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**DETERMINATION OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY INCLUDING  
ASPECTS RELATED TO THE FEE FOR THE USE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Transmitted by the European Commission (EC)

**Status of implementation by Member States**

Until the beginning of July 2005 only the United Kingdom had not notified the Commission of national legislation transposing 2001/14/EC.

**Activities of the Developing European Railways Committee and the Commission services**

The regulatory committee set up under directive 2001/14/EC, called 'developing European railways committee' (DERC) met on 6 July 2005. It endorsed the final report of a task force on track access charges it had set up a year ago in order to foster the exchange of best practice.

The task force on track access charges recommended, among other things, that infrastructure managers should negotiate mark-ups on charges on international freight corridors, in order to avoid transport being shifted to competing modes as a result of an overlay of national charging regimes. The task force also advised infrastructure managers to conclude multi-annual maintenance financing contracts with States including a commitment to quality levels of infrastructure. To collect the views of the stakeholders, the Commission services organized a workshop on 8 June 2005, which supported the recommendations of the task force. The

conclusions of this workshop were posted on the website. One of the follow-ups will be a workshop on maintenance contracts between the State and the rail infrastructure managers to be held later this year.

The report and the conclusions can be downloaded from the Commission website:  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/rail/rb/rb\\_intro\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/rail/rb/rb_intro_en.htm)

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