



European Railway Agency

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Regulation (EC) 881/2004

Founding Regulation:

Regulation (EC) 881/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 establishing a European Railway Agency (Agency Regulation),

Official journal L 164, 30/04/2004, p. 0001 - 0043, rectified by:

Corrigendum to Regulation (EC) 881/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 establishing a European railway agency (Agency Regulation), Official journal L 220, 21/06/2004, p. 0003 - 0015





European Railway Agency: The Objectives

Article 1:

“The **objective** of the Agency shall be to contribute, on technical matters, to the implementation of the Community legislation aimed at improving the competitive position of the railway sector by **enhancing the level of interoperability** of railway systems and at **developing a common approach to safety** on the European railway system...”





European Railway Agency: The 'Products' and Tasks

2 types of acts: **recommendations** and **opinions**
addressed to the Commission (or to national regulatory
bodies) in the fields of:

- Interoperability
- Safety
- ERTMS
- Other tasks





European Railway Agency: Interoperability

- Drafting Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSIs) and revision of existing TSIs
- Coordination of Notified Bodies and supervision of their work
- Monitoring of Interoperability , report every 2 years
- Assist the Commission in the evaluation of projects financed by EU
- Develop a European certification system for maintenance workshops
- Develop a European certification system for drivers training centres





European Railway Agency: Safety

- Develop the Common safety methods, Common safety targets and Common safety indicators
- Facilitate cooperation among national safety authorities
- Facilitate cooperation among investigating bodies in case of accident
- Develop an harmonised format for safety certificates
- Assess new national safety rules
- Monitor safety performances and report every 2 years





European Railway Agency: ERTMS

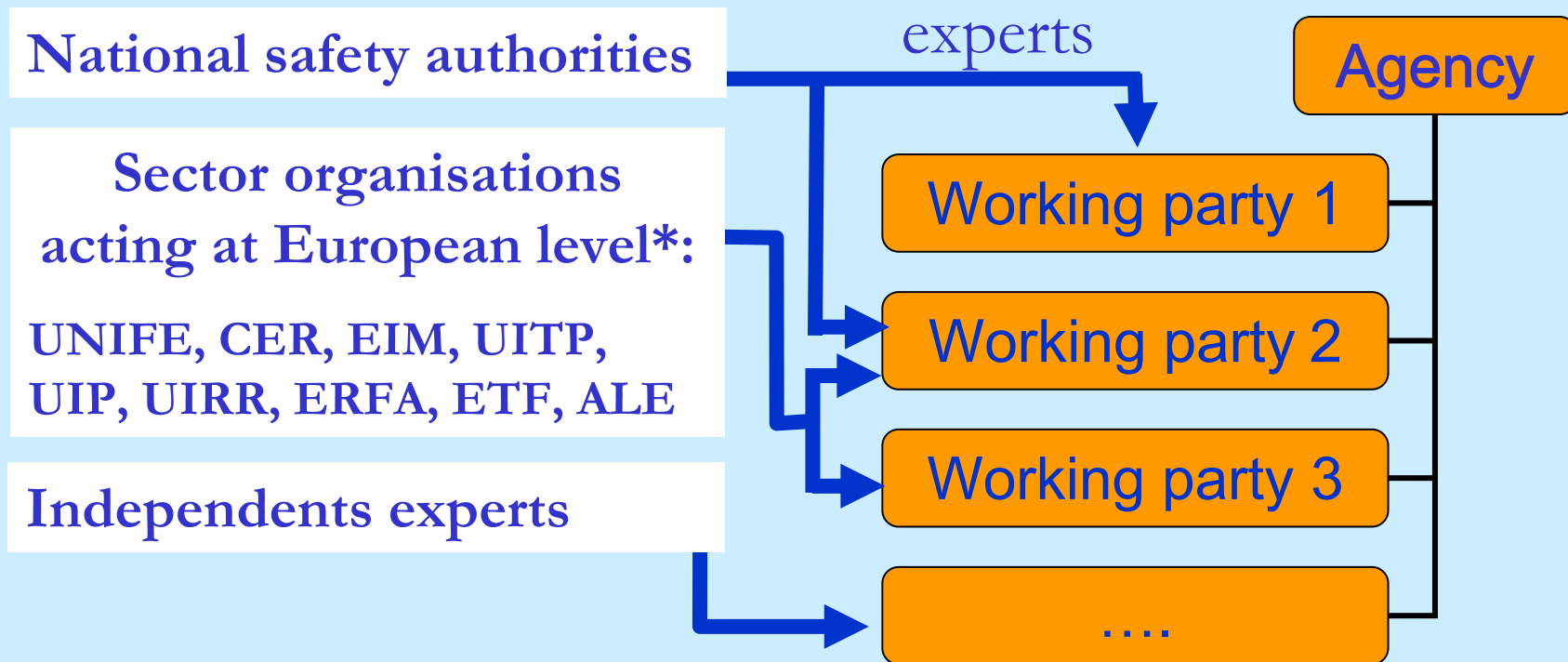
System authority for the ERTMS specifications for command/control and signalling (ERTMS/ETCS) and GSM-R:

- Management of changes regarding the handling, assessment and eventual incorporation in the reference set of ERTMS specification
- Configuration control of the reference baselines
- Enhance the cooperation between the different existing test laboratories





European Railway Agency: Working Methods - Working Parties



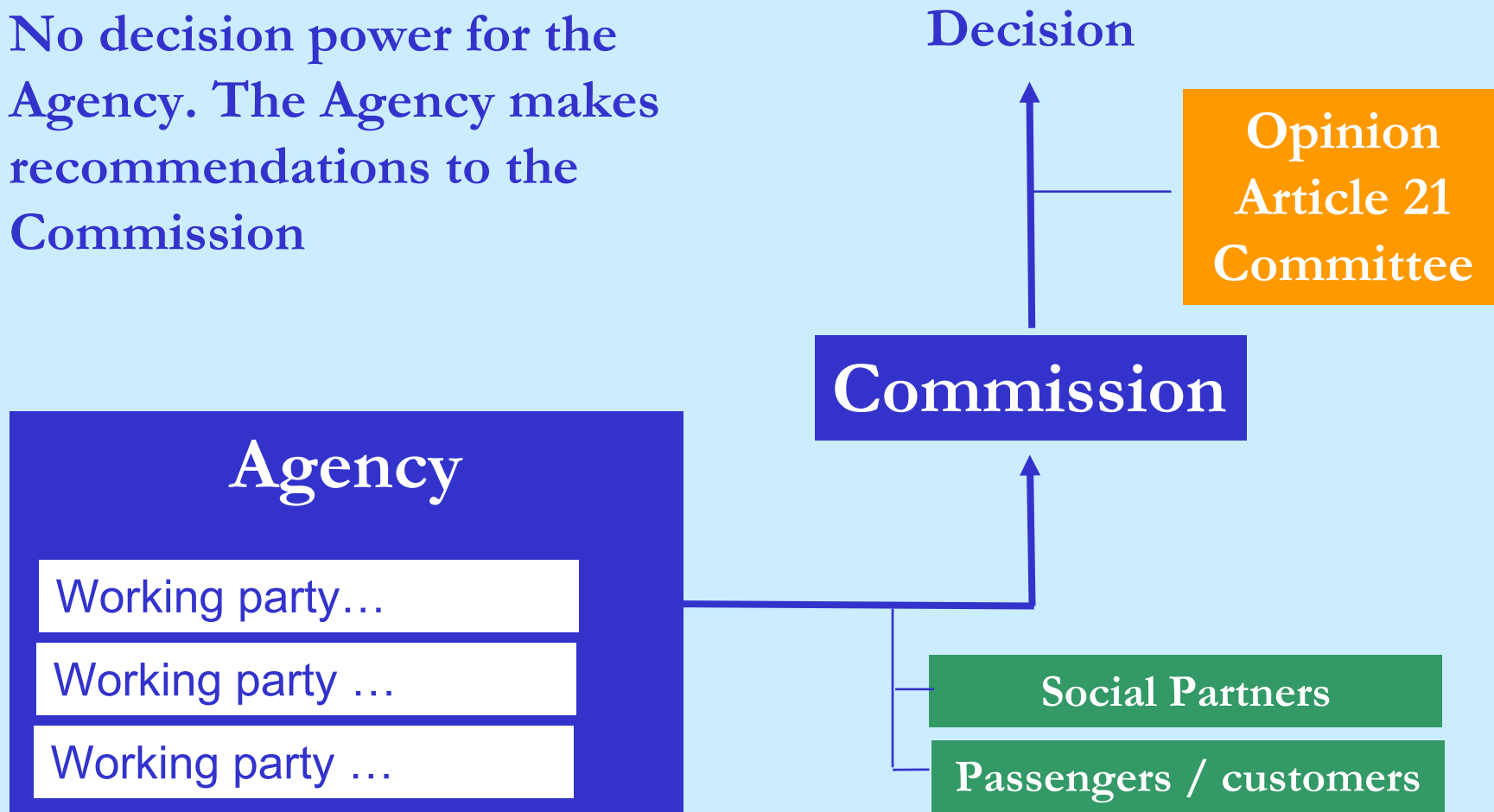
* List established by Article 21 Committee on 22 February 2005





European Railway Agency: Working Methods - Decision Making

No decision power for the Agency. The Agency makes recommendations to the Commission





European Railway Agency: Administrative Board - Tasks

- Appoints the Executive Director
- Adopts the annual report
- Adopts the annual work programme
- Adopts the 'statement of estimate of revenue and expenditure as basis for the Agency's budget
- Establishes procedures for decision making by the Executive Director





European Railway Agency: Administrative Board - Members

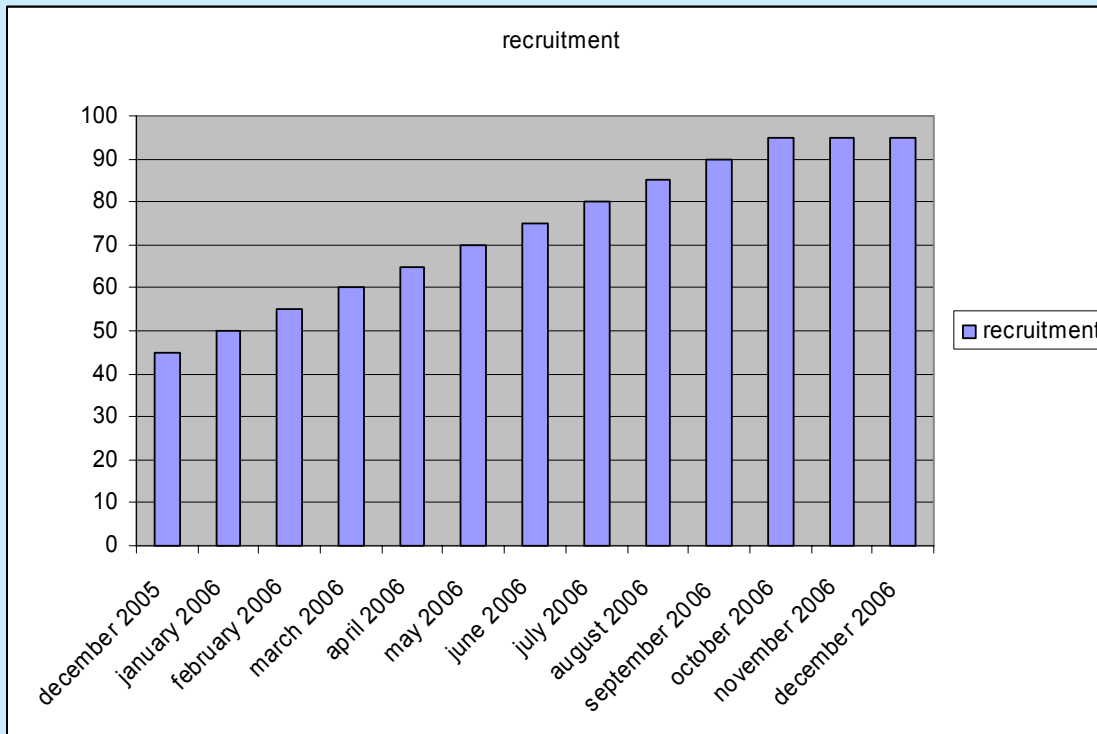
- 1 representative per Member State
- 4 Commission representatives
- 6 representatives of sector organisations (railway undertakings, infrastructure managers, railway industry, trade unions, passengers, freight customers) – no voting rights
- Observers representing third countries (which have concluded agreements with the Community)





European Railway Agency: Staff

- Staff coming mainly from railway sector (temporary agents – contracts of maximum 5 years)
- In June 2006: 64 staff members





European Railway Agency: Seat

- International meeting facilities in Lille
- Offices in Valenciennes





Thank you for your Attention

For further information, please consult our website:

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/index_en.html

... or the Agency's website:

<http://www.era.eu.int>



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