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The Commission recognises the importance of deploying European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) to ensure safe operation and interoperability of the railway system in Greece. For this reason, ERTMS is one of the main areas covered by the dissemination and knowledge-sharing activities of the European Union Agency for Railways towards Greek railway stakeholders under the EU-funded project ‘Technical support for the implementation and application of Union legislation on railway safety and interoperability in Greece’. As part of this project, Agency’s experts support the process of deployment and bringing into operation of ERTMS on the Greek railway network.

The above-mentioned project covers also wider assistance to Greece in implementation of the EU railway technical acquis. In particular, it supports the roll-out of the Action Plan established by the Greek authorities to address findings identified by the Agency in its earlier assessment of implementation of safety and interoperability rules under Article 35 of Regulation 2016/796¹. In its role as guardian of the Treaties, the Commission continues to monitor the progress of implementation of this Action Plan and may decide to take appropriate action.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32016R0796>