



Next stops for European Rail

Rail Research and Innovation to Make Rail the Everyday Mobility

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EU-Rail, a R&I integrated Programme and a cooperation to deliver

- ❖ Adapt to changing customer requirements
- ❖ More cost-efficient solutions and services compared to today
- ❖ Need for improved performance and capacity
- ❖ Addressing workforce shortage
- ❖ Climate change adaptation and environmental sustainability
- ❖ Increased competitiveness
- ❖ Interaction with other modes, make rail central to future mobility
- ❖ Addressing legacy systems and obsolescence





DELIVER AN **INTEGRATED EUROPEAN RAILWAY NETWORK BY DESIGN**



DEVELOP A **UNIFIED OPERATIONAL CONCEPT AND A FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE** FOR INTEGRATED EUROPEAN RAIL TRAFFIC AND CCS/AUTOMATION



DELIVER A **SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT RAIL SYSTEM**



DELIVER A **COMPETITIVE, GREEN RAIL FREIGHT FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE LOGISTICS VALUE CHAIN**



DEVELOP A **STRONG AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE EUROPEAN RAIL INDUSTRY**

EUROPE'S RAIL: ONE INTEGRATED R&I PROGRAMME

SYSTEM PILLAR

OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS

FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

A SINGLE COORDINATING BODY FOR THE WHOLE SECTOR EVOLUTION

OPEN INTERFACES TO OTHER TRANSPORT MODES AND BUSINESSES

SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

INNOVATION PILLAR

TECHNOLOGICAL AND OPERATIONAL SOLUTIONS FOR SERVICES OF FUTURE

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

LARGE-SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS

EXPLORATORY AND FUNDAMENTAL R&I

1

EUROPEAN RAIL TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

Manage and improve rail traffic at EU level

Adjust rail traffic management in function of the mobility demand

2

DIGITALISATION & AUTOMATION IN TRAIN OPERATIONS

ATO implementation

Digital train operations

3

SUSTAINABLE AND DIGITAL ASSETS

Integrated assets testing & life-cycle framework

Zero-emission, silent rail system

4

COMPETITIVE, DIGITAL, GREEN RAIL FREIGHT

New digital customer interaction & innovative rail freight services

Multimodal and rail freight innovation integration

5

REGIONAL RAIL SERVICES IN LOW DENSITY AREAS

New system approach to regional rail services in low density areas

DEPLOYMENT GROUP

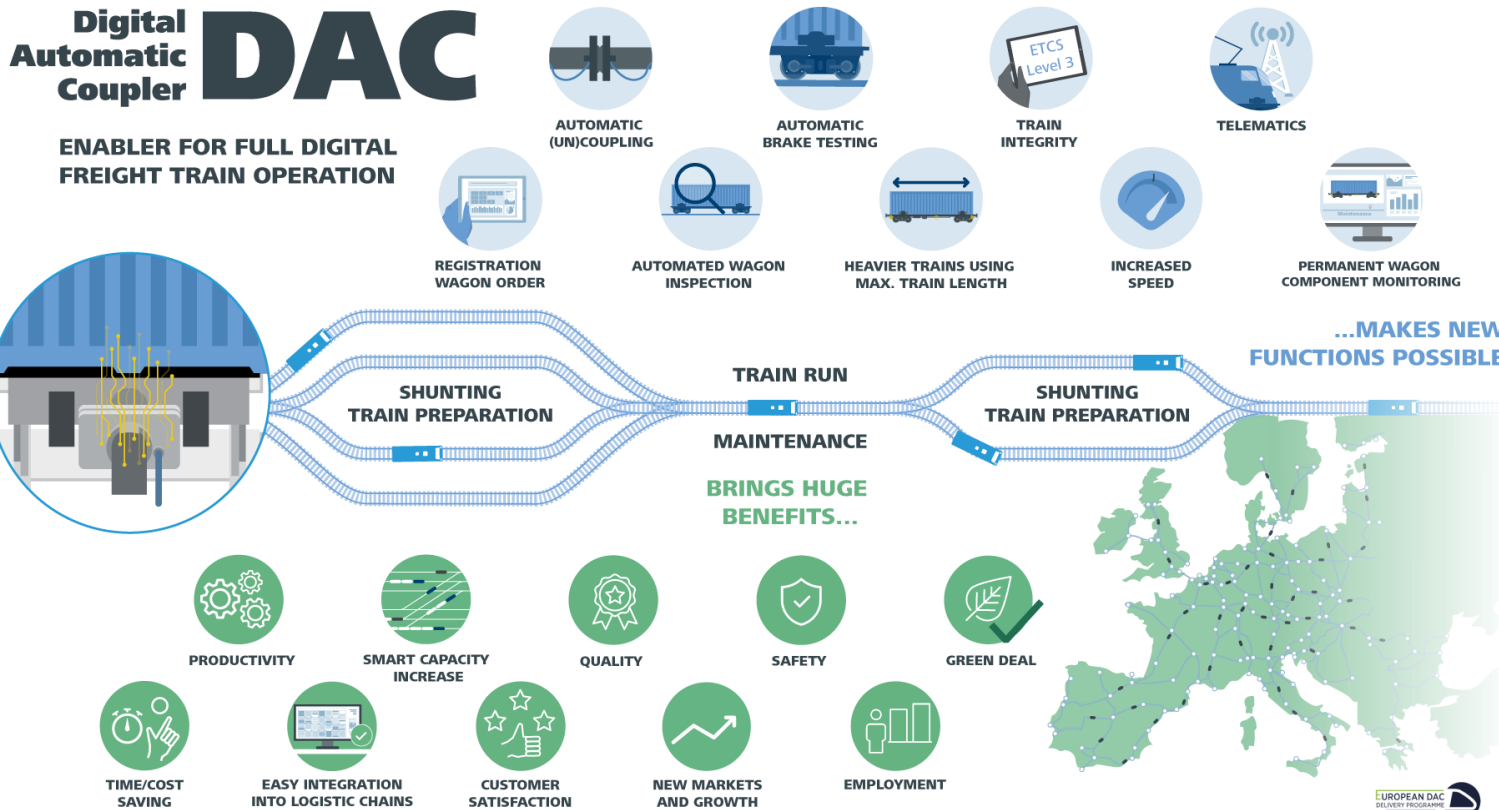
FUTURE SOLUTIONS DEPLOYED IN A COORDINATED AND CONSISTENT WAY AT EUROPEAN LEVEL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALTERNATIVE ROLLOUT SCENARIOS, BEHAVIOURAL AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES, SYNERGIES WITH OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORT

Founding Members



European DAC delivery programme:

An open platform for Full Digital Freight Train Operations



- › DAC is **more than just a coupler**
- › DAC is a key and unique **enabler for numerous applications**
- › DAC is not a stand-alone technology but the backbone for “**full digital freight train operations**” to achieve the ambitious transformation in European rail freight
- › This will allow the DAC to enable even more **use cases** and to **generate** a max. possible benefit

EUROPEAN DAC DELIVERY PROGRAMME
Enabled by Shift2Rail

"Scharfenberg" latch-type design selected for future Europe-wide Digital Automatic Coupling (DAC) standard coupler head



Europe's Rail Flagship Projects - Phase 1

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Why the System Pillar is important for the European Railways

European railways have **differences in operations and most technical systems**, leading to:

- Expensive and slow deployment of innovations
- Limited market potential and return on investment
- An undermined performance and competitiveness of the European rail system and the European railway supply industry in global markets

To overcome these shortcomings, the System Pillar provides **governance, resources, and outputs** to allow the sector to converge on the evolution of the future railway system through:

- Defining the fundamental design principles and architecture for future changes – drawing on best practice from other industries
- Harmonising the architecture at European level, including (where necessary) standardization of interfaces, communications and data exchange – supporting the strategic vision of the Single European Rail Area
- Defining any necessary technical specifications to feed into standards or TSI

System Pillar - Expected Outcomes

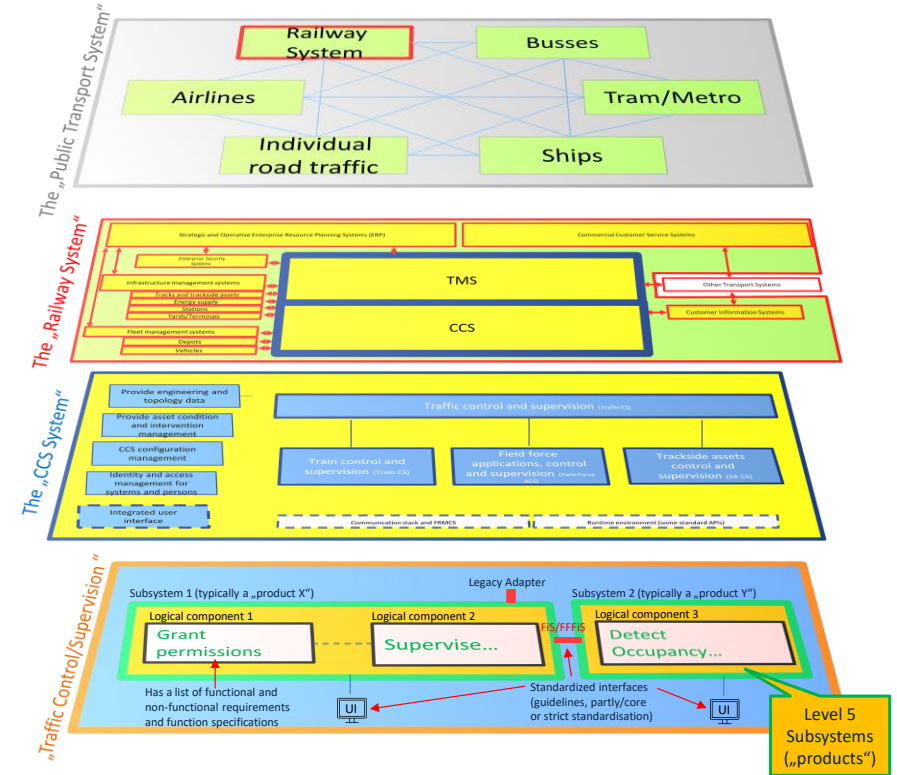
Technical Specifications for Interoperability and Standards

The central tasks of the System Pillar are:

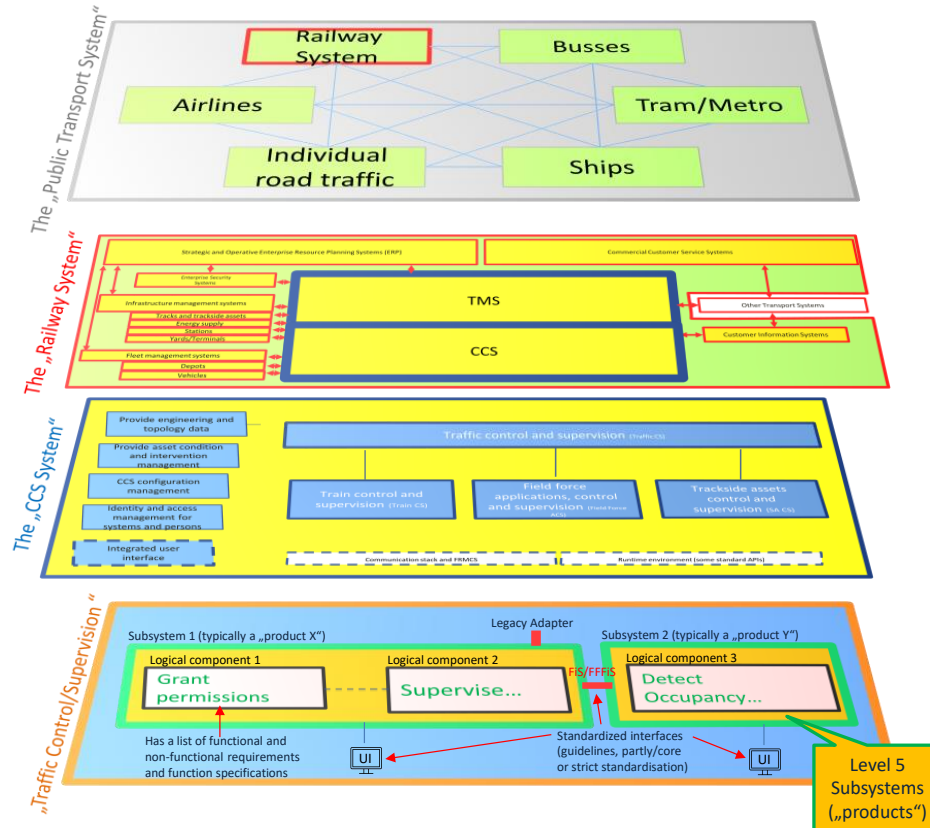
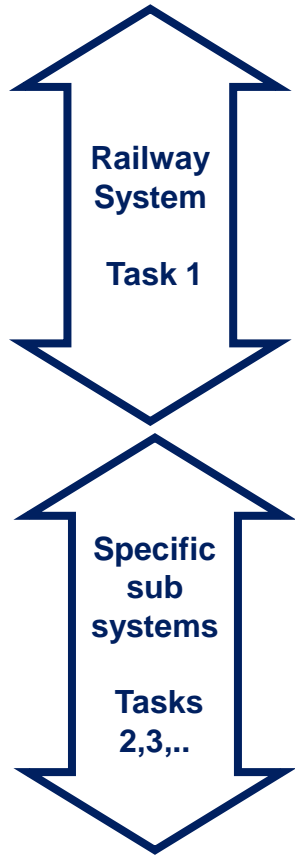
1. Define target system architectures and operational concepts.
2. Coordinate and deliver the means for implementation through inputs to Technical Specifications for Interoperability and harmonized standards.

⇒ The aim is:

- Faster processes
- Better design
- Deeper harmonisation



System Pillar: design levels



Operational concept and Basic requirements

Basic operational processes and requirements

Operational processes and specifications

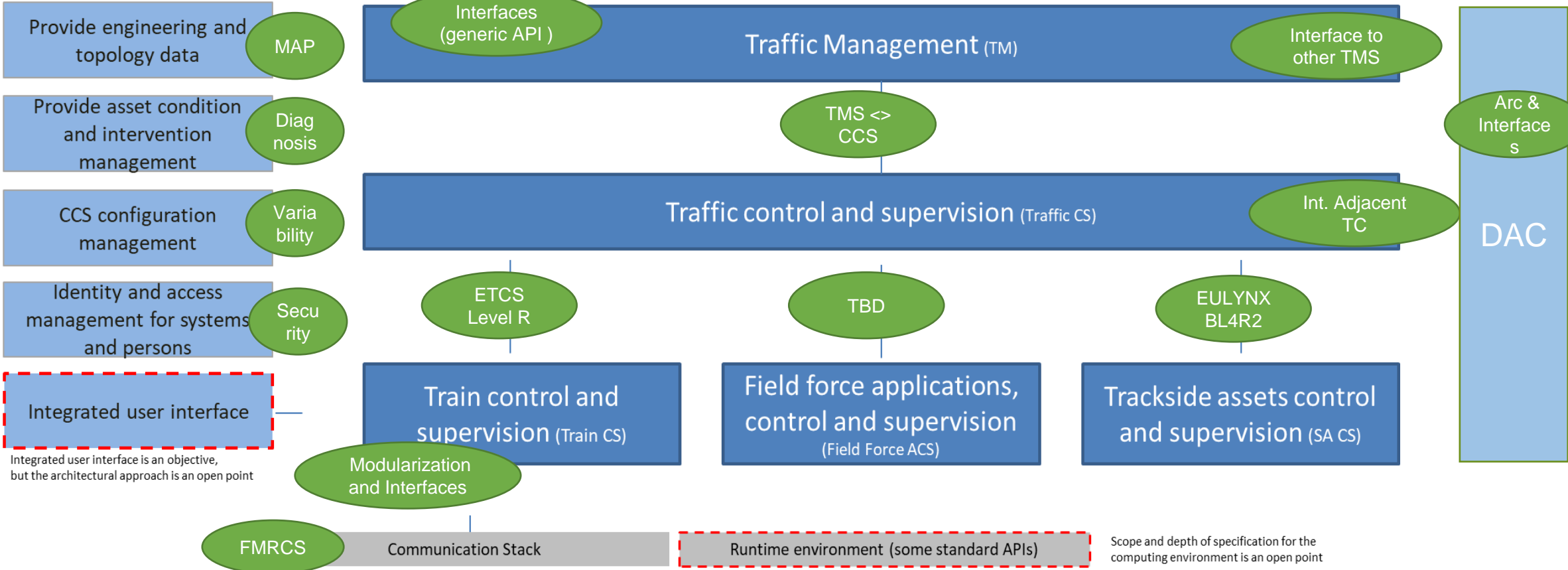
Examples

- ✓ System layer 1: For public transport, how railways and other transport systems shall interact concerning management connections in a station
- ✓ System layer 2: For Railway system, how shall customer information, TMS and CCS interact in general to manage connections for passengers in case of a deviation
- ✓ System layer 3: For CCS, how shall different actors in the production (trains, field forces, ..) be coordinated to execute a changed plan
- ✓ System layer 4: For vehicle control and supervision, what processes shall happen onboard in general when the movement authorisation changes
- ✓ System layer 5: TSI Specification for interface between ETCS onboard and FRMCS gateway

CCS/TMS/DAC: 'High Priority' areas 2023 – 2026

Harmonized operational Concept, Process, Rulebook

Transversal systems



Regulation by TSI

- Significant outputs into the TSIs are expected from EU-RAIL activities, for example linked to DAC, ATO, and advanced train positioning.
- The System Pillar will **coordinate**:

EU-RAIL proposals for TSI enhancement

- Collection of all EU-RAIL topics linked to potential change.
- Proposals for TSI input assessed in collaboration with ERA to ensure strategic alignment and common criteria for maturity for development (case-by-case)
- The Standardisation and TSI input plan is approved by the System Pillar Steering Group
- Mature Change Requests developed with ERA as input to the CCM process.

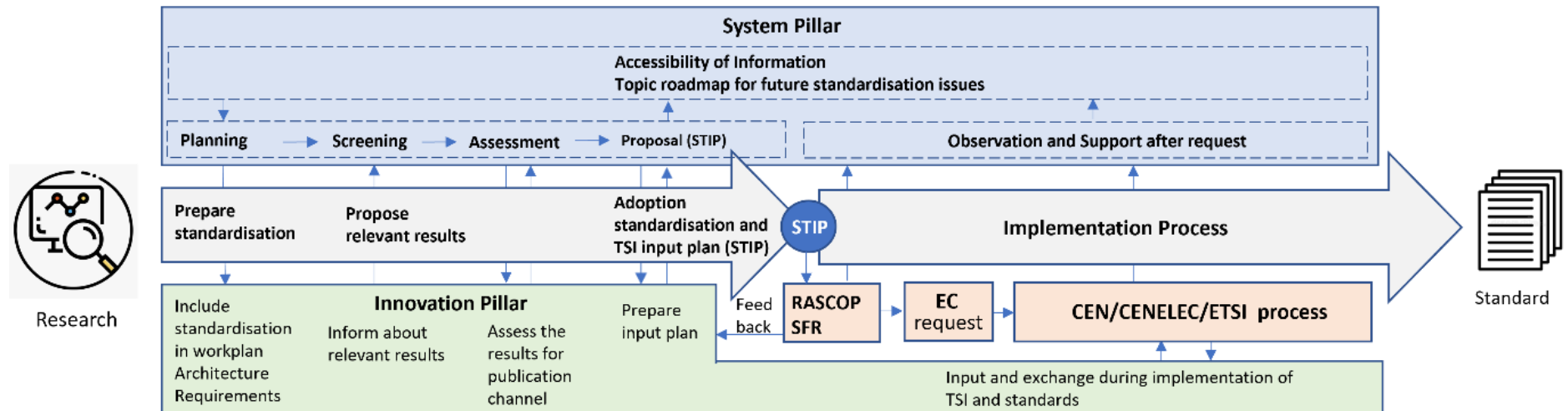
External Change Requests linked to the CCS TSI

- External Change Requests (not coming from EU-RAIL)
- Sent by ERA to the SP for assessment

European Standardisation

EU-RAIL proposals to the European standardisation process

- All EU-RAIL inputs are collected by the System Pillar in the standardisation and TSI Input plan template
- Topics are assessed for identifying the adequate harmonisation channel
- Assessment and approval of the Standardisation and TSI input plan by the System Pillar Steering Group in collaboration with SFR and RASCOP
- Standardisation work items are created in CEN, CENELEC and ETSI.



Synergies

- **Examples:**
 - Space and aviation sector (EUSPA, ESA, SESAR JU)
 - Batt4EU
 - Clean Hydrogen JU
 - Cyber Security for Railways (ER-ISAC)
 - Other as Digital PRIME, etc.

You can apply to the EU-Rail call 2023-01

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search?tenders=false&callIdentifier=HORIZON-JU-ER-2023-01>



<https://rail-research.europa.eu/calendar/europes-rail-info-day-2023/>

Call opening: 4/10/23

Call closure: 7/02/24

Overall indicative budget: 21,2M€

Call topic text already in Annex VII of the EU-Rail Work Programme 23-24: https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/GB-Decision_08_2023_Annex_WP_23-24.pdf

You Topics ranging from integration of air and rail networks planning to exploratory research activities, essential pathfinders for future R&I, covering topics such as noise and vibration, future metro systems, biodiversity, disruptive assets management solutions, extending the network of PhDs, and DAC fleet retrofitting and capacity plan



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