



# Innovation for passenger rail services

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#### > From innovation to implementation



#### Navigating the Valley of Death



#### > Drivers of demand-led innovation



- Demand determines implementation:
  - Responding to public policy challenges
  - Meeting end-users' needs

#### Market levers and public policy



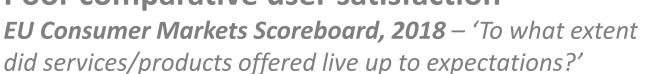
- Responding to emerging policy priorities, e.g.:
  - More for less
  - Decarbonisation
  - Addressing public health concerns
  - More efficient land use/ relieving congestion
  - Addressing demographic change
  - Synchro-mobility and modal shift

#### > From transport to mobility

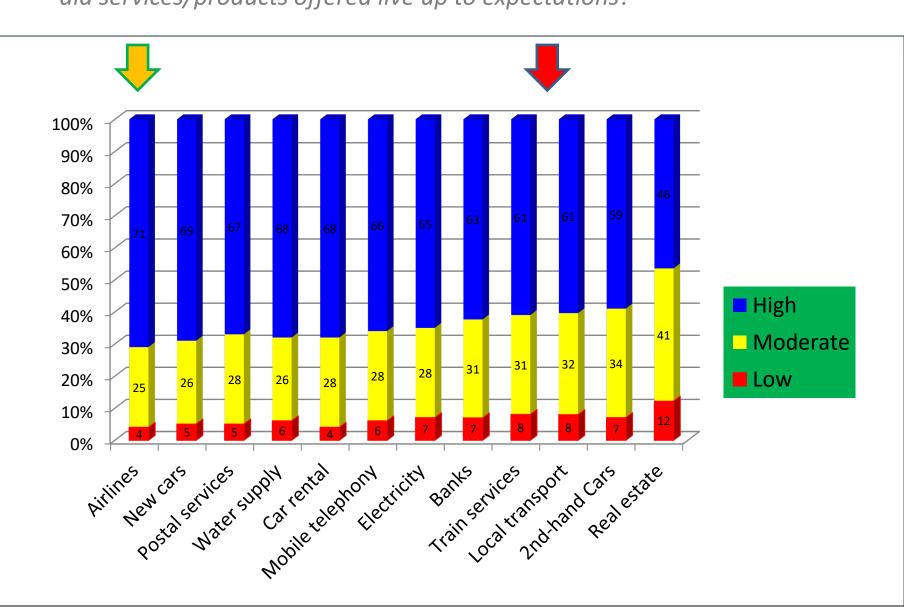


- Meeting end-users' needs, e.g.:
  - Identifying passengers' priorities
  - End-to-end journeys; rail just one part
  - Mobility as a service
  - Understanding the drivers of satisfaction
  - Passenger satisfaction
  - From distress purchase to mode of choice

#### Poor comparative user satisfaction

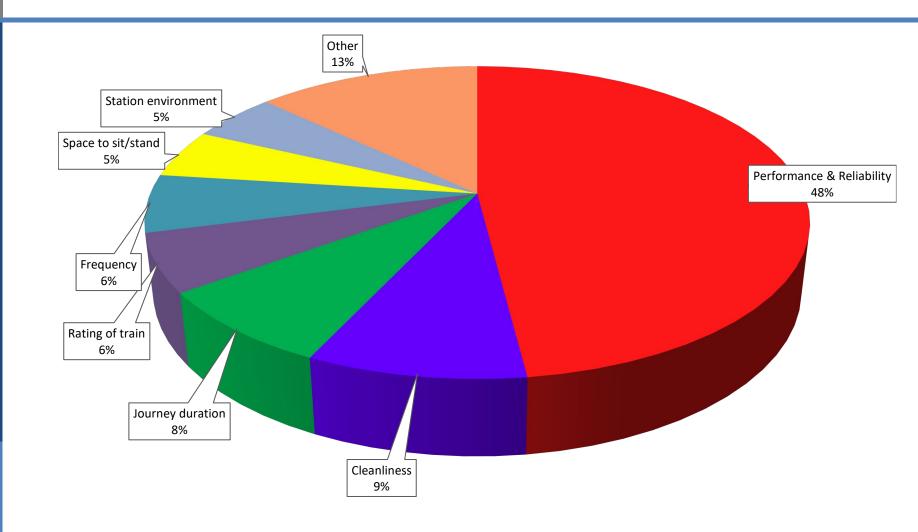






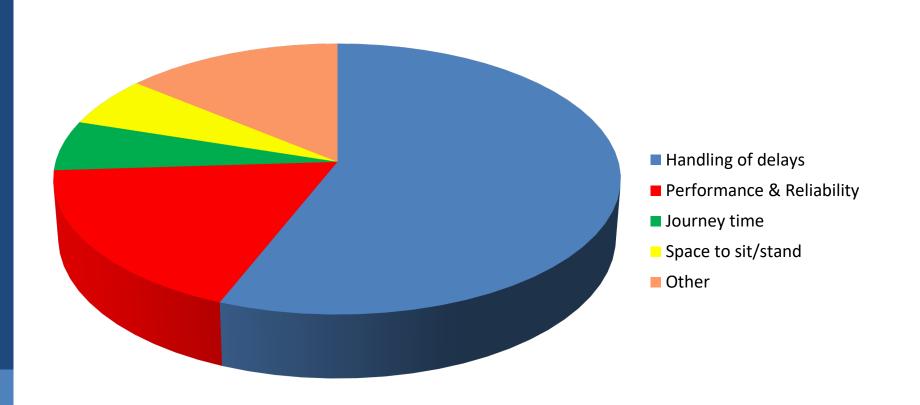
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### Drivers of passenger dissatisfaction: National Passenger Survey, Transport Focus, GB



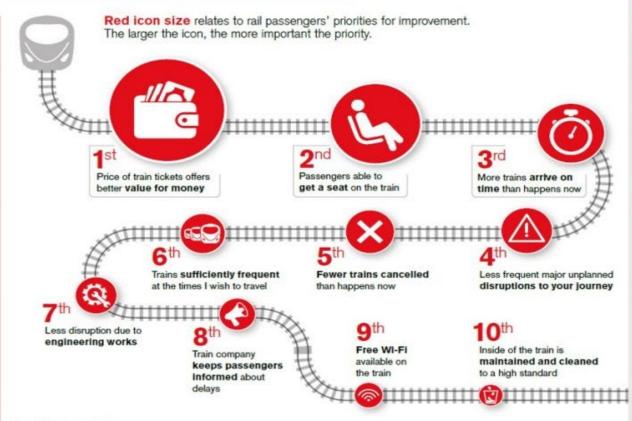


### > Rail passengers' priorities for improvement



#### Rail passengers' priorities for improvement 2017

Sample size 12,804



#### How customers prioritise further areas for improvement

- 11th Journey time is reduced
- 12<sup>th</sup> Accurate and timely information available at stations
- 13<sup>th</sup> Well-maintained, clean tollet facilities on every train
- 14<sup>th</sup> Accurate and timely information provided on trains
- 15th Improved personal security on the train
- 16<sup>th</sup> Connections with other train services are always good
- 17<sup>th</sup> Good connections with other public transport at stations
- 18th Easier to buy the right ticket
- 19th Improved personal security at the station
- 20th Seating area on train is more comfortable
- 21stations maintained and cleaned to a high
- 22<sup>nd</sup> More room to stand comfortably on busy
- 23rd Train staff have a positive, helpful attitude
- 24th Station staff have a positive, helpful attitude
- 25th Free Wi-Fi available at the station
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sufficient space on train for passengers' luggage
- 27<sup>th</sup> More staff available at stations to help passengers
- 28<sup>th</sup> More staff available on trains to help passengers
- 29<sup>th</sup> Access from station entrance to boarding train is step-free
- 30<sup>th</sup> Easier to claim compensation when delayed
- 31<sup>st</sup> Better mobile phone signal on trains

# The key challenges for innovators: what passengers want



- Better value (more for less)
- Capacity (a seat when they want to travel)
- Punctuality
- Minimal disruption (reliability)
- Dependability (delivery of product offering)
- Improved asset reliability
- Keeping passengers informed: better and usefully
- Securing passenger safety

#### ▶ The key enablers – some examples



- More for less: standardisation, low-cost solutions, intelligent vehicles, smart infrastructure
- Capacity: automation, digitalisation, TMS, adaptable assets
- Punctuality: capacity, asset reliability, discipline
- Minimise disruption: advanced control systems, diversionary capacity
- Improved asset reliability: Real-time health monitoring, lowcost short-life plug and play assets, smart technologies, mechatronics' applications
- Keeping passengers informed, better and usefully: real-time personalised information, open data access
- User-centred: focus on systems' interfaces, integrated crossmodal telematics; non-invasive security measures

#### **>** Some key considerations



- We are entering the era of synchro-mobility
- End-to-end journeys are almost invariably cross-modal
- Focus on end-users' needs in implementing innovation

#### > The key question



 What's in it for the passenger (and the tax-payer)?

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