

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

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**Subject: Council's position in view of the adoption of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2012/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 establishing a single European railway area, as regards the opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail and the governance of the railway infrastructure (2013/0029 (COD)) – Early second reading agreement**

Dear Mr Micovčín,

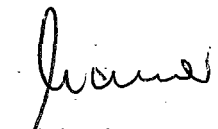
I understand that, at its meeting of 27 April, COREPER decided to accept the result of the last informal trilogue held on 19 April in the European Parliament regarding the abovementioned Directive.

The Committee on Transport and Tourism voted on the outcome of the trilogue negotiations during its meeting of 12 July and approved the agreement reached.

I would like to inform you that should the Council transmit formally to the Parliament its position in the form as it stands in the annex to this letter, I will, in my capacity as Chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, recommend to the Plenary that the Council's position be accepted without amendment, subject to legal-linguistic verification, at Parliament's second reading.

At the same time, I would like to thank the Slovak, as well as the Netherlands and the Luxembourg Presidencies for the efforts made and the work accomplished to achieve an early second reading agreement on this file.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Cramer

*Annex: text agreed*