



Frequently Asked Questions

4. Aims of the Interoperability Directives?

Interoperability is one of a number of European initiatives designed to promote the single market in the rail sector.

The INTEROPERABILITY DIRECTIVES are aimed at removing (mainly technical) barriers to the supply of equipment and the through-running of trains across Europe.

They provide for common technical standards (TSI's) to be applied across Europe's railways and establish a common European verification and authorisation process for placing new, upgraded and renewed infrastructure or rolling stock into service.

They also provide a process for placing certain rail components (known as interoperability constituents) onto the rail market.