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TRAN Committee vote on Rail Passengers' Rights and Obligations

Today, the Transport and Tourism Committee at the European Parliament has voted its amendments on the Recast Regulation 1371/2007 on Passengers' Rights and Obligations.

The proposal foresees strengthened rights for all rail passengers, including people with reduced mobility (PRMs), and provides amendments to the Regulation in terms of accessibility of information, rights in situation of delays, missed connections or train cancellations. The Regulation also enhances the complaints-handling procedure, the force-majeure scenarios and the assistance to PRMs.

The TRAN Committee adopted the EP report, coordinated under the rapporteur Bogusław Liberadzki and the shadow rapporteurs Michael Cramer, Renaud Muselier, Tania González Peñas, Tomasz Poręba and Jens Rohde, by 39 votes in favour, 2 against and 6 abstentions.

EIM – the Association representing rail infrastructure managers in Europe – welcomes the final TRAN report but would like to see further clarification on the real-time data to be made available by Infrastructure and Station Managers. EIM is further concerned by the pre- and no pre-notification mobility assistance service and calls for a two years implementation phase following the date of compliance of the regulation in order to ensure a safe, punctual and high quality service.

Monika Heiming, EIM's Executive Director, said: *"EIM and its Members are fully committed in ensuring smooth and high-quality rail services to the benefit of all passengers in Europe. Enhanced rail passengers' rights will contribute to a level-playing and competitive transport field and the railway sector is working towards full accessibility and availability of the railway infrastructure and services."*

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EIM, the association of European Rail Infrastructure Managers, was established in 2002 to promote the interests and views of the independent infrastructure managers in Europe, following the liberalisation of the EU railway market. It also provides technical expertise to the appropriate European bodies such as the European Union Agency for Railways. EIM's primary goal is promoting growth of rail traffic and the development of an open sustainable, efficient, customer orientated rail network in Europe.