

# POSITION PAPER

## ERA Railway Safety Performance Report 2012

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CER is generally satisfied with the ERA „Railway Safety Performance Report 2012“. It is a good overview of the safety level in each Member States and it demonstrates the Safety Performance in the European railways. Furthermore it is a good basis for the NSAs to compare the Safety Performance.

Nevertheless we have three points of concern that we would like to address:

- CER safety experts noticed that some of the data and especially fatalities related ones (which are of utmost importance for the sector) are not consistent with CER members' data (e.g. passenger fatalities in France). The categorisation itself seems questionable (see delta in figures related to categories “unauthorised persons” and “other persons”). This causes us some uncertainty on the content of the report.
  - **ERA should ensure that all the data in the report are valid and based on a common understanding.**
- The ERA Railway Safety Performance Report is published too late. Two years later the data are not very useful.
  - **The 2012 report (with data from 2010) should have been published at latest end 2011.**
- The information in the press release related to the report was contradictory in itself. The written message saying that “no improvement was registered for the number of collisions and derailments” does not reflect figures in the chart (figure 1) attached to it. You have to come to page 14 of the report to be able to partly understand the statement in the press release as a consequence of Poland and Belgium new calculation methods!
  - **ERA should ensure that all the information to the press is clearly formulated, consistent, and easily understandable for someone who will not read the report.**

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