



# **The role of the European Railway Agency**

## **An Agency Perspective**

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- **Facilitate development of harmonised standards (TSIs) and processes (CSMs)**
- **Oversight of safety performance (CSTs, annual reports)**
- **Technical Opinions , Advice & Recommendations**
- **Impact Assessment**
- **Audits (NSAs & NIBs)**
- **Information sharing (databases/seminars)**



- **Legislative framework intended to improve the competitiveness of rail**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Package is an evolution to address the areas where experience shows change is necessary**
- **Lack of mutual recognition**
- **Lack of harmonisation & transparency**
- **National barriers**
- **NSA capability**



# Rate of Change in context

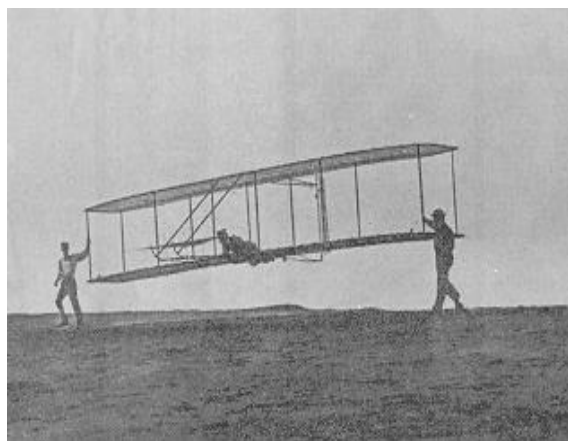
Progress timeline (Year) | 1804

| 1903

| 2004



Railway sector:  
Year (1800 – 2000)



Aerospace sector:  
Year (1900 – 2000)





- **Agency role where it can add value**
- **Address the problems identified in the Impact Assessment and information from monitoring**
- **Based on collaboration**
- **Clarity of roles and processes**
- **Harmonisation suggests single European process**



## Future Role - Authorisation

- **Rolling Stock - Authorisation for placing on the market in collaboration with NSAs (core EU element, supplementary elements depend on extent of area covered)**
- **Greater involvement in ERTMS authorisation to reduce the risk of national barriers developing**
- **Greater role in resolution of declaration issues**
- **Strengthened role with conformity assessment bodies**



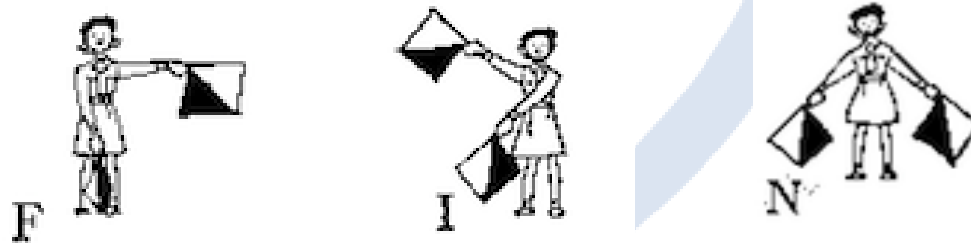
- **Issuing Single Safety Certificates**
- **Knowledge transfer between and conformity assessment and supervision**
- **Receiving return of experience**
- **Collaboration with NSAs**
- **Clarity of criteria and process**



# Future Role – Monitoring/Facilitating

- **Evolution of the Audit regimes**
- **Evolution of safety performance monitoring**
- **Enhanced communication/dissemination activities (targeted and with Board oversight)**
- **Greater role in supporting the reduction of national rules**





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