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Abstract Since 2017, the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) has been implementing an ambitious programme to promote a positive safety culture across European railways. The presentation describes the components and main deliverables of the programme, which are initiatives that aim at raising awareness of, improving, evaluating railway safety culture and enhancing just culture. In the context of the programme, a conceptual framework to evaluate the safety culture has been developed and tested: the European railway safety culture model, which is now used by several rail companies and safety authorities to better understand and improve safety culture. High quality trainings have also been designed: « Safety leadership » targeting rail managers at all levels and « Regulatory strategies to influence safety culture » targeting inspectors and staff from national safety authorities.	