

Inter-operability of the European high-speed train network

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The Commission's amended proposal incorporates the European Parliament's amendments on: - the gradual progression of the European rail network as a whole towards interoperability and new regulations on the interoperability of the conventional European rail network, as this will further the development of the industrial sector and railway undertakings; - new technical operational and/or administrative solutions to benefit customers by allowing rapid goods transport services to be integrated into the high-speed European train network; - interconnected ticketing, reservation and information systems giving users easy access to the entire European high-speed train network; - clarifying the distinction between the notified body as such and the personnel working on its behalf; - the independent status of notified bodies; - the regular interoperability progress report. However, the Commission rejected amendments on: - the association, within the framework of the directive, of third European countries (especially Switzerland and the Central and Eastern European Countries) in interoperability projects; - harmonized training and examination and qualification procedures for staff which have an impact on high-speed train traffic; - systems specific to high-speed trains and the networks operating this rolling stock.