



ETF Railway Section – Maintenance Workers

Demands of the ETF on the recast of the ECM Regulation

The ETF requests that the recast of the ECM Regulation (EU Regulation 445/2011) of the European Commission stipulates uniform minimum standards for the qualification of railway maintenance personnel and their safety-relevant components in the Community. The present draft must be amended accordingly.

The existing different security management systems (SMS) are not enough for us. Rather, it is necessary to define uniformly and transparently the required minimum qualifications of employees across Europe and to determine the end-user qualifications.

- The functionality of safety-relevant equipment can only be guaranteed if the maintenance personnel are appropriately trained and certified.
- If work is to be carried out on the same rail vehicles at different locations in different countries, it is possible to ensure and verify uniform minimum qualifications and corresponding evidence throughout Europe by providing suitable personnel for these activities.
- The uniform definition and documentation of qualifications in vehicle maintenance facilitates the transfer of employees from one company to another (or from one country to another). And thus contributes to a Europe-wide uniform labor market in the railway sector.

The regulation must also stipulate that the acquired knowledge and experience of existing employees is recognized.

The regulation is intended to lay down the conditions and procedures for the certification of all railway maintenance personnel and their components in the rail system in the EU.

Safety-relevant components on rolling stock and minimum standards in the qualification of employees are indispensable.

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