

Firstly, regarding the further railway development, the Government has agreed unanimously to close the market for other RU. Namely, until the national RU is strengthened with new railway vehicles needed for its safe operation to service its stakeholders, the market will be closed. We are aware that are taking a step back and hope to open the market as soon as the national RU will be compatible to other RUs. Secondly, the amendment of the Law on railway system is about the insurance which is applicable for issuance of license for public transport and license for infrastructure management with minimum insurance of amount of EUR 500,000. Furthermore, there is amendment for a legal person who intends to perform transport for its own needs who should have license for performing such services and safety certificate as well.

Thirdly, an amendment on the same law is adopted for Regulatory Agency's Director to issue an identification card which will serve as prove for his official capacity and use it while checking the quality control of services provided by the RU and IM.

The Agency for regulating the Railway System, according to the amended Law on Railway system, also prepared new bylaws for the procedures for issuing licenses and the form of the licenses for public railway transport and transport for own needs in accordance with the Commission's Recommendation on the use of the common European format for license documents, issued in accordance with Council Directive 95/18/EC.

The Agency has adopted 4 bylaws during this period:

- The form and content of the application and the manual for completing the application for the license for performing transport for own needs, the annex on the financial cover for liability, the form and the content of the license, as well as the form, content and the manner of keeping a register on issued licenses for performing transport for own needs;
- Tariff for the fee for issuance the license for performing transport for own needs;
- The form and content of the application and the manual for completing of the application, annex on the financial cover for liability, the form and the content of the license template, as well as the form, content and the manner of keeping a register on issued licenses for public railway transport and
- The form and the content of the official identity card and the manner of its issuance and revocation to the authorized person

These bylaws were published on 22 October 2012 in the Official gazette no.134.

Furthermore, concerning the appeal procedure of the company ELING, against the decision of the Agency, by which the request of the company for obtaining license for public railway transport has been refused (denied), the Administrative court has issued a Decision by which it confirms the findings and the decision of the Agency too.

Transport information:

Passenger traffic:

The passenger traffic has been reduced up to 30, 94 %, because of higher introduced prices (50%), and the revenue has been reduced for 3, 25% compared to the same period last year.

Freight traffic:

The rail freight volumes are declining up to 30%. The freight traffic is reduced because of the strikes in Greece and the global economic crises are still in favor. The revenue has been reduced to 10.62% compared to the same period last year.

We would like to warmly thank all participants for the work they have put into the preparation for the round table and ask them to send the speeches by email so we could be indirectly involved and be informed as participants on this meeting.