

Single European railway area: opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail and governance of the railway infrastructure. 4th Railway Package

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The European Parliament adopted at second reading following the ordinary legislative procedure, a legislative resolution on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2012/34/EU as regards the opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail and the governance of the railway infrastructure.

Parliament **approved the Council position at first reading** without amendment.

The draft Directive amending Directive 2012/34/EU has in particular the following objectives:

- the opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail with the objective of intensifying competitive pressure on domestic rail markets, in order to increase the quantity and improve the quality of passenger services;
- enhancing the governance of the infrastructure manager with the objective of ensuring equal access to the infrastructure.

It should be noted that a proposal to reject the Council proposal, tabled by the EFDD, Greens/EFA, ENF and GUE/NGL groups, was rejected by plenary by 250 votes to 459 with 1 abstention.