



ETF Railway Section – Maintenance Workers Advisory Group

European Transport Federation (ETF) Railway Section - Advisory Group for Maintenance Personnel

At their annual meeting on 14.02.2018, the 25 participants from 12 countries and 16 unions worked out the basics for the further processing of the following topics: Digitization, employment data protection and knowledge transfer.

However, first of all the pleasing news was that our application as well as the guidelines for the acquisition of a European entitlement card approved by the ETF Railways Section on 30.11.2017. A directive of the European Parliament and of the Council is intended to regulate the certification of employees in the maintenance of rolling stock and its components in Europe. To this end, we elaborated some information on the legal guidelines for a certification scheme to enter the European Railway Agency (ERA). Thus, our proposals for an amendment to EU Regulation 445/2011 and its annexes can now be further processed.

Here are some of our requirements:

- maximum safety,
- Protecting older employees,
- Health protection and social minimum standards,
- education and qualifications,
- Enable free access to the European labor market through standardization,
- fair competition,
- etc.

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