

# Development of Community's railways (amend. Directive 91/440/EEC). Railway package

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This Commission Staff Working Paper, which accompanies a Communication on multi-annual contracts for rail infrastructure quality, offers an overview of statistics and figures. They include:

- Annex 1: Financial contributions provided by Member States for infrastructure operation, maintenance, renewals and construction (in EUR million for 2006):
- Annex 2: Investments in maintenance, renewals and new construction of rail infrastructure, including Investment in EUR per km of lines.
- Annex 3: The third Annex sets out the main elements that need to be agreed in a multi-annual contract such as its scope, targets, the designation of an independent body, the financial plan and minimum reporting requirements. By creating a stable and predictable longer-term framework for infrastructure development, multi-annual contracts have a number of advantages including: independent managers, financial stability, transparency, cost-efficiency, predictability in terms of charges, service quality, greater responsiveness to customer needs as well as social benefits.
- Annex 4: This Annex sets out in figures implementation of the multi-annual contracts for rail infrastructure quality.
- Annex 5: Annex 5 assesses firstly, links between costs and infrastructure quality and secondly, measures infrastructure quality.
- Annex 6: The paper concludes by offering two case studies on multi-annual contracts. The first concerns Poland and the second England.