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Press statement

UIP welcomes the publication of the 4th railway package and the efforts of the EU Commission towards a single European railway area.

However, in order to achieve the key objectives of the European transport policy including removing administrative and technical barriers and developing easy and harmonised procedures at European level, we expect that the strengthening of the role of ERA and the recast of the Safety and Interoperability directives will get the necessary attention during the legislative procedure.

If we want to see a competitive and transparent European railway market, the technical harmonisation on European level, the streamlining of administrative procedures and the removal of superfluous national regulations should be assured!

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