

## Eighth IRG-Rail Market Monitoring Annual Report

IRG-Rail has published its Eighth Market Monitoring Report. It covers the year 2018 and includes data from 31 European countries. The publication comes at a time when IRG-Rail is undertaking to maintain its activities as regularly as possible in the current circumstances.

In the 2020 IRG-Rail report, emphasis has been placed on three topics: i) the competitive situation in the rail passenger and freight markets, ii) barriers to entry in the railway markets, and iii) direct competition in the rail passenger market.

The Eighth Annual Market Monitoring report is presented in two documents: the Main Report, which presents overall results at the European level, and the Working Document, in which country specific details are provided. Data used to build graphics are also available. All the documents can be found [here](#).

Rail market monitoring is a vital instrument for enhancing market transparency, setting directions for the activities of Regulatory Bodies and encouraging market participants to improve their services. Benchmarking is becoming a central instrument for improving the performance and, under the right conditions, comparison can act as a stimulus for good practices and innovation.

IRG-Rail has been publishing Annual Market Monitoring Reports, prepared by its Market Monitoring Working Group, since 2013.

IRG-Rail wishes all readers to stay healthy and safe.

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