**The Single Railway network will modernise Europe’s transport, say MEPs**

Single Railway network – (B-Roll EN/DE)

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**Intro**

*Brussels, 28th of April* After years of negotiations, the European Parliament and the Council of the EU have finally agreed on reforms to Europe's railway network so that there will be no more technical differences between EU member states and passengers will be able to travel between different European cities with a single ticket.

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**The package in details:**

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* Stockshots (European railway network)

**Shotlist**

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (APRIL 27, 2016) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN BRUSSELS (EXTERIOR)

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (APRIL 28, 2016) (EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AUDIOVISUAL, EBS - ACCESS ALL)

1. VARIOUS OF THE VOTE ON THE INTEROPERABILITY OF THE RAIL SYSTEM

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (APRIL 27, 2016) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ACCESS ALL)

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“The main aim of the 4th Railway Package is to create a European Single Railway Area where less bureaucracy and more service for the clients would be the case.”

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“For the consumers, it should be better in the end, because we will try to decrease the administrative burden for the companies. With that change, we will have one single European Railway Area with the same signalling system and the same gages for example. The companies will also offer more alternatives for the clients and this will lead to more efficient and safer travels on the railway within the European Union.”

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 “if a new company wins the tender for the next ten, fifteen years they are not obliged from the European side, from the European legal framework, not obliged to take the workers to the new company. And we as Socialists we are fighting for this right because the people who are working for years they have to have the right to work for the new company as well.”

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“Für die Kunden sollte sich am Ende des Tages ändern, dass sie besser und schneller reisen können, dadurch, dass dieses 4. Eisenbahnpaket verschiedene Hürden abbaut, ob das jetzt technische Hürden sind, wie verschiedene Spurweiten, oder aber technische Signalgebungssysteme.”

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“Wenn eine neue Firma, ein neuer Anbieter die Ausschreibung gewinnt, für die nächsten 10 oder 15 Jahre ist sie den Rechtstext folgend nicht verpflichtet, den bisherigen Mitarbeiter zu übernehmen und das empfinden wir als grosses Problem und werden darauf drängen, dass das zu einer verpflichtenden Formulierung führt.”

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**Story**

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