



Cooperation agreements between national safety authorities in Europe

Facilitating cross-border traffic in the context of the implementation of a new European regulation



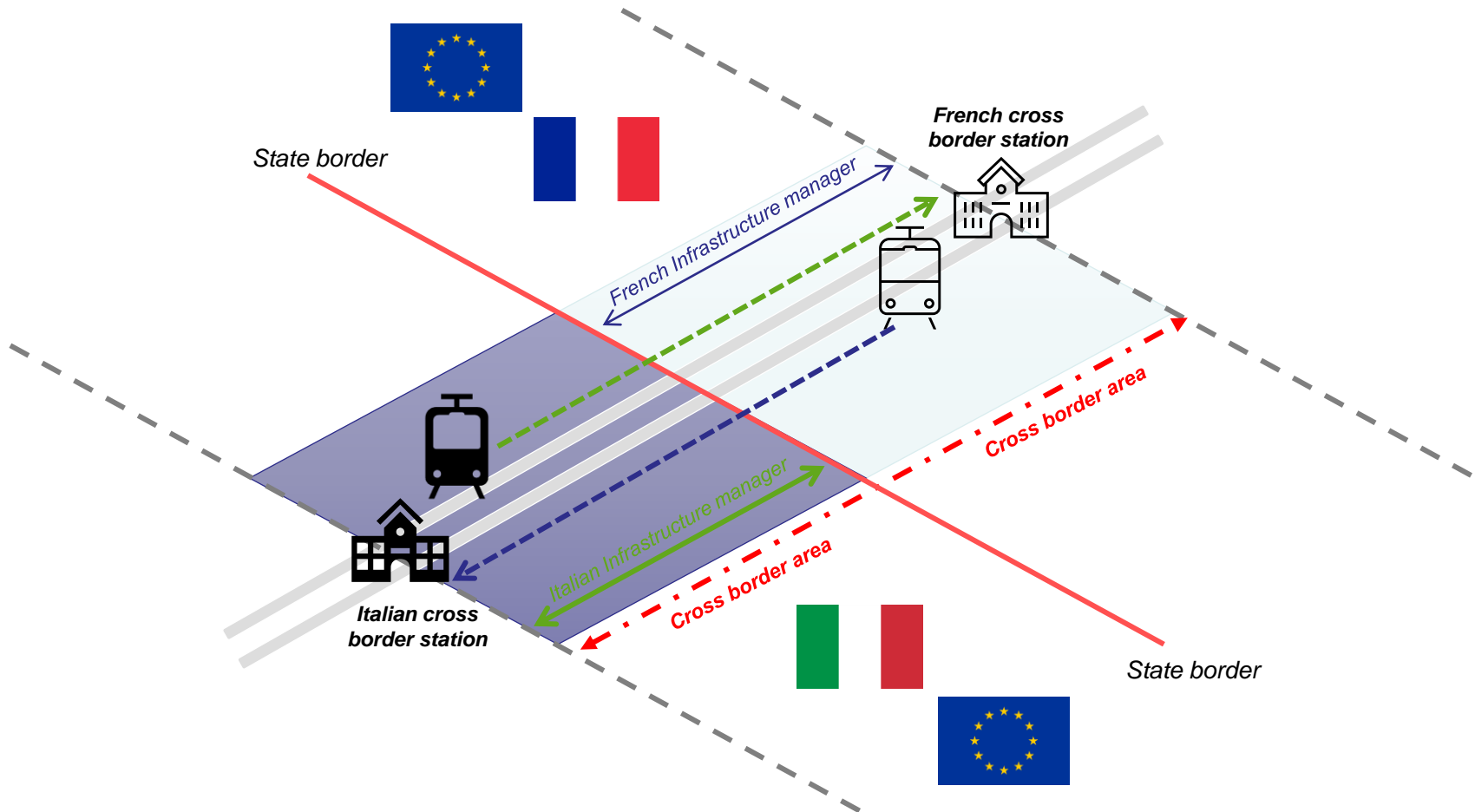
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Cross border areas

- Section of line located on the national territory and delimited by a station close to the border of a neighbouring State.
- These railway junctions, where European and national regulations, the operational specificities of each State and various actors meet.

Cross border areas



Cross border areas : an intricate area

An area with multiple regulations:

- European regulation : Safety Directive and Interoperability Directive
- National regulations : "national rules" dealing with the specificities of each State.

An area with multiple limits:

- A border station is not necessarily the first station and may not be the same depending on the freight and passenger traffic;
- Different technical limits depending on the equipment;
- Different operational limits

An area with multiple actors, needs and specificites:

- Freight RU, Passenger RU, IM, Rolling Stock, NSAs, Member States, EU...

European instruments and NSAs

Since 2016, the European regulation (named 4th Railway Package) offers modernised instruments which should guarantee Safety and Interoperability in Europe and European cross-border area :

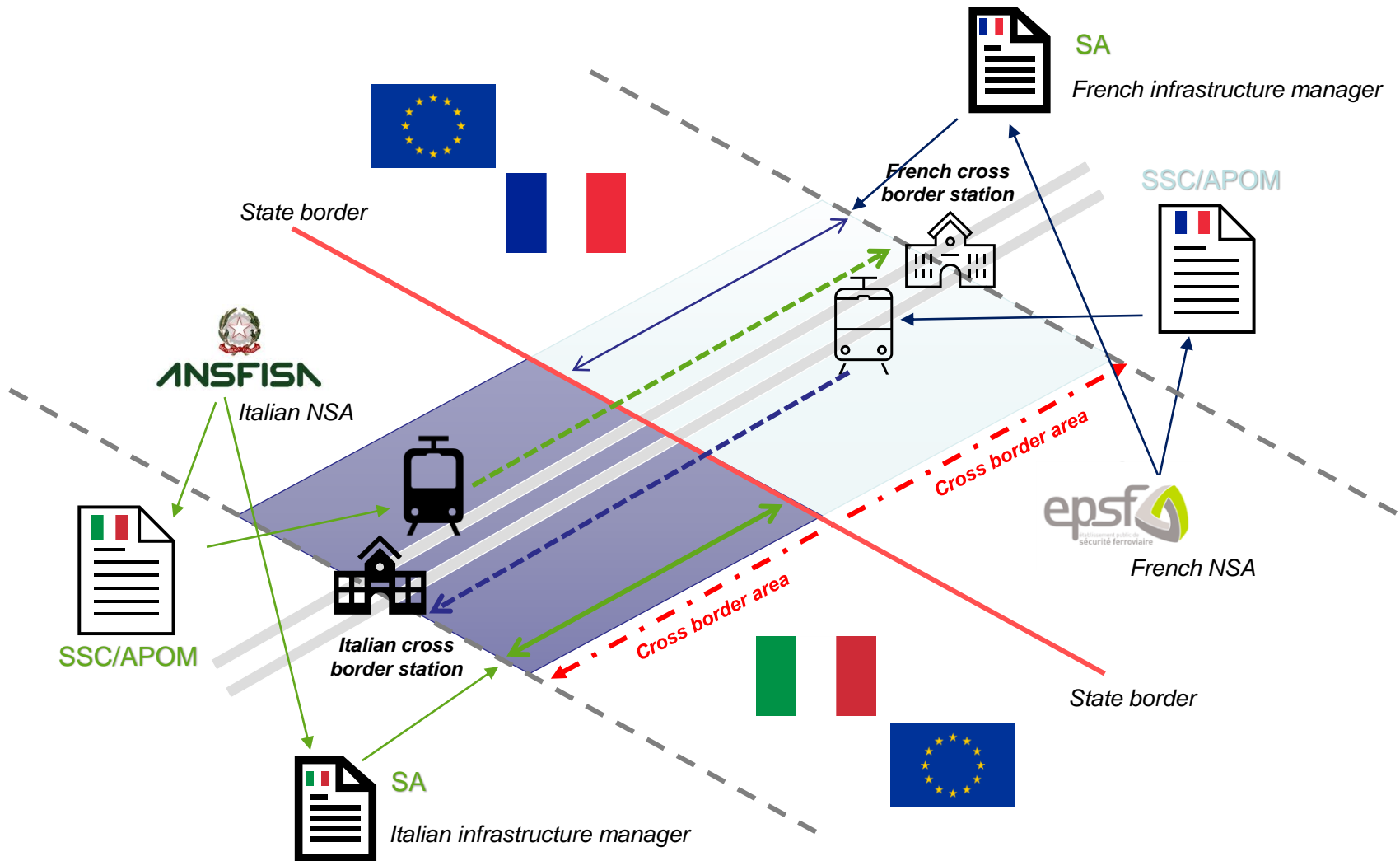
Instruments implemented by Member States through their national safety authorities (NSA) :

- The **Single Safety Certificate (SSC)** for railway undertakings authorising them to access the rail network.
- The **Safety Authorisation (SA)** for infrastructure managers authorising them to operate, maintain or renew the railway infrastructures.
- **Authorisation to Put on the Market (APOM)** for rolling stock.

NSA missions :

- Authorise and supervise actors
- Implement European and national regulations.

Cross border areas and authorisations



NSAs Goals for cross-border areas

NSAs goals for cross-border areas :

- Guarantee Safety and Interoperability
- Facilitate trade and traffic for rail operators
- Simplify administrative procedures for applicants and national authorities
- Identify and characterize “officially” cross border stations

Cooperation agreements

How to facilitate cross-border traffic between Member States in the context of the implementation of the 4th RP ?

- The EU encourages cooperation between NSAs.
- FR choose to elaborate cooperation agreements with neighbouring NSAs
- EPSF (NSA France) and our neighbouring NSAs (such as ANSFISA-Italian NSA) has been working for two years to create a frame and conclude cooperation agreements with the NSAs of the States neighboring France

Cooperation agreements

General agreement (GA)

- Background, legal basis, scope, description of topics, etc

Appendix I : Cross border definition

- Clarify the operational limits of the cross-border areas

Appendix II : APOM

- Detail the simplified authorisation process

Appendix III : SSC

- Detail the simplified authorisation process

Appendix IV : SA

- Detail the simplified authorisation process

Appendix V : Supervision

- Formalise cooperation in terms of supervision

Map avancement



United Kingdom

- Publication : GA, I, IV & V
- In progress : II, III & VI

Spain

- Finalisation

Belgium

- In progress

Germany

- Finalisation: GA, I & IV
- In progress: II & III

Luxembourg

- In progress

Switzerland

- In progress

Italy

- Publication : GA, I & V
- Finalisation : III & V
- In progress : II



Conclusion

4th Railway Package (EU regulations) on cross-border areas :

- Reinforcement of safety and interoperability
- Facilitation administrative procedures for applicants and NSAs
- Reinforcement of the cooperation between NSAs

NSAs cooperation agreements :

- Instruments that have taken time to put in place given the complexity of the cross-border areas but which, thanks to the will and excellent work of the NSAs, are now coming to fruition
- Facilitation administrative process, clarification of the limits of the cross-border areas, reinforcement of cooperation in terms of supervision