

## **ETF Railway Section – Maintenance Workers**

## **Annual Report 2018**

The meeting of the Advisory Group was held on 14 February in Brussels. Natalie Duquenne from the European Railway Agency (ERA-Safety Unit) presented the agency's current state of activities in the maintenance sector. Furthermore, Sabine Trier (ETF) talked about the ETF Railway Section's work programme for the years 2017-2021.

Our motion, which demanded the introduction of a standardized European permit for maintenance workers, has been approved, as well as the guidelines for European certification procedures for maintenance workers. These documents have now been transmitted to the bodies responsible, where they are currently being examined.

We have also discussed topics within the fields of digitalization and protection of employees' data. These have been handed over to the Steering Group.

The three meetings of the Steering Group have focused on the development of the "extension of ECM certification procedures for authorities responsible for the maintenance of railway vehicles." The current state of our motion concerning the EU commission regulation No 445/2011 and its annexes has also been discussed.

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