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One of the Commission's priorities for the rail transport is the deployment of the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) which ensures interoperability and safety of railway operations. According to Regulation (EU) 2024/1679¹, the ERTMS must be deployed on the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) in three stages: until end of 2030 for the core network, until end of 2040 for the extended core network and until end of 2050 for the comprehensive network.

To support completion of the TEN-T network, the Connecting Europe Facility for Transport programme was established which helps build new or upgrade existing transport infrastructure across Europe, including through rolling out of the ERTMS. Greece can additionally use the Cohesion Fund for ERTMS related projects. Under the current programming period 2021-2027, a total allocation of EUR 101 million (Cohesion Fund contribution: EUR 86 million) has been earmarked to finance the installation of the ERTMS on the Greek TEN-T network.

The Commission also supports capacity building among the Greek stakeholders in relation to the deployment of the ERTMS. This is part of a project 'Technical support for the implementation and application of Union legislation on railway safety and interoperability in Greece' which is funded by the Commission. As part of this project, the European Union Agency for Railways organises workshops and trainings to discuss details of the ERTMS deployment and support Greek stakeholders in creating a comprehensive plan to implement ERTMS on their network.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1153 and (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1679/oj>.