

PRESS RELEASE

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Bi-annual meeting of independent administrative and public authorities: cybersecurity and long-term challenges at the heart of discussions

On Wednesday 11 June 2025, the Transport Regulatory Authority (ART) was pleased to host the meeting of the French Independent Administrative and Public Authorities (AAI/API in French)¹. This biannual event provides a valuable platform for discussion, coordination and reflection on current regulatory challenges at both national and European level.

CYBERSECURITY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE INSTITUTIONAL ROLE OF INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES AT THE HEART OF DISCUSSIONS

The meeting was divided into three sections:

Cybersecurity and data protection: Gaëtan Poncelin de Raucourt, Deputy Director of Strategy at the French National Cybersecurity Agency (ANSSI), spoke about digital security issues. This presentation provided an opportunity to discuss with ANSSI the evolution of threats and the necessary protective measures in the field of cybersecurity. The presentation was then followed by insights and discussions on personal data protection.

The institutional role of AAI and API: A discussion on the role of independent authorities gave participants the opportunity to share their views on the place and missions of these authorities in the national and European institutional environment. The authorities present reviewed their

¹ This network brings together the Competition Authority (ADLC), the Financial Markets Authority (AMF), the National Gambling Authority (ANJ), the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications, Postal Services and Press Distribution (Arcep), the Audiovisual and Digital Communication Regulatory Authority (Arcom), the Transport Regulatory Authority (ART), the National Commission for Information Technology and Civil Liberties (CNIL), the Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE), and the High Audit Authority (H2A).

contributions, in their respective roles, to the resilience of the economy, its competitiveness and the strategic autonomy of France and Europe.

Regulatory news: The meeting continued with an update on the work of the working group on the use of artificial intelligence by AAI and API, launched a year ago. This working group allows participants to share their experiences, exchange best practices and facilitate the integration of AI into their work processes. Various other news items were also discussed during the round table, in particular the latest developments and initiatives concerning the European project to implement the Digital Networks Act.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN REGULATOR'S ACTION ON INNOVATION AND RESILIENCE IN THEIR SECTORS

This meeting once again demonstrated the commitment of AAI and API working in the field of economic regulation to coordinate their actions in order to respond to the common challenges they face. It provided a valuable opportunity for forward thinking and the exchange of best practices with a view to strengthening the effectiveness of their actions.

The Prudential Control and Resolution Authority (ACPR) was invited to attend as an observer.

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The next edition of this meeting will be held in **autumn 2025**.

For more information on previous editions, see the [press release](#) (in French) for the meeting on 26 November 2024: Biannual meeting of independent administrative and public authorities working in the field of economic regulation: a 2024 autumn edition focused on strengthening public action.

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About the French Transport Regulatory Authority (ART)

Since 2010, the French railway sector has had an independent authority to accompany its gradual opening to competition: the Autorité de régulation des activités ferroviaires (Araf). Law 2015-990 of 6 August 2015 on growth, activity and equal economic opportunity extended the regulator's powers to road activities - coach transport and motorways. On 15 October 2015, Araf became the Autorité de régulation des activités ferroviaires et routières (Arafer), with the mission to contribute to the proper functioning of public service and competitive activities for the benefit of rail and road transport customers.

With competence for the regulation of airport charges since 1 October 2019, Arafer became the Transport Regulatory Authority (ART) on that date. Lastly, Law No. 2019-1428 of 24 December 2019 -mobility act- extended ART's powers and missions to the opening up of mobility and ticketing data, as well as to the regulation of infrastructure manager activities and security activities carried out by RATP in Île-de-France. Its opinions and decisions are adopted by a college of five independent members chosen for their economic, legal or technical skills in the field of digital services or transport, or for their expertise in competition matters. It is chaired since 29 December 2023 by Thierry Guimbaud.