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#### 'A' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Council

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Subject: Draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Year of Rail (2021) **(first reading)**  
- 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. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 15 December 2020<sup>4</sup>.

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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> 14031/20.

5. On 18 November 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee endorsed the agreement reached in trilogues and at its meeting on 9 December 2020 agreed to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position as set out in PE-CONS 48/20 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

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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