

# Railway transport: certification of train crews and drivers. 3rd package

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The committee adopted the report by Gilles SAVARY (PES, FR) amending the Council's common position under the 2nd reading of the codecision procedure. It proposed a number of amendments reflecting Parliament's position at 1st reading on certain issues over which there was disagreement with the Council:

- the scope of the directive: the committee again insisted that the scope of certification be extended to all crew who help ensure safety on trains - i.e. "other crew members performing safety-related tasks on the Community's rail network" - and not just train drivers. It amended Articles 1 and 27 accordingly, and introduced a new definition clarifying the distinction between train drivers and other crew members;
- access to data: the committee reinstated Parliament's 1st reading amendment allowing train drivers to access stored data which concerns them;
- financing of training: MEPs in the committee tabled an expanded version of an amendment adopted by Parliament at 1st reading as a safeguard clause designed to protect the investments made by railway undertakings. The amendment stipulated that the voluntary departure of a driver, after less than five years' employment, from the railway undertaking which funded his training shall oblige the new employer (i.e. a railway undertaking or infrastructure manager) to refund to the original railway undertaking the cost of that training in the form of a sum inversely proportional to the duration of the driver's employment with the original undertaking;
- lastly, the committee reinstated the Commission's initial text on the mutual recognition of licences and harmonised complementary certificates.