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Market Monitoring Working Group

Rail market monitoring is an important instrument for setting direction to the activities of the Regulatory Bodies and stimulating market participants to improve their activities.

Regulatory Bodies have a formal duty to monitor the competitive situation in the rail services markets, and further the regulatory body consults at least every two years the representatives of users of the rail freight and passenger transport services (Article 56 of [Directive 2012/34/EC](#)). At the same time, the European Commission monitors the development of the rail market in Europe through its rail market monitoring reports every two years and will closely involve regulatory bodies (Article 15 of [Directive 2012/34/EC](#)).

Cooperation of Regulatory Bodies on market monitoring is aimed at increasing comparability of national rail monitors, enhancing national monitoring by sharing experiences, and increasing knowledge of the European rail market. IRG-Rail developed guidelines for regulatory bodies conducting market monitoring activities. These guidelines include a set of common indicators and definitions to produce an IRG-Rail market monitor. Regulatory Bodies represented in this working group will use this list of indicators in their national monitoring activities. Currently data was received from 28 countries.

The working group will:

- Collect and analyse data from national market monitoring activities.

- Publish an annual IRG-Rail market monitoring report.

- Develop further the set of common indicators and definitions.

- Seek to harmonise approaches to domestic market monitoring in suitable areas and provide for sample survey questions for the users of transport services.

- Follow the implementation of the implementing act on the Rail Market Monitoring Scheme (Article 15 of Directive 2012/34/EU).

Should you have any more questions about the Working Group, please do not hesitate to contact its Co-Chairpersons, [Ms. Anh Lai](#) and [Ms. Isabel Oliveira](#).