

# **Inter-operability of the European high-speed train network**

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Adopted was Mr Frits CASTRICUM's (NL, PES) report on a Directive on the operability of the trans-European high-speed rail system. The aim of this proposed Directive is to promote the interlinking and interoperability of national high-speed railways and to create the conditions for the development of an open and competition-orientated market in the high-speed rail sector. Rapporteur CASTRICUM had retabled amendments on upholding some political demands at first reading in order to provide the further development of these networks. This is particularly true of the goal of progressively making trans-frontier regional transport, rapid goods transport and, at a later stage, the entire rail transport system interoperable. The public should also have easy access to the high-speed network. also have easy access to the high-speed network. also have easy access to the high-speed network.