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- Law No 90/2021 “On the separation of the Albanian Railways company”
- The law partially approximates the Directive 2012/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 establishing the SERA
- A single European railway area was adopted by the Albanian Parliament
- Legal package has entered into force on 20.08.2021, 15 days by publication
- Separation of train operations from infrastructure management in process
- This process carried out by the group of state auditors, a report is prepared
- Upon its completion, the auditors’ report will be approved by the Minister
- Ministry of Finance and Economy, is the single shareholder, by legislation

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- The setup of independent railway authorities will be carried out in accordance with the
- Law No 88/2021 “On the establishment of the Railway Safety Authority” ongoing process
- Law No 89/2021 “On the establishment of the Railway Regulatory Authority” - ongoing
- Law No 91/2021 “On the establishment, organisation and functioning of the National Investigation Authority for Rail and Maritime Accidents and Incidents” is established
- Establishment of these authorities in process under the MTBP 2022/2023-2024/2025
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy with official letter addressed to the Ministry MFE
- Department of Public Administration has requested the inclusion of the three new authorities in the Decision of the Council of Ministers No 187 of 8.03.2017
- “On the approval of the structure and level of salaries of civil servants / employees, deputy ministers and cabinet officials, in the Office of PM and in the line ministries (MIE)
- The Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy will proceed further after the amendment of the abovementioned Decision of Council of Ministers

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- Concerning the safety management systems (SMS) and the Rail CODE
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy will apply for a TAIEX activity in cooperation with the Transport Community Treaty (TCT)
- Aiming to get acquainted with the best experiences from the EU Member States and recommendations of the European Commission
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy is cooperating with the HSH Railways S.A., the Ministry of Interior as responsible for the training and prevention of chemical, biological and radiological and nuclear (CBRN) incidents and firefighting and the local services for the protection from fires and rescue
- Aim is to enhance safety, protect people’s lives, environment and property
- The application will be discussed and prepared jointly with the experts of the TCT responsible for the transport of dangerous goods by rail

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- As adopted in the NPIE 2022-2024, secondary legislation transposing
- The EU acquis on the Safety certificates /authorisations, are drafting
- Albanian Ministry of infrastructure and Railway Inspection Directorate and Albanian railways to report in the 13th technical committee TCT
- National Plan for European Integration 2022 – 2024, foresees the preparation and approval within 2022 of the Guideline of the Minister of Infrastructure and Energy on the professional training, testing, certification and licensing programme for the train drivers
- The legal act is prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy in the close cooperation with the other stakeholders and together with ToCs is sent for opinion to the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
- The Ministry of Infrastructure and energy (MIE) and Ministry of Interior (Mol), the training directorate, with the Albanian stakeholders
- Railway inspection directorate and the HSH, are looking forward to the TCT excellence centre of train drivers certification and TDD testing

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- The railway interoperability concerns are taken into account during the tendering procedures and contracts for civil works in the railway infrastructure.
- The drafting of the ToR for the Vora – Hani Hotit railway segment include the TSIs and Eurocodes. The Infrastructure Manager's Network Declaration signed by the Albanian Railways and AlbRail Ltd in the Rail Summit of the Western Balkans, reaffirmed the TSI harmonisation. The Vora Hani Hotit TSIs are finalised in the tendering documents and ESAP:
- <https://hsh.com.al/index.php/vore-hani-i-hotit/> ;
<https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20210795>
- <https://www.ebrd.com/work-with-us/projects/psd/53468.html>
- The TSIs of the register of infrastructure are drafting being aligned with the EU acquis "on the approval of the common specifications for the creation, maintenance and publication of the railway infrastructure register and the railway infrastructure administration plan in Albania"

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- Albania finalised on 1 February 2021 the draft strategy for the performance of the combined transport, which is included as an integral part of the new National Transport Strategy 2021/2025
- **ADRIPASS PLUS** with the Albanian Ministry of infrastructure energy, CEMA, Durres port Authority, Albanian railways, institute of transport AIT academia, promoted the finalization of an updated **Transnational Strategy for the Improvement of Multimodal Transport in the Adriatic and Ionian (ADRION) Region, 2022** (on date 30.06.2022)
- **On 29th, June 2022, Interconnect Plus strategy** on railway renaissance inter alia integrated
- Inter-Connect Transnational cooperation network enforced on the smart specialisation
- Agreement of Cooperation on the development of common understanding of area needs
- Challenges, opportunities, treats among stakeholders towards mobility planning focus
- An Action Plan on ADRION inter-modality with real need or flows analysis – ready.
- Detailed Action Plan Inter-Connect cases examination outputs
- Formulation of a strategic framework for enhancing inter-modality and relevant authorities training to implement or finance measures able add ADRION sustainability
- Inter-Connect Strategy-Roadmap with measures in hierarchical order

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- **Electro mobility strategy** and small scale infrastructure (EnerNETMob) strategy was prepared with 16 partners from 12 Mediterranean countries
- Greece, Malta, Italy, Cyprus, Albania, Croatia, Slovenia, Portugal, Spain, Montenegro, France and Austria, promote the growth of electro mobility solutions in the Mediterranean region (ECOMM 2021), closed on 03/2022
- **INCIRCLE strategy and Local Action Plan** harmonization with the basic and scientific approach on the prior principles for ESAP and LAP, EIAs, SEA and LARP, aligning the regional and national strategy for the circular economy which aim to adopting or implementing national strategy for the circular economy taking into account local needs, and guarantees a sustainable development under Sustainable development goals economic social UNECE

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- **PoWER PLUS strategy framework**, aims to support the evolution of Durrës port and Albanian railways into Innovation Hub, able to act as new transmission belts between regions, and to exploit their untapped entrepreneurial potential
- PoWER PLUS fosters collaboration among the key-actors of the Innovation Supply Chain (ISC): cognitive institutions (schools, Universities, research bodies), enterprises and PAs, in order to turn the multi-layered challenges affecting ADRION ports into an opportunity to integrate, cross-fertilize, exploit “power” of territories
- **MULTIAPPRO PLUS: In the strategy framework** of Project “MultiAPPRO PLUS – Multidisciplinary approach and solutions to development of intermodal transport in region – PLUS”, funded by the INTERREG INTERREG V-B Adriatic-Ionian ADRION Programme 2014-2020 Programme

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- The Albanian Presidency of intermodal **EUSAIR strategy** in Tirana, in the 7th Forum of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) under EU-Youth-AIR cultural exchange
- On 16-18.05.2022 transport new methodology “European transport corridors” by the EC and IFIs
- The EU legislation on combined transport is aligned on road, rail, inter-modal transport
- The process with continue under all Technical Committees with the support of the TCT
- Training and testing institution for the transport of dangerous goods by road and by rail
- General Directorate of Road Transport Services, based on Law No 8378 of 22.07.1998 “Road Code of the Republic of Albania”, as amended, (Art. 115/1(7) and Art. 119(3)) whereas regarding transport of dangerous goods by rail, it will be the vocational training centres, based on Art. 68 of Law No 142/201 “Railway Code of the Republic of Albania”
- Inland transport committee consist of road/rail/IWW has been with State Inspectorate of technical and industry (ISHTI), which is member of the ad hoc group of experts for the TDG guidelines of the transport community treaty
- The list of authorities in charge of implementing the EU acquis in the field of the TDG, are incorporated in the Annex 1 of the Guidelines of the transport observatory treaty web portal
- The CEMA of the APD co-funded by the TCT has been promoting the possibilities to new training

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- Order of Minister of Infrastructure and Energy No 52 of 17.03.2022 “On the approval of the Regulation “On the methodology, rules, procedures, standards and practices for conducting the investigation of railway and maritime accidents and incidents” was approved. The Order was published in the Official Gazette No 62 of 21.04.2022
- The Order entered immediately into force, currently implementing
- The Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy applied for a TAIEX Multi-Country Workshop on the 4th Railway Package, which was approved by the EU services in early May 2022
- The project Albania – Durres: EBRD – Albania: Asset Management Plan and Track Access Charges organised a new workshop on 20 – 21.04.2022 on the maintenance strategy, integral part of the infrastructure development strategy, under Art. 11 of the Law No 142/201 “Railway Code of the Republic of Albania”

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- Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy participated in the following activities aiming to strengthen administrative capacities for all modes of transport
- UIC Union Committee for Railways on SNCF Harmotrack on 2 –3.12.2021
- A series of webinars organised by the IPA project run from the EU Agency for Railway on: 27 January 2022, What’s New in 2022; 23 February 2022, TSIs Revision Package 2022, the Tool for Sustainable Railways; 17 March 2022, Announcing the ERTMS 2022 Conference and 23 March 2022, Attracting Talent to the Railway Sector and conformity assessment
- The ADR/RID/AND meeting on the dangerous goods, with the OTIF /ECE in RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group on 14 – 18.03.2022
- EnerNETMob IPA INTERREG MED, webinar on developing the electro mobility in the Mediterranean on 8.04.2022 with Albanian Railways & AIT

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- INCIRCLE IPA Interreg on green economy circulation on 19.04.2022 with local authorities, rail public operators, urban transport; and academia
- The 1st and 2nd meetings of the Railway Infrastructure managers meeting with the TCT on 9.02.2022 and 9.05.2022 in Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia; TDG 19.05.2022 on transport of dangerous goods
- Group of Experts on PIRRS on permanent identification of the rolling stock on 4 – 6 May 2022
- ADRIPASS PLUS, on review of the transnational strategy in the Adriatic and Ionian regions
- TAC/AMP with the EU TA funded by the EBRD and WBIF, 28.06.22
- TDG TC in Rumania, Bucharest on enforcement with the transport of dangerous goods

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- Law No 142/2016 of 22.12.2016 “Railway Code of the Republic of Albania” is partially aligned with the Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on public passenger transport services by rail and by road and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) Nos 1191/69 and 1107/70
- In addition, the methodology for the calculation and award of PSO contracts is not fully established and the new track access charges (TAC) are being consulted between the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and Ministry of Finance and Economy and will be approved soon by a joint Guideline of both Ministers in preparation by the MIE

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- National Transport Strategy and its Action Plan 2021 – 2025 was sent to EU Delegation in Tirana in May 2022, in order to provide expertise for its final review and certification. This document is entirely in line with the priorities set up in the European and WB6 Smart and Sustainable Strategies
- Strategy consists of 7 (seven) annexes currently implementing: (i) road; (ii) road safety; (iii) rail action plan, (iv) trade / transport facilitation; (v) waterborne action plan, (vi) the SSSMS strategy; (vii) multimodal strategy, and published due to the biggest port/railways:
- <https://www.durresport.al/index.php/portfolio/plani-i-veprimit-per-transportin-ujor-dhe-multimodalitetin-03-tetor-2021/>

*QUESTIONS?
Thank You!*

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