



European Railway Agency



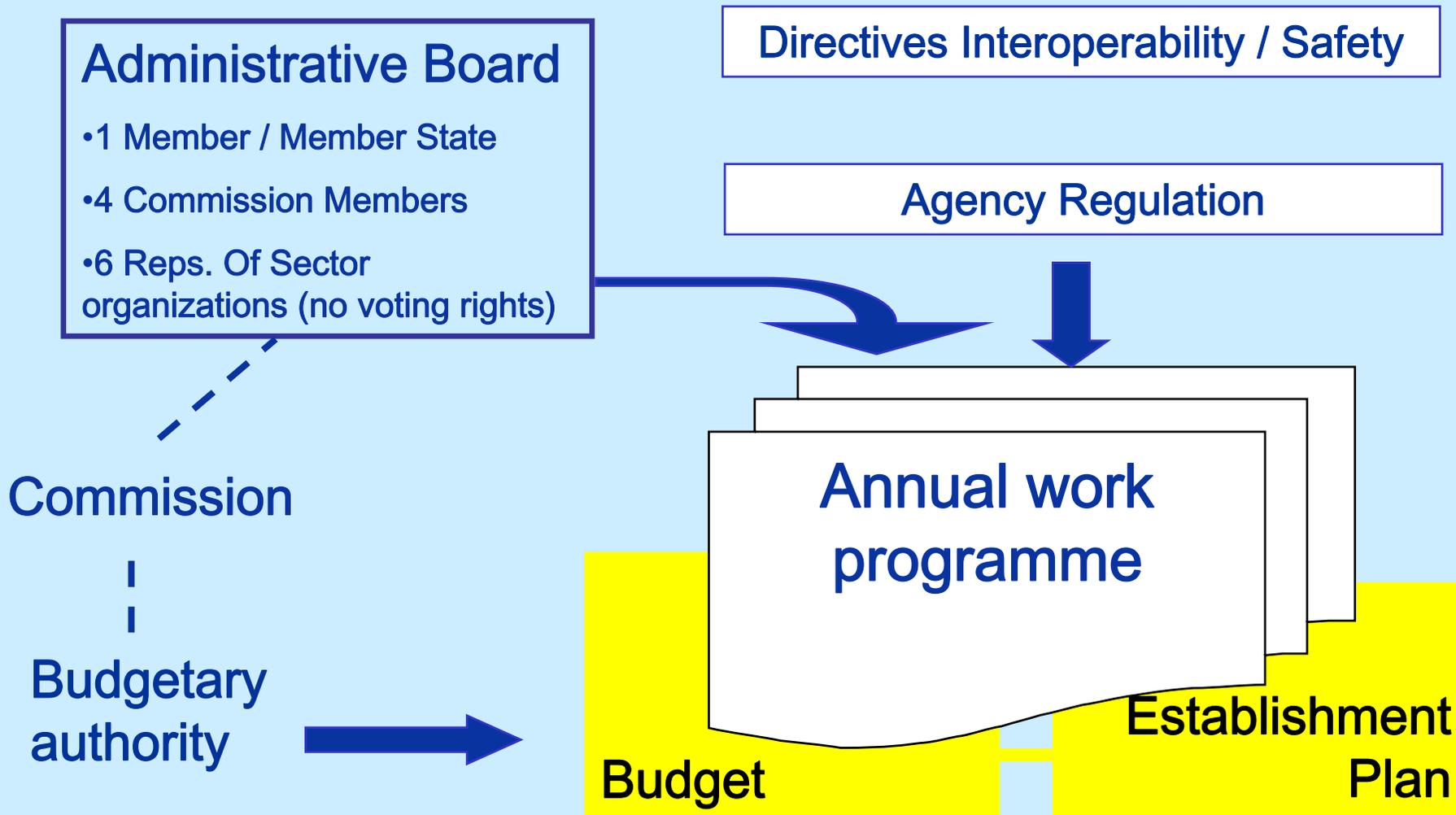
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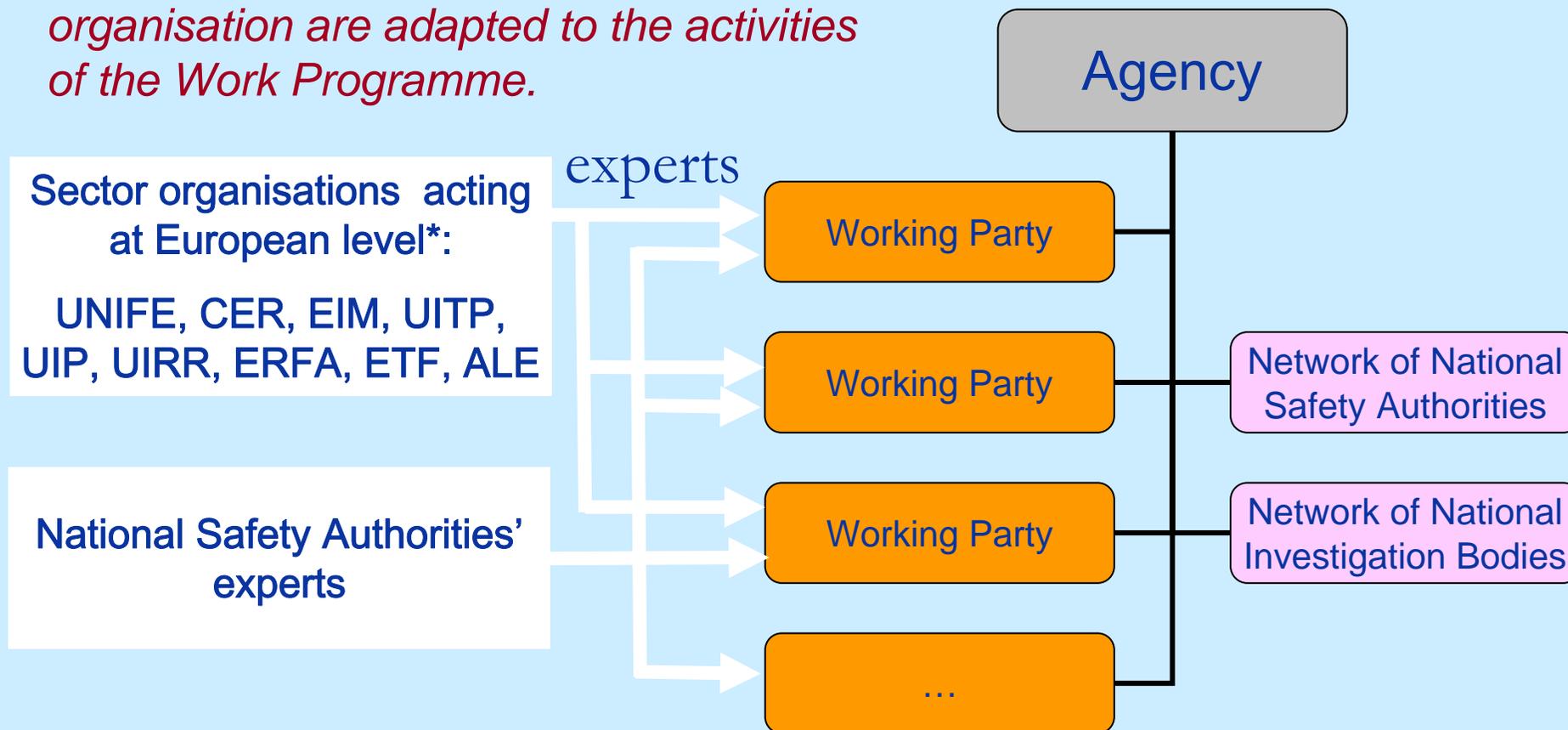


A first proposal by the Commission from  
23 January 2002  
in the framework of the Second Railway Package  
and on 29 April 2004 adoption of  
**Regulation (EC) No 881/2004**  
establishing the European Railway Agency!



# Working Parties and Networks

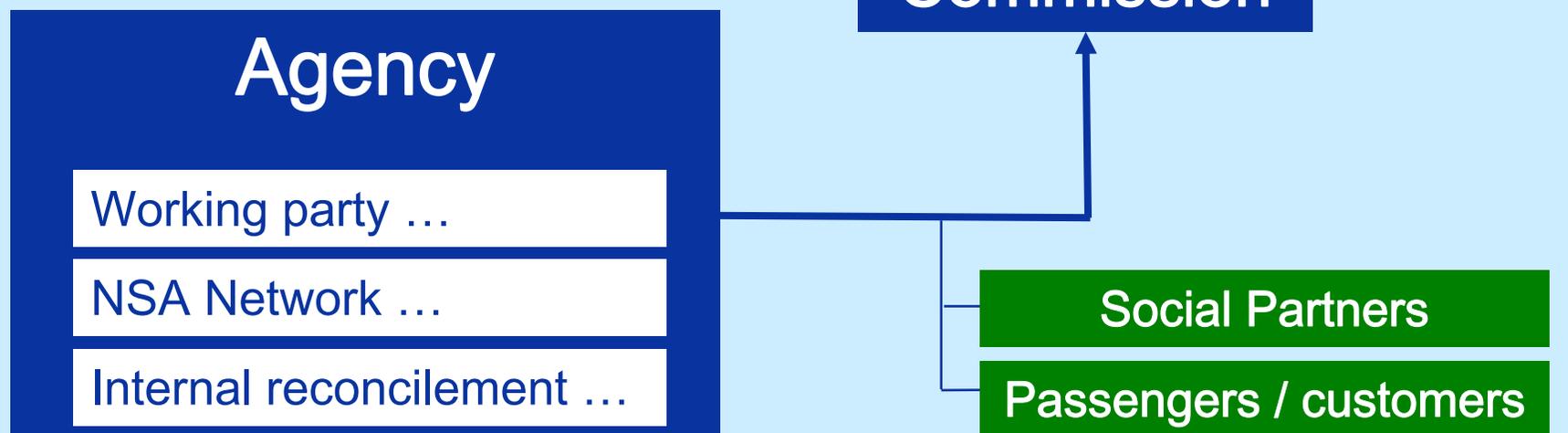
*Working Parties are set up according to the Agency Regulation, and their tasks and organisation are adapted to the activities of the Work Programme.*



\* List established by Article 21 Committee on 22 February 2005

## The process to decisions

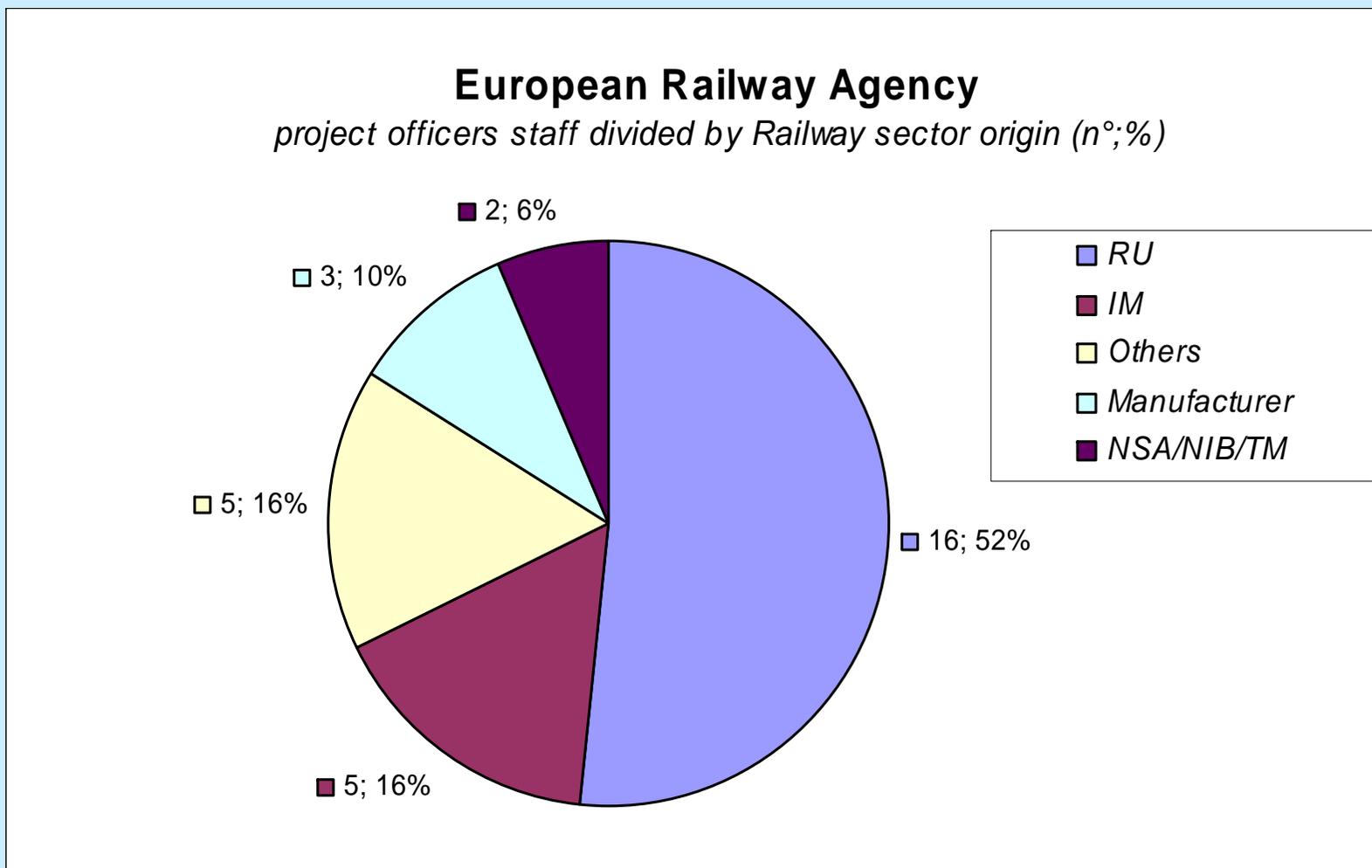
*No decision power for the Agency, the Agency provides **recommendations** to the Commission and **technical opinions** upon specific request!*



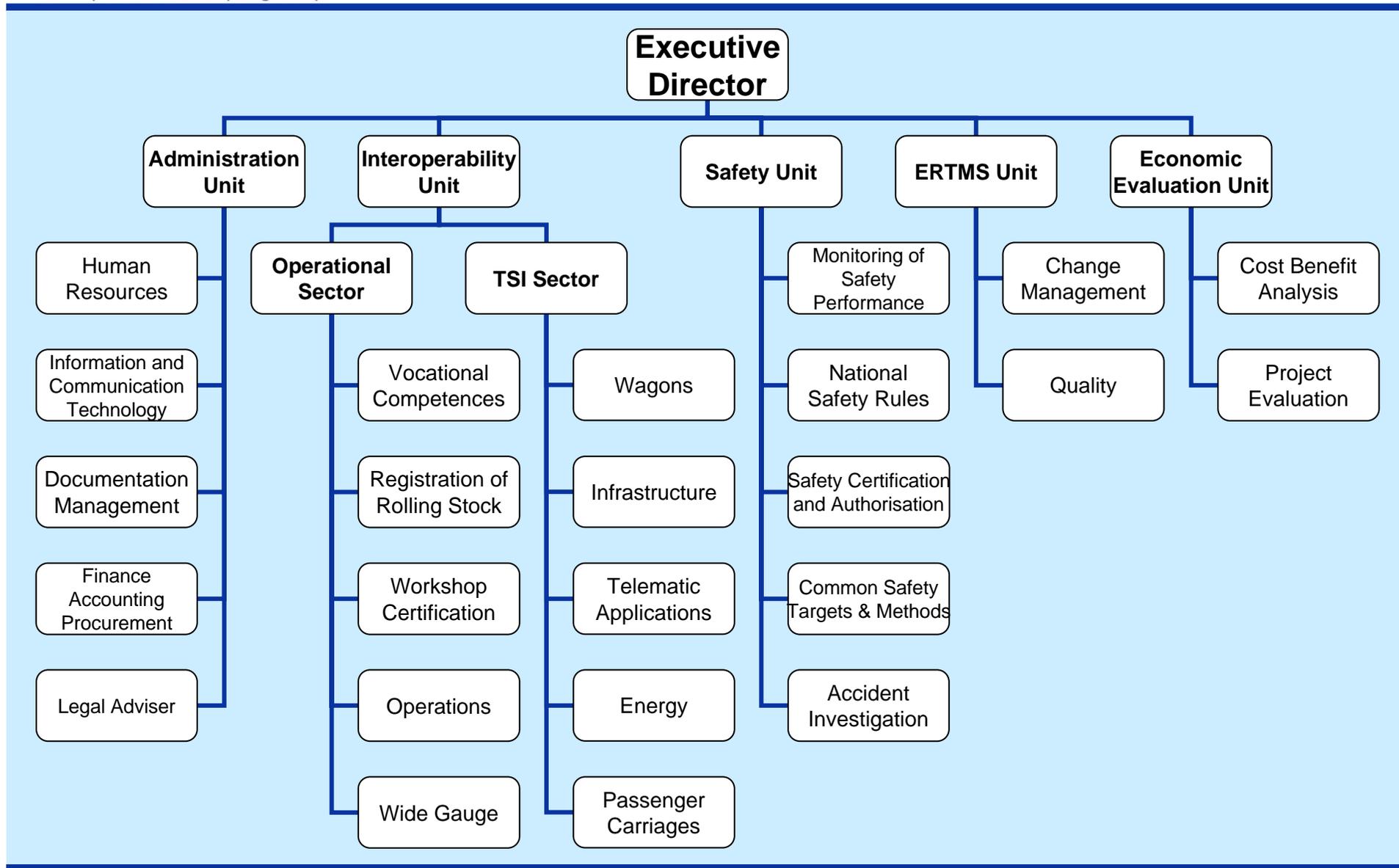
## Agency Staff : buildup

- ◆ Staff coming mainly from railway sector (temporary agents, max. 5 years)
- ◆ Vacancy notices published since 18 November 2004
- ◆ Current vacancy notices on [www.era.eu.int](http://www.era.eu.int)





# Organisation chart of the Agency



### Premises:

- ◆ Offices in **Valenciennes**

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160, Boulevard Harpignies

BP 20932

F – 59307 Valenciennes CEDEX



- ◆ International meeting facilities in **Lille**

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Espace International Lille

299, Boulevard de Leeds

F – 59777 EURALILLE

(just opposite of the station Lille Europe)

- **Mandate :**
  - **Adopted November 05, notified February 06**
  - **Concern : Infrastructure, Energy, Locomotives and Traction units, Passenger Carriages (all for conventional rail),  
Telematics Applications for Passengers**
  - **Relationship between 1435 and 1520/1524mm system**
- **Objectives :**
  - **Draft TSIs within 30 to 36 months**

- **Legal Basis :**
  - Article 16 of Regulation 881/2004
- **Task :**
  - Develop a European system for certification of maintenance workshops for rolling stock
  - Propose a recommendations with a view to the implementation of the system
  - Precise items : structured management system, staff with necessary competences, facilities and tools, technical documentation and maintenance prescription
- **Achieved :**
  - June 2006 : first intermediate report
- **Objective :**
  - End 2007 : issue recommendation

- **Legal Basis :**
  - **Article 14-4 & 14-5 of Directive 2004/50**
- **Tasks :**
  - **Define content, data format, functional and technical architecture.**
- **Objectives :**
  - **Draft recommendation end of June 2006**
  - **IT pilot end 2006 / beginning 2007**

- ◆ Safety certificates
  - Achieved : Harmonized format (delivered 1 / 2006)
  - Commission regulation currently in the works
- ◆ Common Safety Methods for assessment of safety management systems (ongoing)
- ◆ Common Safety Methods for risk assessment & safety approvals
  - Objective : 1st set of CSMs by end of 2007
- ◆ Common Safety Targets
  - Objective : 1st set of CSTs by end of 2008
- ◆ Networks of **National Safety Authorities** and **National Investigation Bodies** have been set up
- ◆ Public database of safety documents
  - Objective : in service by 3rd quarter 2006, with progressive data buildup

The Agency deals **only with technical and operational safety!**

**Technical and operational Safety:**

Safety of passengers and third parties  
during normal operation and degraded situations

**Security:**

Personal security (Personenschutz)  
Security services (Objektschutz)

**Safety at work (occupational health and safety):**

Safety of employees and contractors during operation  
and on work sites to avoid accidents and health disease

ERTMS = European Railway Traffic Management System

- ◆ Change Control Management
  - ◆ Achieved : procedure referred to by CCS TSIs, chapter 7
  - ◆ Achieved : 3 Working Parties are active
- ◆ Proactive release planning
  - ◆ Achieved : draft planning
  - ◆ Objective : consolidated planning, after checking feasibility and resources
- ◆ Cooperation with National Safety Authorities
  - ◆ Installed : Focus Group on ERTMS
  - ◆ Objective : Obtain NSA endorsement to Agency recommendations, especially : **improved cross-acceptance**
- ◆ Cooperation with NB-Rail
  - ◆ Cross-attendance in meetings, document exchange

## Tasks related to Economic Evaluation

- ◆ General : transition from AEIF ; coordination with other bodies (EIB, ...)
- ◆ Methodology
  - ◆ Achieved : draft economic evaluation guidelines
  - ◆ Objective : approval of guidelines by Art. 21 Committee, end of 2006
- ◆ Safety
  - ◆ Achieved : applied guidelines for assessment of CSTs
- ◆ Interoperability
  - ◆ Ongoing : selection of basic parameters, selection of interoperability constituents, contributions to intermediate reports
  - ◆ Objective : applied guidelines for evaluation by 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2006
- ◆ ERTMS
  - ◆ Achieved :
    - ◆ Applied guidelines for Change Request management
    - ◆ Applied guidelines for System Version management
    - ◆ Several Change Request evaluations
  - ◆ Objective :
    - ◆ Evaluation of next ERTMS “baseline”, 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2006

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- ◆ <http://www.era.eu.int>  
(job offers are accessible here)

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