

Table 1: List of abbreviations and acronyms

Abbreviations	Definition
NSA EL	The Greek National Safety Authority
RAS	The Greek Railway Regulatory Authority established by Law 3891/2010 (A'188)
RSD	Railway Safety Directive ⁵
RU	Railway Undertaking
SA	Safety Authorisation of the Infrastructure Manager
SCB	Safety Certification Body
SSC	Single Safety Certificate
SMS	Safety Management System
ΥΜΕ	Greek Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (Υπουργείο Υποδομών και Μεταφορών)

1. Executive summary

This report presents the conclusions of the European Union Agency for Railways on the state of implementation of Union legislation on railway safety in Greece. It focuses on systemic safety-related deficiencies of the Greek rail system identified under the light of EU railway legislation and contains recommendations to Greece for addressing these deficiencies.

In line with EC's request pursuant to Article 35 (5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/796, the Agency focused on:

1. the obligations under Article 4 of Directive (EU) 2016/798 (RSD) to ensure the maintenance and improvement of safety of the Greek railway system as well as the roles and responsibilities of each actor;
2. the level of implementation of railway safety (and interoperability) requirements by the main Greek Infrastructure Manager (IM) and Railway Undertakings (RUs);
3. the resources and powers to supervise RUs and the IM as well as the compliance of the competent national bodies with the EU rules applicable to them and the performance of the Greek NSA, NIB, and other relevant national authorities (the competent national bodies).

The Agency's assessment predominantly resulted⁶ in the identification of incorrect implementation of Union legislation on railway safety by Greece, with a degree of variability among the railway stakeholders assessed.

Despite this, some railway entities expressed their willingness to fully comply with Union legislation on railway safety, which is a promising element in the process of improvement of safety levels of the Greek railway system.

⁵ Directive (EU) 2016/798 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on railway safety

⁶ Chapter 3 of this report for details