70+ companies call on the next European Commission and European Parliament to improve rail ticketing¹

To: European Commission European Parliament

Dear Sir or Madam,

As representatives of large companies, we are writing to you regarding the Regulation on Multimodal Digital Mobility Services (MDMS). We have learnt with disappointment that the legislative proposal of the Commission, initially planned for June 2023 will not be tabled.

In our sectors, we are committed to take our part in climate mitigation and as such are reducing our emissions overall including our business travel emissions.

To help us achieve this goal, we need the European Commission and the European Parliament to legislate on better ticketing in 2025. The reduction of emissions from corporate travel cannot be tackled without improving multi-modal and cross-border ticketing.

One of the barriers we face, to travel cross-border by rail, is the lack of ticket information shared by transport operators to booking platforms. We are increasingly looking for more sustainable travel options, but booking tools often can only show the flight option. To support the European Green Deal ambitions, the MDMS Regulation must enable easier booking of multimodal transport journeys involving different transport offers into a single booking. To achieve this, the EU should mandate transport operators to let all booking platforms sell their tickets under fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory conditions.

As representatives of large companies, we are calling on the EU Commission to publish the MDMS proposal in early 2025 to support the effort to reduce travel emissions, giving us the opportunity to easily book the most sustainable transport modes.

¹ Letter coordinated by Global Business Travel Association (GBTA), Transport & Environment and Travel Smart



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Coalition Anders Reizen consists of <u>70 major</u> <u>employers</u> in the Netherlands with the ambition to halve their CO2 emissions from business travel by 2030 (compared to 2016).





