



Workshop on tendering of rail public service contracts

- Introduction -

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4th Railway Package

Aims at establishing a Single European Railway Area



Technical pillar

Transposition by 16/06/2019



Market pillar

- Directive (EU) 2016/2370
Transposition by 25/12/2018

- Regulation (EU) 2016/2337
amends PSO Regulation. In force
since 24 décembre 2017

Schedule of rail market opening

1 Jan 2019
(timetable of
12 Dec 2020)

3 Dec 2019 -
24 Dec 2023

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- Open access to domestic markets for provision of commercial services

- Gradual opening of PSC market – Tendering is the principle but direct awards are still possible

- PSCs are competitively awarded
- Direct award only in exceptional cases

Main building blocs of the workshop:

- Specification of PSO and their scope
- Strategic choices and means of arbitrating between open access and PSO
- Preparation of competitive award procedures
- Ensuring bidders' access to essential production factors (rolling stock, stations, maintenance, ticketing distribution)
- Competition policy aspects (anti-trust, avoiding over-compensation)



- Organising competitive award schemes is a complex and difficult task for Competent Authorities
- Important to acquire competences as fast as possible – need to use the transition period up to 2023
- However, expected benefits are likely to compensate for efforts of CA