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## Towards an ambitious agreement on the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package

Dear Minister, *dear Matīss!*

I would like to thank you again for your leadership and commitment in making progress towards reaching final agreement on the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package.

In order to establish a Single European Railway Area as envisaged in the European Commission's 2011 White Paper on Transport, regulatory and technical barriers to entry, market failures and burdensome administrative procedures in the rail sector need to be addressed decisively.

BUSINESSEUROPE therefore generally supports the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package as it contains important proposals to improve quality, provide more choice and reduce costs of railway services in Europe. It can contribute to achieve a better functioning and more competitive single market. Moreover, the package is important to trigger investment in rail infrastructure, which is fundamental to create a better connected Europe.

In the context of the ongoing trilogue negotiations and the discussions leading up to the 11 June Transport Council, you will now find at annex BUSINESSEUROPE's position on the key elements and some of the outstanding issues of the package.

We trust that you will take our views into account and stand ready to discuss these important matters further.

Yours sincerely,

  
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