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# Common Safety Indicators : lesson learned after 20 years. How does they assess safety performance ?

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# + 25 000 safety events

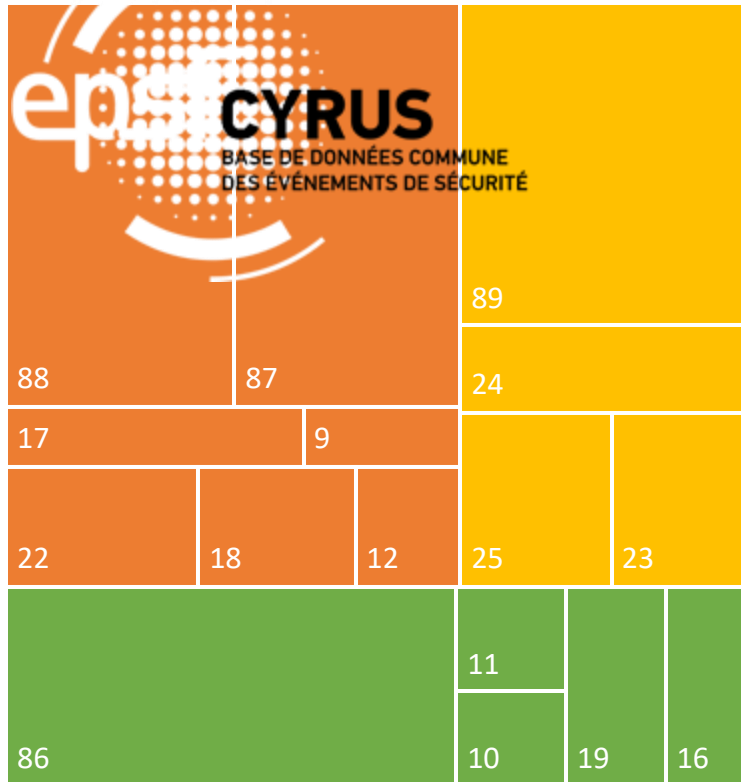
## ~140 significant acc

~40 level crossing accidents

10 collisions or derailments

1-2 fire in rolling stock ...

# In France, every year



## 2023 common study

EPSF : French rail safety authority

INERIS : National institut about risk in industrial environment



1 – Annual collect of Common Safety Indicators by EPSF

2 – Transmission to ERA and multiple uses

How CSIs assess safety performance ?

Critical analysis to qualify and enrich the representation of safety level

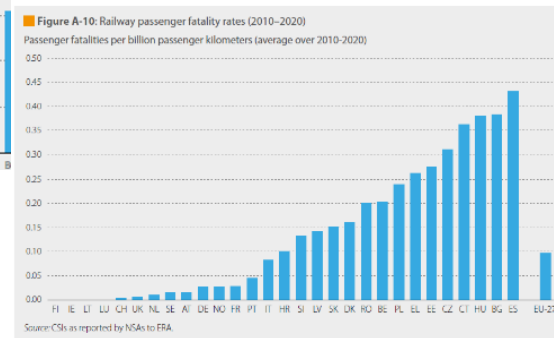
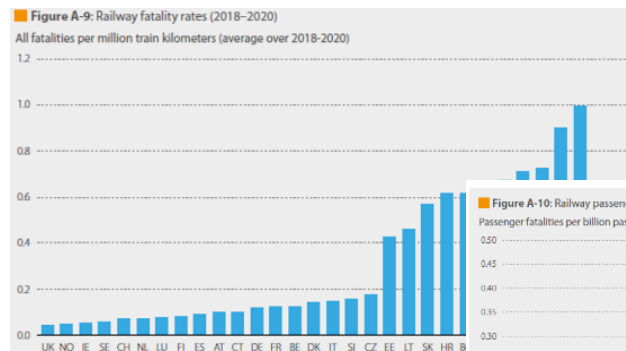
# Overview of CSIs and CSTs

Designed to provide a representative picture of **rail risks in Europe**  
**First set in 2004** (Safety directive 2004/49/CE)

One of the **key choices** made by the CSIs was to measure the risks through the occurrence of **significant accidents** and an estimate of their human and economic

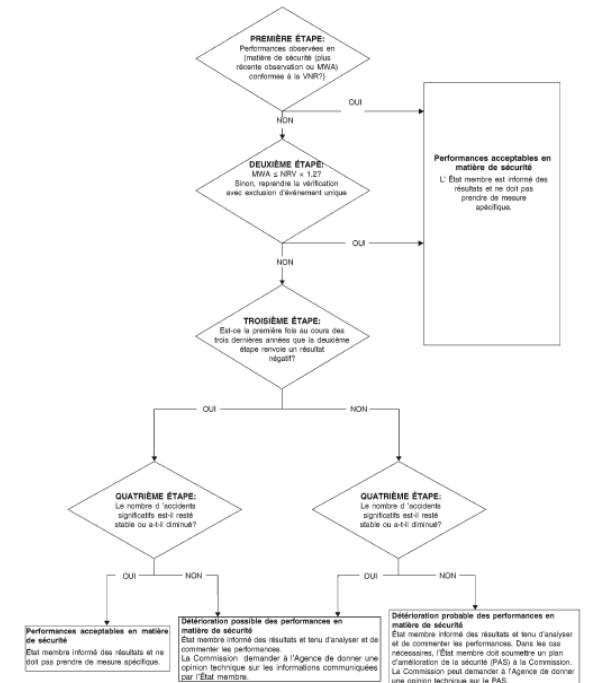
# Overview of CSIs and CSTs

2 types of assessments : Relative / Absolute



Millions of Trains.km  
to normalize

$$NRV_Y = \frac{\sum_{i=x}^N W_i \times OBS_i}{\sum_{i=x}^N W_i}$$



CSM CST 460/2009/CE

# Methodological framework for analysis

## Safety performance tryptique



### 1 - Risk model

What deserves to be measured



### 3 – Uses

A set of uses for decision  
based on metrics



### 2 – A set of metrics

What help to measure

# 1 - CSI and risk model



**Visible component** with events we can detect

**Unvisible component** with technical, organisational and human dynamique where risk arise without visibility

Risk model focused on accidents => Risk level =  $f(\text{quality of the collect system})$

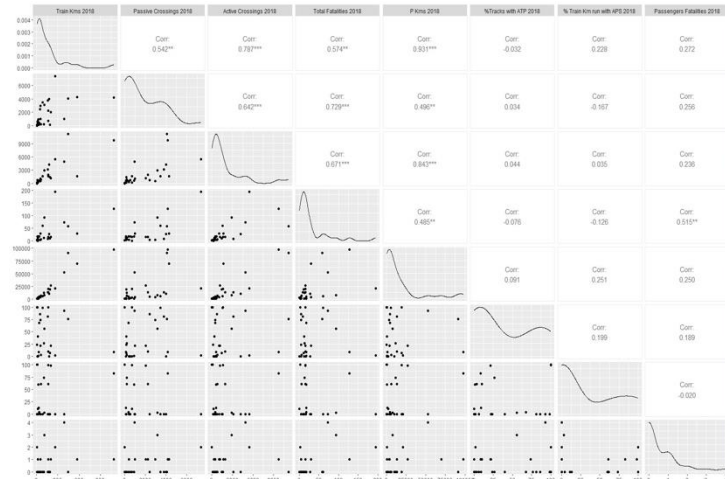
## 2 – Metrics

Relative  
assessment

Persons killed

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### Correlation analysis



- 1 – number of active LC
- 2 – number of passive LC
- 3 – network size

## 3 - Uses

### Absolute assessment

National Reference Value and single CST are fixed value = linear acceptability

Gravité \ Probabilité	Mineure	Significative	Grave	Très grave
Fréquent	Sc4	Sc6	Sc5	inacceptable Sc3
Peu fréquent		acceptable sous conditions		Sc1
Rare	Sc7	Sc7		Sc2
Très rare	acceptable	Sc6		

Acceptability matrix = convex acceptability



## 3 convictions as conclusion

- **Transparent reporting** of safety events is a key (culture sécurité)
- **Assessing** operators only on the **safety events** they report **can lead to certain deviations**
- **Safety assessment** of a rail operator = overall **performance of its safety management system**



**Thank you for  
your attention!**

