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# Ensuring an inclusive sectoral transition to a digitalised rail sector

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## ISSUES ADDRESSED

- **The EESC recommends a stronger cooperation between ENISA and the ERA**
  - ❖ Digitalisation contributes to making rail transport more efficient and more convenient for both passengers and freight, but it also exposes rail systems to cybersecurity risks.
  
- **The EESC believes that ERTMS deployment, the centrepiece of the rail digital EU strategy, shall be dramatically accelerated**
  - ❖ The required investment, more than EUR 100 billion, shall be pursued through a Commission dedicated initiative, with a strong EU budgetary commitment, concrete support from Member States and substantial private capital (InvestEU).



## ➤ **European Digital Identity**

- ❖ The EESC encourages rail to develop with other public transport modes a comprehensive and interoperable Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) framework ensuring affordability of and accessibility to mobility and public transport for all citizens as a service of general interest as well as to pursue an open, plug and play IT framework for the distribution of multimodal tickets in Europe.
  
- **The EESC calls upon the ETF, CER and EIM, as part of the EU social dialogue, to establish a proactive transparent dialogue**
  - ❖ In the form of a "digital road map" and launch joint initiatives to identify and anticipate the impact of automation and digitalisation and to maintain a high level of employment and social guarantees as part of a socially just transition



- **The EESC pleads for the establishment of an EU rail regulator to accompany the development of the EU rail single market which also covers the digital aspects**
  - ❖ In addition to regulatory bodies in the Member States dedicated to the surveillance of competition in the railways market, a single European railway area, in particular international freight and passenger traffic, also requires increased efforts on a continental scale with the establishment of a European rail regulator.