

The Safety Unit

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EU transport policy and the railways

Opening of market for rail transport and supply

- Separation of essential functions
- Access for railway undertakings to infrastructure
- Creation of regulatory bodies in Member States
- Promotion of rail transport through EU funding

Towards a single European railway area

- Technical harmonisation, mutual acceptance
- From self-regulation to public regulation
- A common approach to safety
- Transparency publication of rules and by public bodies



The Architecture of Directive 2004/49

Ensure that safety is at the very least maintained Harmonising the regulatory structure in Member States

- Requiring the establishment of a safety authority and an independent investigation body in each Member State
- Obligations of railway undertakings and infrastructure managers to establish safety management systems (SMS)
- Providing for transparency and monitoring of safety

Defining responsibilities among the actors

- The main actors are railway undertakings and infrastructure managers, responsible for the safe operation of the railways
- Complementary actor: entity in charge of maintenance (ECM)



Core objectives and role of the Agency

Established by Regulation 881/2004 – in place since 2005 Its main objectives:

- To contribute, on technical matters, to the implementation of EU legislation (Article 1 of the Regulation)
- To oversee the processes related to safety and interoperability and to provide greater impetus to these processes

More precisely in the safety field:

- Elaborate further the secondary legislation (CST, CSM, CSI, etc.)
- Advise and support the Commission in legislative fields
- Monitor the development of safety performance



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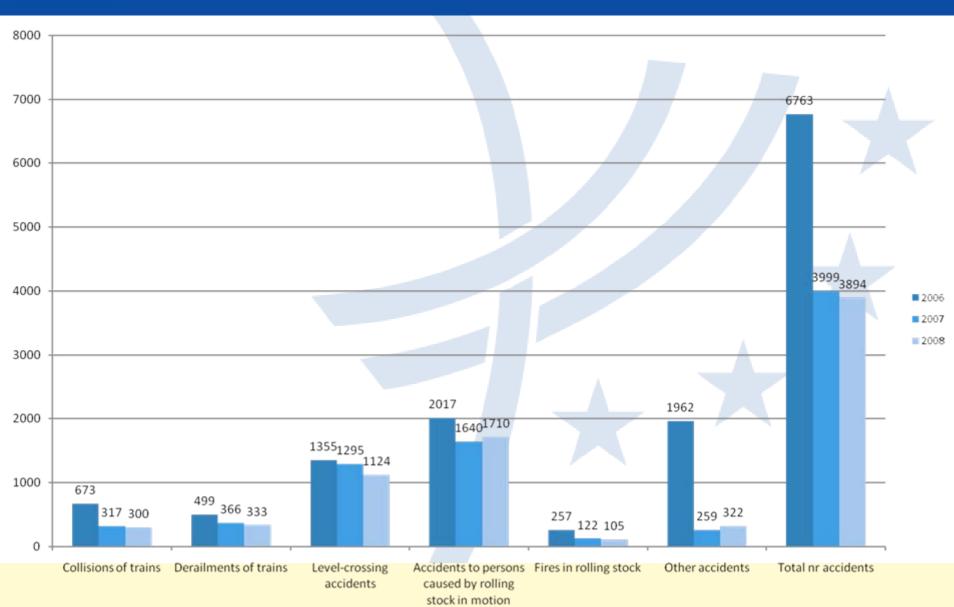
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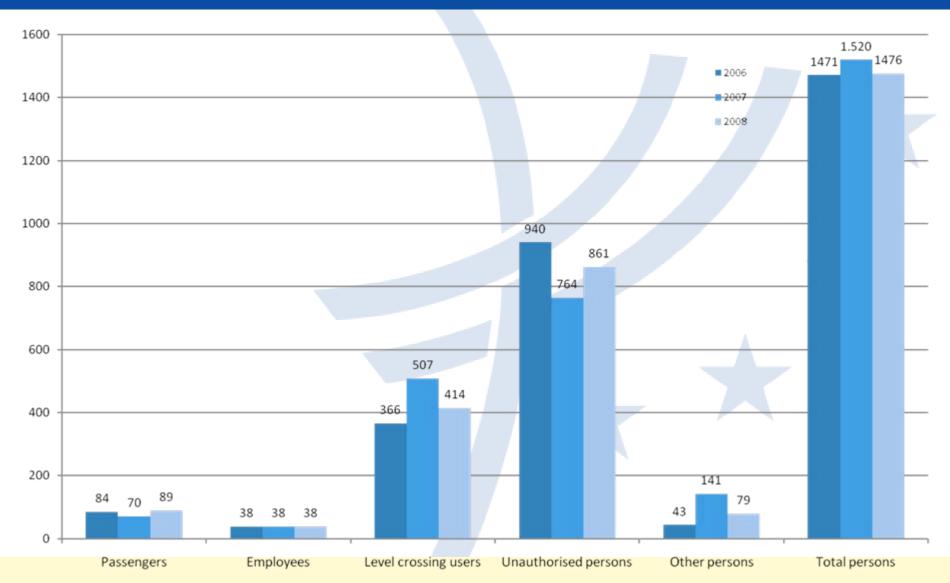


Number of accidents per type of accident



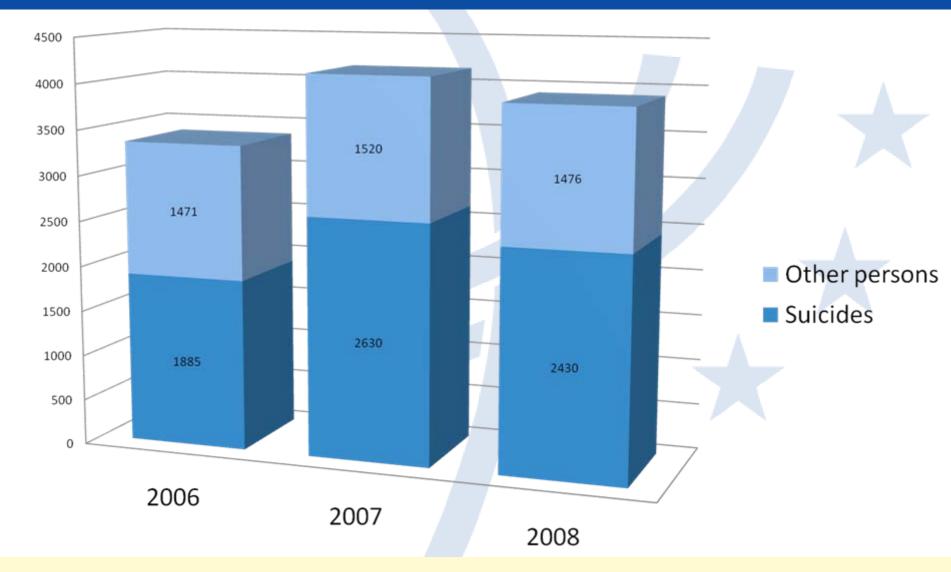


Number of fatalities



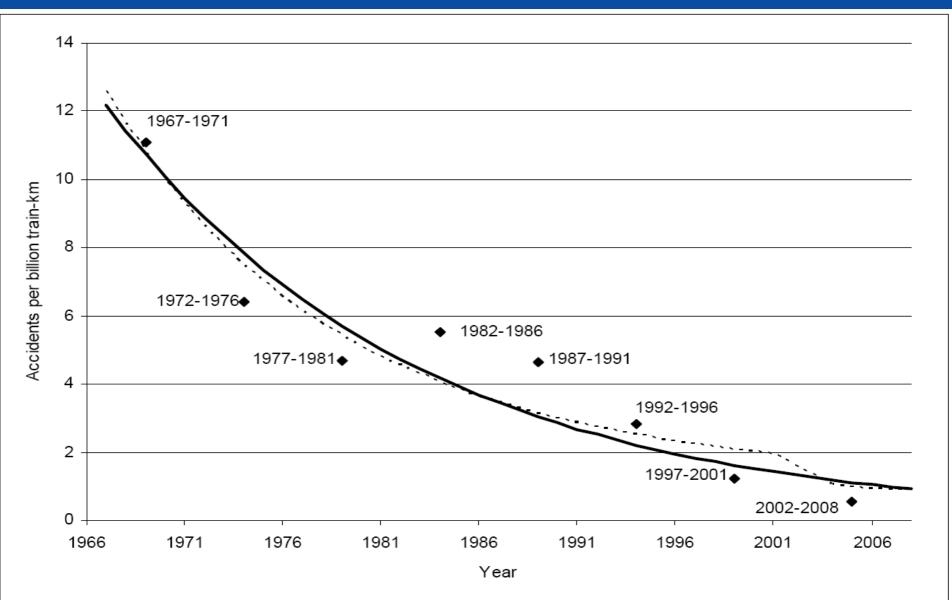


Suicides



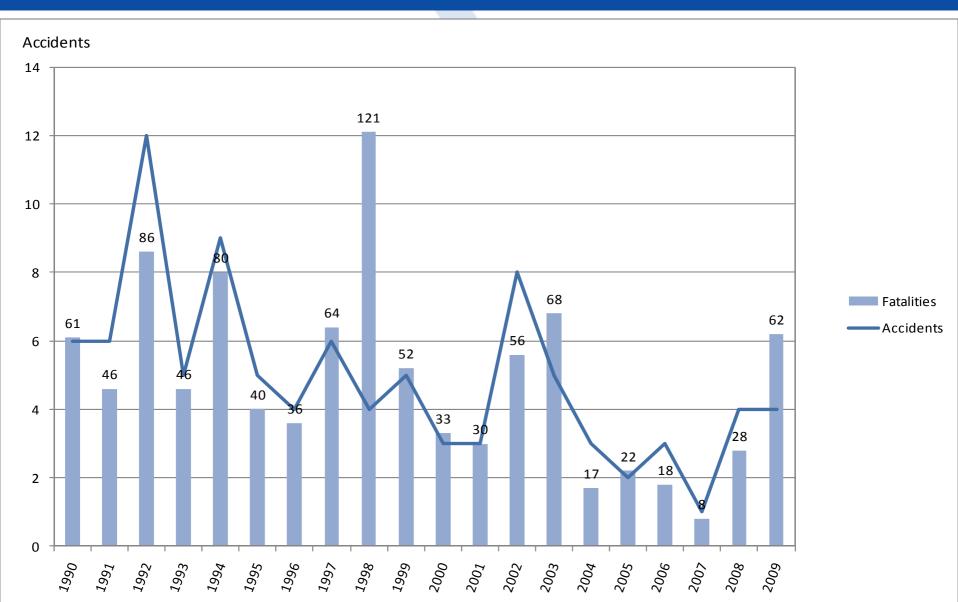


Long term trends (UK figures; source: Prof. A. Evans) Fatal train accidents 1967-2008





Long term trends Accidents with 5 or more fatalities 1990-2009





Punctured tank



In short



The safety directive makes a difference at European level

- The Agency has developed a number of measures that are under implementation (CSI, CSM, CST, certification schemes, etc.)
- BUT: the regulatory framework must be put in place in Member States and applied consistently

The Agency represents a centre of competence for

- Exchange of experience and demonstration of good examples
- Conducting discussions based on facts
- Understanding of differences in safety culture
- Collecting and publishing information





Thank you for your attention Questions?