

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

Railway package

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The Conciliation Committee reached agreement on the joint text of the directive, as part of the whole 'railway package'. Some of Parliament's amendments were accepted by the Council as they stood, for example, those concerning the charges levied and the cost of infrastructure in relation to the provision of services, assessment and proposal of international train paths and the 'Austrian clause'. Other amendments were reworked slightly, such as those concerning the insufficiency of investment in capacity and infrastructure, trading in rights of access, charging of environmental costs, priority for public transport services, the duration of framework agreements and exchange of information between national regulatory bodies. Lastly, some of Parliament's amendments were incorporated in compromise texts which were in keeping with the spirit of those amendments, for instance, those concerning the costs to be borne by infrastructure users, the level of charges, the register of undertakings and applications for infrastructure capacity.