**SHORT INFORMATION ABOUT RAEA**

The coordination and control in the field of railway transport are carried out by Railway Administration Executive Agency (RAEA).

Railway Administration Executive Agency is:

* National Safety Authority;
* Regulatory body in railway transport of the Republic of Bulgaria;
* Control body for the implementation of Regulation (EU) № 1371/2007 on rail passengers’ rights and obligations.

Main functions of RAEA in its capacity of Regulatory body:

* controls the access to the railway infrastructure, to the service facilities and to the services provided in them;
* verifies the fulfillment of the requirements for issuing licenses to railway undertakings;
* supervises the implementation of the requirements under which the license has been issued and review it at every five years;
* implements monitoring on the conditions for competition of railway services market, as well as the activities of the railway infrastructure managers;
* controls the infrastructure manager and the service facilities operators in determining the fees for their use and the services provided in them;
* supervises for not allowing discrimination against applicants and monitors maintaining the balance of railway transport market.

Main functions of RAEA in its capacity of National safety authority:

* issues safety certificates of railway undertakings and safety certificate of the railway infrastructure manager;
* issues certificates of entities, responsible for maintenance of vehicles and repair shops;
* acts as a Supervisor and audit the continuous implementation of safety management systems of the railway infrastructure manager and railway undertakings, as well as the technical maintenance and safety of rolling stock;
* monitors regulatory frame of safety, including the system of national rules;
* issues permits for putting into operation of railway infrastructure subsystems, including ERTMS;
* issues permits for vehicles placing on the market and permits for types of vehicles;
* supervises for compliance of the interoperability constituents with the essential requirements;
* issues certificates of competency to railway staff, including loco drivers

RAEA maintain:

* National and European register of railway vehicles;
* Register of permits for putting into operation of stationary subsystems;
* Register of permits for placing of vehicles on the market with area of use the railway infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria.

RAEA develops and updates the regulatory framework for the needs of railway transport.