



Future development of railway policy in Europe

a Freight Forwarders perspective

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Agenda

- CLECAT, voice of Freight Forwarders in Brussels
- The **4th Railway Package & 'Recast'**
- **Trans-European Transport Network** through the Connecting Europe Facility with the aim of alleviating bottlenecks and increasing cross-border
- **European rail network for competitive freight**
- **Wagon load services road.**

CLECAT Our role

- Removing barriers and burdens/red tape
- Build understanding
 - Convey the **'language of business'** to politicians and European Commission and the language of politicians and the EC to industry
 - Between stakeholders (shippers, freight forwarders and carriers)



4th Railway Package

- Unfair competition in the rail market
- Weak regulators / oversight by authorities
- No interoperability due to different legal and technical standards

4th Railway Package

Proposed solutions

- ✓ Unfair competition and weak regulators
 - Mandatory legal and financial separation of Infrastructure Managers from Railway Undertakings
 - CLECAT regrets step back EC: No FULL UNBUNDLING REQUIRED
- ✓ Prohibition of financial transfers between Infrastructure Managers and Railway Undertakings in case of remaining integrated companies (chinese walls)
- ✓ Stronger supervision by national regulators, harmonisation of governance by the national regulators

4th Railway Package

Proposed solutions

- Interoperability: Introduction of common, EU-wide legal and technical standards
 - 'Standard gauge' mandatory for all new track lines
 - ERTMS as common safety system
 - Only one homologation process to be recognised in all other Member States
 - Strengthening the role of the European Railway Agency
 - Common rules for certifying railway companies

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- Goals: creation of a comprehensive EU transport network
 - The infrastructures of the various modes often lack transfer sites. The creation of reloading points will allow better multimodal transport.

Impact on rail: massive investment rail infrastructure

Horizon 2020

- Goals: Implementation of new technologies also into the rail sector
 - Rail lags behind other modes with regard to the implementation of new technologies (i.e. in first place ICTs)

What more is needed to improve Rail Freight?

- Better ITS Solutions
- Rail Freight Corridors to become operational
- Connectivity Modalities
- New Business Models for Wagon Load Transport
- Use of 45' container
- First and Last Mile (cost)