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International Railway Passenger Hubs

Proposed amendments to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines

Submitted by the Governments of Belgium and Poland

I. Introduction

This document contains the amendment proposal to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) as agreed by the Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs. It is submitted for review by Contracting Parties to the AGC by the Governments of Belgium and Poland.

II. Amendment proposal

1. In the Preamble, *replace*

Considering that, in order to strengthen relations between European countries, it is essential to lay down a co-ordinated plan for the development and construction of railway lines adjusted to the requirements of future international traffic.

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Considering that, in order to strengthen relations between European countries, it is essential to lay down a co-ordinated plan for the development and construction of railway lines and stations adjusted to the requirements of future international traffic.

2. After Article 3, *insert*

Article 3bis

1. The Contracting Parties adopt the proposed International Railway Passenger Hubs network as described in annex III to this Agreement, as a co-ordinated plan for the harmonized provision of passenger services in key stations of major international importance.

2. The International Railway Passenger Hubs network comprises railway passenger stations of international importance. An International Railway Passenger Hub is a rail station on the network identified in annex I that provides passengers with connections to



international destinations and can connect to national rail services, to other Hubs and to the services delivered by other modes.

3. International Railway Passenger Hubs are established to facilitate international rail travel through the provision of common services and facilities to passengers and similarly to operators.

Article 3ter

International Rail Passenger Hubs as referred to in Article 3bis conform to the characteristics set out in annex IV to this Agreement or will be brought into conformity with the provisions of this annex in future improvement work to be carried out in conformity with national programmes.

3. in Article 12, *replace*

1. Annex II to this agreement may be amended by the procedure specified in this article.

2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to annex II to this Agreement shall be considered by the Working Party on Rail Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe.

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1. Annexes II, III and IV to this agreement may be amended by the procedure specified in this article.

2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to annexes II, III and IV to this Agreement shall be considered by the Working Party on Rail Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe.

4. *After Annex II, insert*

Annex III

International Railway Passenger Hubs network of international importance

1. The list of stations is included in Table 1.

2. The table identifies the country, city and hub in the first three columns. The fourth column identifies the European line of international importance (E-railway), as identified in Annex I, on which the hub lies. The fifth column lists the connections available in the relevant hubs with other modes of collective transport.

Table 1

List of international railway passenger hubs

<i>Country</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Hub</i>	<i>E-railway</i>	<i>Connections available/planned</i>
Armenia	Yerevan	Central Railway Station	E693	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Austria	Wien	Hauptbahnhof	E63, E65, E50	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Azerbaijan	Baku	Central Railway Station	E595, E694, E60	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport

<i>Country</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Hub</i>	<i>E-railway</i>	<i>Connections available/planned</i>
Belarus	Minsk	Pasazyrski	E20, E20/3,	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Belgium	Bruxelles	South	E15, E25, E20, E10	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Belgium	Bruxelles	Airport	E15, E25, E20, E10	International, Regional, Long distance domestic, Urban public transport
Belgium	Antwerpen	Centraal	E15	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport, port
Belgium	Liège	Guillemins	E10, E20, E27	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Sarajevo	Central Railway Station	E771	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Bulgaria	Sofia	Central Railway Station	E855, E680	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Bulgaria	Sofia	International (airport)	E855, E680	Urban public transport
Croatia	Zagreb	Glavni Kolodvor	E751, E753, E71, E70	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Czech Republic	Praha	Hlavni Nadrazi	E55, E551, E61, E40	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Denmark	Kobenhavn	Central Railway Station	E45	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport, airport, Port
Denmark	Kobenhavn	Kastrup (airport)	E45	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Denmark	Fredericia	Fredericia	E20, E45	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Denmark	Helsingor	Central Station (also a port connection)	(E55)	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport, Port

<i>Country</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Hub</i>	<i>E-railway</i>	<i>Connections available/planned</i>
Estonia	Tallinn	Baltic Station	E751, E753	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Finland	Helsinki	Central Railway Station	E10	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport, port
Finland	Helsinki	Vantaa (airport)	E10	Other rail services, Urban public transport
France	Paris	Gare du Nord	E09, E051, E15	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
France	Paris	Gare de l'Est	E40, E42	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
France	Paris	Gare de Lyon	E50, E70	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
France	Paris	Charles de Gaulle (airport)	E09, E051, E15	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
France	Marseille	Saint-Charles	E15, E90,	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
France	Lille	Europe	E09	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport, Airport
France	Strasbourg	Strasbourg	E25, E42	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
France	Lyon	Part-Dieu	E15, E700	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
France	Nice	Ville	E90	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Georgia	Tbilisi	Central Railway Station	E60, E692	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Georgia	Tbilisi	Airport Station	E60, E692	Urban public transport,
Germany	Koln	Hauptbahnhof	E35, E43, E10, E20	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport

<i>Country</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Hub</i>	<i>E-railway</i>	<i>Connections available/planned</i>
Germany	Koln	Konrad Adenauer (airport)	E35, E43, E10, E20	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Frankfurt Main	Hauptbahnhof	E43, E32, E40, E46	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Frankfurt	Airport	E43, E32, E40, E46	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Munchen	Hauptbahnhof	E43, E45	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Munchen	International (airport)	E43, E45	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Berlin	Hauptbahnhof	E51, E451, E55, E61, E18	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Berlin	Brandenburg (airport)	E51, E451, E55, E61, E18	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Aachen	Hauptbahnhof	E10, E20	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Dresden	Hauptbahnhof	E30, E32, E55, E61	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Dresden	Airport Station	E30, E32, E55, E61	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Düsseldorf	Hauptbahnhof	E10, E20, E35	International, Regional, Long distance domestic, Urban public transport
Germany	Freiburg (Breisgau)	Hauptbahnhof	E35	International, Regional, Long distance domestic, Urban public transport
Germany	Halle	Hauptbahnhof	E32, E451	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Hamburg	Hauptbahnhof	E10, E18, E45	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport

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Germany	Hannover	Hauptbahnhof	E20, E45	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Karlsruhe	Hauptbahnhof	E30, E35, E42	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Leipzig	Hauptbahnhof	E32, E451	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Lübeck	Travemünde Skandinavienkai	E10	International, Urban public transport
Germany	Mannheim	Hauptbahnhof	E35, E40, E43	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Nürnberg	Hauptbahnhof	E45, E451	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Rostock	Warnemünde	E451	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Saarbrücken	Hauptbahnhof	E40	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Germany	Würzburg	Hauptbahnhof	E45	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Greece	Thessaloniki	New Thessaloniki railway Station	E85, E855	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport,
Greece	Athens	Larissa	E85	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Hungary	Budapest	Keleti	E69, E71, E85, E50, E52, E56	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Ireland	Dublin	Connolly	E03	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Italy	Milan	Centrale	E25, E35	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Italy	Milan	Malpensa (airport)	E25, E35	Other rail services, Urban public transport

<i>Country</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Hub</i>	<i>E-railway</i>	<i>Connections available/planned</i>
Italy	Rome	Termini	E35, E90	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Italy	Rome	Fiumicino (airport)	E35, E90	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Kazakhstan	Almaty	Almaty-1	E50	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Latvia	Riga	Central Railway Station	E14, E75	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Lithuania	Kaunas	Central Railway Station	E75, E20/3	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Lithuania	Vilnius	Central Railway Station	E20/3	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Lithuania	Vilnius	Oro Uostas (airport)	E20/3	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Luxembourg	Luxembourg	Central Railway Station	E25, E27	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Moldova	Chinisau	Central Railway Station	E95	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Netherlands	Amsterdam	Centraal	E15, E35	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Netherlands	Rotterdam	Centraal	E15, E16	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Netherlands	Schiphol	Centraal (airport)	E15, E16, E35	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Montenegro	Podgorica	Central Railway Station	E79	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
North Macedonia	Skopje	Central Railway Station	E85	International, Other rail services
Norway	Oslo	Central Station	E45	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport

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Norway	Oslo	Gardermoen (airport)	E45	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Poland	Warszawa	Central Railway Station	E65, E75, E20	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Poland	Warszawa	Frederic Chopin, Okęcie (airport)	E65, E75, E20	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Poland	Poznan	Główny Railway station	E20, E59	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport,
Poland	Gdansk	Lech Walesa (airport)	E65, E75, E20	Other rail services, Urban public transport, Airport
Portugal	Lisboa	Oriente	E05, E90	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Romania	Bucuresti	Gara de Nord	E95, E54, E56, E562	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	Moskva	Leningradsky Railway Station	E10	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	Moskva	Belorussky Railway Station	E12, E20	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	Moskva	Kazansky Railway Station	E24, E20	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	Moskva	Paveletsky Railway Station	E50	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	Moskva	Yaroslavsky Railway Station	E10	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	Moskva	Kievsky Railway Station	E95	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	Moskva	Domodedovo (airport)	E50	Regional, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	Moskva	Sheremetyevo (airport)	E12, E20	Other rail services, Urban public transport

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Russian Federation	Moskva	Vnukovo (airport)	E95	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	St. Petersburg	Vitelbsky Railway Station	E10	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	St. Petersburg	Finlyandsky Railway Station	E10	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	St. Petersburg	Ladozhsky Railway Station	E10	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	St. Petersburg	Moskovsky Railway Station	E10	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Russian Federation	Kaliningrad	South Railway Station	E20/3	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Serbia	Beograd	Central Railway Station	E79, E85, E66, E70	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Slovakia	Bratislava	Main Railway Station	E61, E63, E52	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Slovenia	Ljubljana	Central Railway Station	E65, E69, E70	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Spain	Madrid	Atocha	E07, E053, E90	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Spain	Madrid	Barajas (airport)	E07, E053, E90	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Spain	Barcelona	Sants	E90	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Spain	Barcelona	Aeroport del Prat (airport)	E90	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Sweden	Stockholm	Central Station	E55, E61	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Sweden	Stockholm	Arlanda (airport)	E55, E61	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport

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Sweden	Malmö	Central Station	E55, E61	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport, port
Sweden	Helsingborg	Central Station	E55, E61	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport, Port
Switzerland	Basel	Banhof	E25, E35	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Switzerland	Bern	Banhof	E25, E50	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Switzerland	Geneve	Cornavin	E50	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Switzerland	Geneva	Airport	E50	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Switzerland	Zurich	Hauptbahnhof	E50	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Switzerland	Zurich	Airport	E50	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Turkey	Istanbul	Sirkeci Gar	E70	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Turkey	Istanbul	HalKah Train Station	E70	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Turkey	Ankara	Gar	E70	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Turkey	Ankara	YHT Gar	E70	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	Central Railway Station	E60	International, Regional, Long distance domestic, Urban public transport
United Kingdom	Ashford	International	E03	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport

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United Kingdom	Belfast	Belfast Lanyon Place	E03	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
United Kingdom	Birmingham	International	E03	Other rail services, Urban public transport, airport
United Kingdom	Ebbsfleet	Ebbsfleet International	E03	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
United Kingdom	London	Heathrow (airport)	E03, E16	Other rail services, Urban public transport
United Kingdom	London	Gatwick (airport)	E03, E16	Other rail services, Urban public transport
United Kingdom	London	St. Pancras	E03, E16	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport
United Kingdom	Manchester	Airport	E03	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Ukraine	Kiev	Pasazhyrskyi	E30, E95	International, Urban public transport
Ukraine	Kiev	Boryspil (airport)	E30, E95	Other rail services, Urban public transport
Ukraine	Lvov	Holovnyi	E851, E30, E50	International. Other rail services
Uzbekistan	Tashkent	Northern	E60, E696	International, Other rail services, Urban public transport”

5. *After new Annex III, insert*

Annex IV

Key parameters for international railway passenger hubs

The key parameters for international railway passenger hubs (henceforth “Hubs”) are divided between passenger facing station facilities, connectivity and accessibility for international passengers and necessary infrastructure for railway operators. Priority should be given to meeting the parameters set out in section A: “Passenger facing station facilities”; and section B: “Connectivity and accessibility for international passengers”; while those identified in section C: “Necessary infrastructure for railway operators” should be provided where appropriate, in order to facilitate international rail services.

A. Passenger facing station facilities

Hubs should have appropriate passenger facing station facilities. This section identifies which facilities would be needed.

1. Personal safety and security

An appropriate level of personal safety and security, in accordance with national law, should be provided in Hubs, for example, but not limited to, through appropriate lighting as well as security cameras and security trained staff on hand and visible to provide comfort for passengers at all times the Hubs are open.

2. Waiting areas

Appropriate, attractive and comfortable waiting areas should be provided within Hubs at no additional cost for ticket holders. They should be proportionate to the function and complexity of the station.

The waiting areas should be comfortable for passengers, have relevant support facilities such as toilets and, where possible, charging points. The waiting areas should include adequate seating for the benefit of the elderly and those Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRM) requiring assistance. The layout of the waiting areas should comply with national law.

3. Toilets

A sufficient number of freely accessible toilets for passengers in Hubs is essential to ensure the appropriate level of quality of service in stations for the passengers including a minimum number of toilets dedicated to PRM.

4. Ticketing facilities

Staffed ticketing facilities should be easily available and accessible for all passengers within Hubs, especially for PRM.

5. Information service

Each Hub should have an information service that is able to provide information for national and international travellers in multiple languages and accessible for all passengers. Information should cover all relevant rail services (henceforth “Rail services”) and station facilities as well as information on other transport connections available in and around the hub.

A clear plan should be in place to deal with customer enquires following extended delays and missed connections.

In addition, signage in Hubs should be available in the relevant national language(s), in English and, where necessary, in additional languages. Particular attention shall be paid in this regard to PRM.

6. Assistance to passengers with reduced mobility (PRM)

Dedicated services for PRMs (provided by rail operators and/or station managers) should be allowed for in Hubs to facilitate boarding and leaving the train as well as their in-station mobility. Rail operators or Station managers should be able to onboard and offboard PRM with available, adequate and functional tools.

7. Wireless connectivity

Wireless connectivity should be available to passengers throughout the Hub.

8. Non-essential premium services

Standard services within Hubs could be complemented by non-essential premium services for passengers.

9. Commercial services (restaurants, etc.)

A sufficient amount of food and ancillary outlets should be provided in Hubs to meet the needs of passengers.

10. Drinking water

Sufficient access to drinking water should be provided at each Hub.

B. Connectivity and accessibility for international passengers

Accessibility and connectivity are fundamental to a fully functioning Hub in its role as the focal point of intermodality. This requires connections to international as well as regional or long-distance domestic services as well as urban public transport services. This section sets out the necessary parameters in this area.

1. Connection to urban public transport

High quality and accessible urban public transport solutions should be provided at Hubs. Information and ticketing facilities for the public transport network should also be available in the Hub and this should be available in multiple languages. Available urban public transport options should be indicated with appropriate signage.

2. Taxi

Taxi and other similar transport services should be available at the Hub.

3. Private transport parking

Transport parking facilities should be provided in Hubs for private and shared transportation solutions, including those for active mobility considering national and local requirements and legislation. A minimum number of parking facilities dedicated to PRM should be provided.

4. Airport/port connections

Where appropriate and available, Hubs should also have direct access to with airport and/or port services in the catchment area.

C. Necessary infrastructure for railway operators

The main service providers in Hubs are the railway operators themselves. These railway operators need a minimum level of service to ensure a good service for international passengers. This section identifies a list of key elements for railway operators. Depending on the regulatory legal framework on market access for railway operators and on border crossing by passengers, the following access conditions for international railway operators may be relevant.

1. Access to a maintenance depot

Access to a maintenance facility should be provided near the Hubs for the preparation of rolling stock for international services.

2. Rolling stock stabling facilities

Access to stabling facilities at or near Hubs should be available for the efficient turnaround of rolling stock. These facilities may also allow for the coupling or decoupling of rolling stock.

3. Additional ancillary services

Appropriate access to additional ancillary services such as pre-heating and climatization of trains, and the ability to supply water and catering to international trains should also be provided at or near the Hub.

4. Number of tracks and platforms for international passenger services

Access to a minimum number of tracks (or paths) in Hubs should be provided to facilitate international passenger services.

5. Customs, passport and border controls

Sufficient security, customs and passport control facilities should be provided in Hubs, to reflect the international nature of services, where national legislation requires.
