

Setting up of safety targets on Railway Systems of the Member States of the European Community

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Safety / Signalling systems actually in place

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Corridors for ERTMS / ETCS





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Treaty establishing the European Community, in particular Article 71§1.c:

"1. For the purpose of implementing Article 70 (common transport policy at EC level), and taking into account the distinctive features of transport, the Council shall (...) lay down:



- Directive 2004/49/EC, which, on the other hand, <u>acknowledges that safety levels in</u> the Community rail system are generally high, in particular compared to road transport, and requires:
 - that current safety performance of rail is not reduced in any Member State

- that CSTs are developed, expressed in risk acceptance criteria (1st set of CSTs to be adopted by the European Commission by end of April 2009 -Article 7)

 Mandate of the European Commission to the European Railway Agency – issued 16/12/2005

(1st set of CSTs to be submitted to the European Commission by end of September 2008)



- Promotion / Creation of an integrated European rail system where train can run freely, safely and interoperable
- Limit differentiation of national policies in the field of safety targeting, as this may hinder the competitive potential of railway transport with respect to other transport modes by fragmenting the EU market
- Harmonise the way safety is monitored and reduce existing differentiation in the safety performance of railway systems in Member States
- Avoid that "safety arguments" are unduly used by Member States for creating barriers to the entry into the respective national markets by newcomers



Two step approach:

- First develop a quantitative baseline to define the level of safety performance of railway transport in the different Member States, expressed in terms of risk to individuals + societal risk (National Reference Values - NRVs)
- Then derive CSTs from NRVs considering also results of an impact analysis and the medium average of NRVs



CSTs for different group of risks



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Measurement:



Dimensional Definition:





Risk category	Measurement units		Scaling bases
1. Passengers	NRV 1.1	Number of passenger FWSIs per year arising from significant accidents / Number of passenger train-km per year	Passenger train- km per year
	NRV 1.2	Number of passenger FWSIs per year arising from significant accidents / Number of passenger-km per year	Passenger-km per year
2. Employees	NRV 2	Number of employee FWSIs per year arising from significant accidents / Number of train-km per year	Train-km per year
3. Level crossing users	NRV 3.1	Number of level-crossing user FWSIs per year arising from significant accidents / Number of train-km per year	Train-km per year
	NRV 3.2	Number of level-crossing user FWSIs per year arising from significant accidents / [(Number of Train-km per year * Number of LCs)/ Track-km)]	(Train-km per year * Number of LCs) / Track-km
4. Others	NRV 4	Yearly number of FWSIs to persons belonging to the category "others" arising from significant accidents / Number of train-km per year	Train-km per year
5. Unauthorised persons on railway premises	NRV 5	Number of FWSIs to unauthorised persons on railway premises per year arising from significant accidents / Number of train-km per year	Train-km per year
6. Whole society	NRV 6	Total number of FWSIs per year arising from significant accidents / Number of train-km per year	Train-km per year







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How to define CSTs and NRVs



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How to define CSTs and NRVs (2)



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The important task to be handled within the recommendation on CSM for setting up and assessing the achievement of CSTs will be to define a methodology





- to set up National Reference Values at level of each Member State
- NRVs that are sufficiently robust to well represent the safety performances of the MSs over time
- to assess the annual variability effects to account for this in the enforcement of the CSTs



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- It is evident from Eurostat data for 2004 and 2005 that there are significant differences in safety performance between MSs (two orders of magnitude variation of total FWI/train*km amongst Member States, as already shown)
- There is a need to analyse why these large differences occur and also to study additional data to see how annual fluctuations might influence these results
- A longer time series of national data would serve to average out some of the effects of the high-consequence low-frequence events and also to give more significance to the data for small Member States with few events



Evaluation of achievement of CSTs and NRVs

Observed safety performance (most recent annual value or MWA) complying with the NRV? YES NO MWA inside range of tolerance If not, repeat check with single event exclusion Acceptable safety performance YES NO Is this the first time in the last 3 years that the NRV has not been met? YES NO The number of significant accidents The number of significant accidents remained stable or even decreased? remained stable or even decreased? YES NO YES NO Possible deterioration of safety performance. robable deterioration of safet Acceptable safety performance. Concerns raised and directed to the MS_MS has performance. MS required to No action needed MS informed of to analyse and comment on the performance. The explain the results and if deeme the results but is not required to ERA gives a technical opinion to the EC on the necessary produde a safety respond. explanation. enhancement plan (SEP)

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Thank you for your attention!