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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Year of Rail (2021) ( <b>first reading</b> ) - Adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 4 March 2020 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 91 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee adopted its opinion on 16 July 2020<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions adopted its opinion on 14 October 2020<sup>3</sup>.
4. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure<sup>4</sup>, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at first reading.

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<sup>1</sup> 6556/20.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 364, 28.10.2020, p. 149.

<sup>3</sup> Not yet published in the OJ.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

5. On 18 November 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee endorsed the agreement reached in trilogues<sup>5</sup> and authorised the Chair to send a letter to the Chair of the TRAN Committee stating that should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in the form set out in that letter, subject to revision by the legal linguists of both institutions, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.
6. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 14-17 December 2020.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to agree that should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in the form set out in the letter to the Chair of the TRAN Committee, as revised by the legal linguists of both institutions in PE-CONS 48/20<sup>6</sup>, the Council would be invited to approve the European Parliament's position as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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<sup>5</sup> 12799/20.

<sup>6</sup> Available on 16 December 2020.