Customers' point of view -Passengers



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EPF's main objectives

- Represent passengers' views at EU level (all modes)
- Strong Passenger Rights
- Improved door-to-door travel experience
- Addressing transport poverty
- Accessible and inclusive public transport
- Put end-users at the centre

What's in it for the passengers?



Strengths of rail

- Large volumes
- High speed
- Very safe
- Sustainable & energy efficient
- Backbone of a seamless multimodal mobility system



ADOPTING A PASSENGERS' PERSPECTIVE IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SHIFT TO RAIL





RELIABILITY







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ACCESSIBILITY

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CUSTOMER SERVICE Excellent Hery Good Good Average

Impact of Covid-19

- Less travel
- More walking, cycling, ... and cars
- Changing travel patterns
- New priorities?
- ≻ Regain trust
- ➢ Bigger picture
- ➢ Every crisis is an opportunity



Way forward

EPF priorities for future EU action



Passengers are confused and frustrated!

How do I book a trip cross-border in the EU?

Why do I see different prices on different websites? How do I get to the cheapest one?

What happens if my train to the airport is delayed?

Is there any bus connection in the airport or station of my arrival or should I take a taxi?



They might take the easiest solution.

But... Sometimes that's not the most sustainable!

A seamless European passenger transport system



Access to dynamic, unbiased journey information, enabling informed choices



Passenger protection

18 Zug fällt aus

13 Zug fällt aus

11 Zug fällt aus

Ersatz durch Bus





Administrative and political boundaries should not be a barrier

More informed decision-making

Greater focus on end-users



Better protection for passengers and their rights

- protection for air passengers against the risk of a liquidity crisis or an insolvency
- reimbursement of air passengers booking via an intermediary ticket vendor
- reimbursement in case of cancellation by air passengers due to a major crisis
- passenger rights for multimodal journeys
- improved enforcement of passenger rights in all transport modes.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-yoursay/initiatives/13290-Travel-better-protection-forpassengers-and-their-rights_en

<u>https://www.epf.eu/wp/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2023/04/Better-protection-EPF-position-</u> <u>final.pdf</u>

Passenger rights however you travel

- 1. Non-discrimination
- **2.** Access and assistance for disabled passengers and passengers with reduced mobility
- **3.** Information
- 4. Choice to cancel trips due to disruption
- **5.** Rerouting or rebooking
- **5.** Assistance in event of long delay
- 7. Compensation
- 8. Carrier liability
- 9. Easy complaint handling
- **10.** Effective enforcement of rights

Source: European Commission Communication: A European vision for passengers: communication on passenger rights in all transport modes



Multimodal Digital Mobility Services

TODAY, PLANNING, BOOKING AND EXECUTING MULTIMODAL JOURNEYS IS RISKY, DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING. KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Passengers need a neutral, reliable and comprehensive overview of available travel options to make an informed choice.
- Buying multimodal tickets should be easy, affordable and offer protection in case something goes wrong.
- Access to transport data on FRAND (Fair, Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory) conditions is a key enabler for creating an open, multi-player distribution market.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-yoursay/initiatives/13133-Multimodal-digital-mobility-services_en

https://www.epf.eu/wp/open-letter-to-timmermans-passengersneed-an-easy-way-to-book-travel-across-operators-and-modes/





Thank you!

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