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Standards can address many system compatibility issues. When these requirements involve complete traffic management systems (like ERTMS) the same train can be designed to travel safely across different countries in accordance with different national rules without further customisations".

"The requirements of European

Railways applications

"European Standards provide the backbone of railway design, manufacturing and maintenance and provide a systematic process and solution that enable operators and manufacturers to work together for a common economic benefit. Standards help make a better, safer railway". Cliff CORK, Chair of CEN/TC 256

"Railways are a great mean of travel for short trips as well as for long ones. The reason for that is trains are safe, comfortable, fast and environmentally friendly. All these characteristics of the railway system are

supported by European Standards developed The suppliers compete to deliver the best solutions in accordance with these standards. This does not limit innovation and allows to continuously improve the system without losing compatibility between single components (e. g. a wheel), the subsystems (e. g. a train) and the overall railway system. The operators can then choose the solution they would like to offer to the most important stakeholder - their passengers". Jan ANDERS, Chair of the Sector Forum Rail

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