

Railway transport: infrastructure capacity and levying for their use, safety certification.

Railway package

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The amended proposal on the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity and the levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure and safety certification, forms part of the so-called 'infrastructure package' consisting of proposals amending Council Directives 91/440/EC and Directive 95/18/EC. This proposal complements the proposals to further market opening contained in the suggested amendments of Directive 91/440/EC on the development of Community railways. Out of the 15 amendments adopted by the European Parliament, the Commission has accepted 8 amendments and rejected 9 amendments. The amendments rejected related to the following: - charging principles - derogations for the Member States - scope of undertakings that are allowed access to rail infrastructure (applications) - giving priority to public-benefit transport services in allocating rail capacity - need to increase investment in rail infrastructure capacity - up-to-date register of undertakings or public entities to whom capacity has been allocated.