

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

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The European Parliament voted on the "third rail package" - three separate reports on opening up rail networks to competition (**COD/2004/0047**), minimum rights for passengers (**COD/2004/0049**) and a European licence for train drivers (**COD/2004/0048.**). Wide differences remain between Parliament and the Council, and this legislation is now expected to go to conciliation.

In this report by Gilles Savary (PES, FR) on **certification of crews**, Parliament basically followed the recommendations of its competent committee. The key change from the common position is that Parliament insists that crew members (and not only train drivers) performing safety-related tasks should be in possession of a certificate attesting that they meet minimum requirements relating to medical fitness, basic education and general professional skills.

For the key amendments, please refer to the summary dated 19/12/2006.)