

2nd reading of the political pillar of the 4th Railway Package

For quality public transport services – for fair transport – against social dumping in public passenger transport

ETF Railway Workers Trade Union of Croatia – SŽH, asks to reject the amended PSO regulation 1370/2007 on public passenger transport (van de Camp report)

Dear Member of European Parliament,

On 15 December 2016 you are going to vote on the so-called political pillar 4th Railway Package.

We, the Railway Workers Trade Union of Croatia – SŽH, are particularly concerned about the amended PSO Regulation 1370/2007 on public passenger transport. The Common Position of the Council paves the way for further liberalisation of rail public passenger transport without ensuring a better protection of public transport workers' employment and working conditions in this competition. This invites to social dumping practices and compromises high quality of rail passenger services. Therefore we call on you to reject the amended PSO Regulation.

The protection of staff in competitive tendering is a crucial condition for high quality of rail public services. Avoid social dumping – base fair competition on quality criteria instead of lower working conditions, job insecurity and job losses.

In 1st reading the European Parliament adopted with great majority a position to better protect public transport workers via an obligation for competent authorities to create a social level playing field and a transfer of staff in case of change of operator. It is clear that the amended PSO regulation totally neglects a better protection of staff in the context of European rail market's opening.

Therefore we ask you, honorable Member of the European Parliament, to reject the amended PSO Regulation.

Yours Sincerely,

