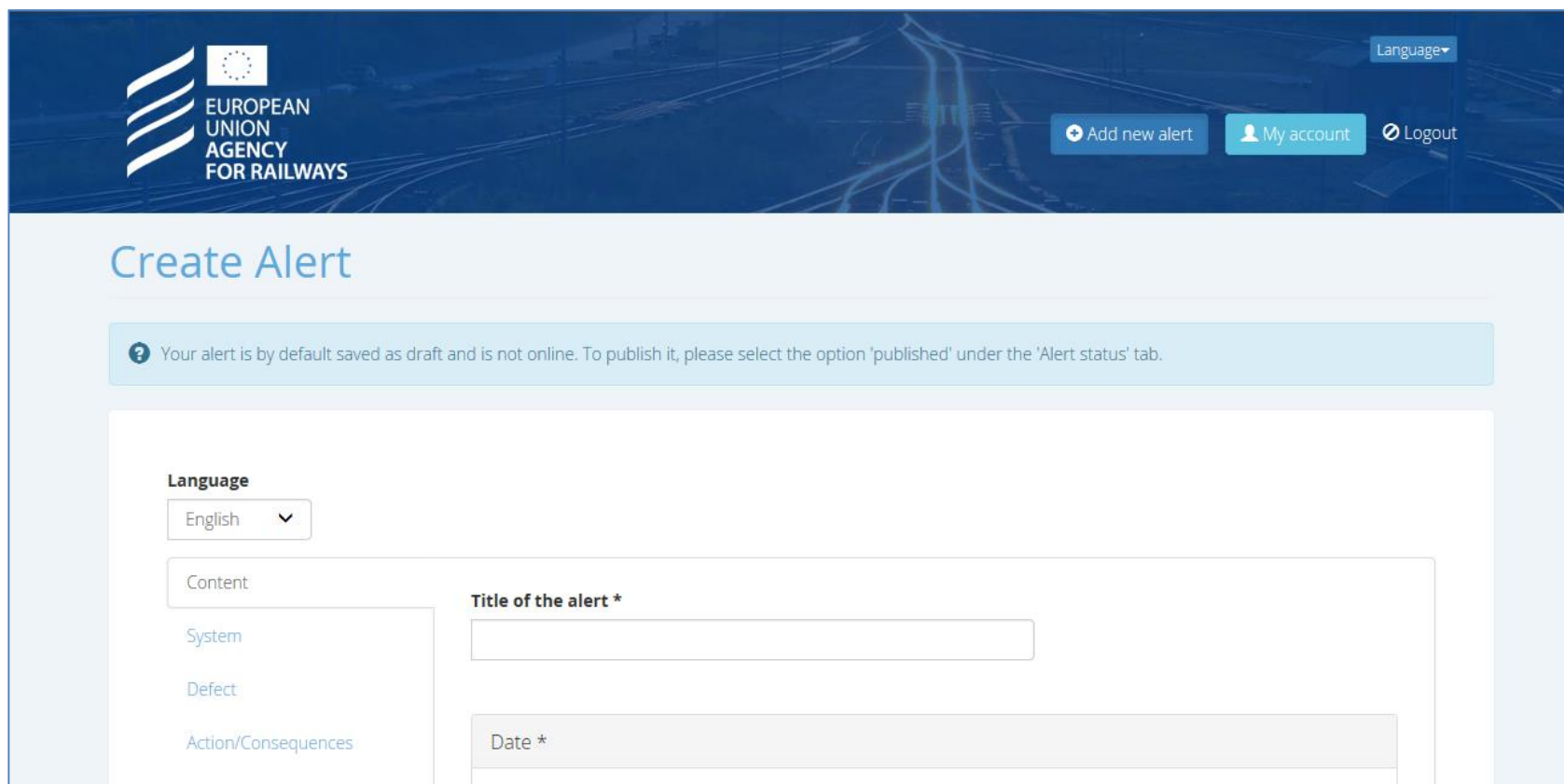
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What is Safety Alerts IT Tool (“SAIT”)?

- **SAIT is a secure website for sharing urgent safety alerts**
- **users will be able to share information about safety risks relating to defects of technical equipment between the European railway actors.**
- **sharing of information about new or poorly understood risks so that actors can revise and improve their risk management and avoid accidents.**
- **Initially no access to NSAs/NIBs/ECM certification entities (regulatory authorities).**

> EU wide IT application, open to the industry



The screenshot shows the 'Create Alert' page of the EU wide tool. The header features the European Union Agency for Railways logo on the left and navigation buttons for 'Add new alert', 'My account', and 'Logout' on the right. A language dropdown menu is also present in the top right. Below the header, a light blue banner contains a help message: 'Your alert is by default saved as draft and is not online. To publish it, please select the option 'published' under the 'Alert status' tab.' The main form area includes a 'Language' dropdown set to 'English', a 'Content' section with a list of categories (System, Defect, Action/Consequences), a 'Title of the alert *' text input field, and a 'Date *' text input field.

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- **Avoidance of preventable accidents: costs and harm reduction**
- **Communication amongst users of similar technical subsystems and manufacturers**
- **Learning from others**
- **Providing assurance to NSAs that technical risks are identified, analysed and managed**

Who will report?

- **Railway undertakings**
- **Infrastructure managers**
- **Entities in charge of maintenance**
- **Other actors (including manufacturers, maintenance suppliers, keepers, service providers, contracting entities, carriers, consignors, consignees, loaders, unloaders, fillers and unfillers).**

What will be reported?

Users will report information about hazards that, in their own judgement and in accordance with the policies of their own organisation:

- **Relate to defects and construction non-conformities or malfunctions of technical equipment, including those of structural subsystems**
- **The hazard, event or information is novel or unexpected and therefore the related risk is likely to be poorly controlled**
- **The related risk, if not controlled, has the potential to lead to an accident or incident involving serious injury or 1 or more fatalities**
- **The related risk is relevant for more than 1 actor**

- > The safety alerts tool is a web application, accessible from computers and mobile devices using the address:

<https://safetyalerts.era.europa.eu/safetyalerts>



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- [Recast of Railway Safety Directive](#) (Article 4 paragraph 5)
- [Common Safety Method on Monitoring](#) (Article 4, especially paragraph 2)
- [ECM regulation](#) (Art.5(5) and Art.5(2) and its Annex III(17.4j))
- **The legal obligation to share information about technical defects applies to railway operational actors only.**