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Passenger transport: Problems and policy options

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1) State of Play

- **Fact Finding Study**
- **Ex-post evaluation**
- **Staff working document**
- **What next?**

2) Problems

Unlevel playing field on international services and unfair competition on national markets

- Lack of common rules across Member States
- Divergent market models among Member States

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- Protection of rail services and/or incumbent operators
- Restrictions in the access to the market for domestic regular services

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- Discriminatory access to terminals at national level in some Member States
- Lack of EU legislation governing the operation of terminals
- Sub-optimal integration of coach services into the transport chain.

Regulatory Costs

- Authorising procedure for international regular services and cabotage operations remains too cumbersome and time consuming.
- Reported that journey forms serve no useful purpose and should be abolished to reduce the administrative burden on operators.

Lack of clarity/different interpretations

- **International carriage definition does not cover closed-door tours**
- **Definition of 'regular service' – intermediate stopping points!**
- **Unclear if a community licence is required to obtain an own-account transport certificate**
- **Lack of clarity on authorised cabotage operations**

3) Impact Assessment

- Simplification
- Opening the market for domestic regular services
- Equal access to terminals



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Thank you