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Infrastructure charging

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Scope and Objectives

- ❖ Scope: (1) Track and (2) infra services where no viable alternative.
- ❖ Objectives:
 - ❖ Optimise the use of existing infrastructure
 - ❖ Recouping investment for new infra
 - ❖ Consultation and transparency
 - ❖ Financial stability of infra manager
 - ❖ Incentives for cost reduction and good performance





The minimum access package

- ❖ Cost of operation as a minimum ('marginal costs')
- ❖ Mark-ups if markets segments are not crowded out
- ❖ Scarcity costs during periods of congestion
- ❖ Environmental costs for modification, but not for increase
- ❖ Averaging over time and services





Supply of Infrastructure Services

- ❖ 2001/14/EC art 5 with annex II
- ❖ Electrical supply equipment, refuelling facilities, freight terminals, marshalling yards, train formation, storage sidings, maintenance
- ❖ IM to reject only where viable alternative exists
- ❖ Competitive pricing (art 7.7)





Additional Services

- ❖ 2001/14/EC art 5.2 with annex II
- ❖ Traction current, fuel, shunting
- ❖ IM shall supply, if he offers
- ❖ Prices based on cost of providing the services (art 7.8)





Ancillary Services

- ❖ 2001/14/EC art 5.3 with annex II
- ❖ Access to telecom network, supplementary information, inspection of rolling stock
- ❖ IM not obliged to supply
- ❖ Prices based on cost of providing the services (art 7.8)





Rules

❖ Obligatory

- ❖ State sets charging framework and the charging rules
- ❖ Performance schemes (penalties and bonuses)
- ❖ Regulated prices with administrative and judicial appeals
- ❖ Non discrimination; comparable prices for equivalent uses
- ❖ Independent IM sets the charges and collects them

❖ Optional

- ❖ Long term costs for new infra
- ❖ Discounts and reservation charges only when cost related
- ❖ Compensation schemes (unpaid costs of competing modes)





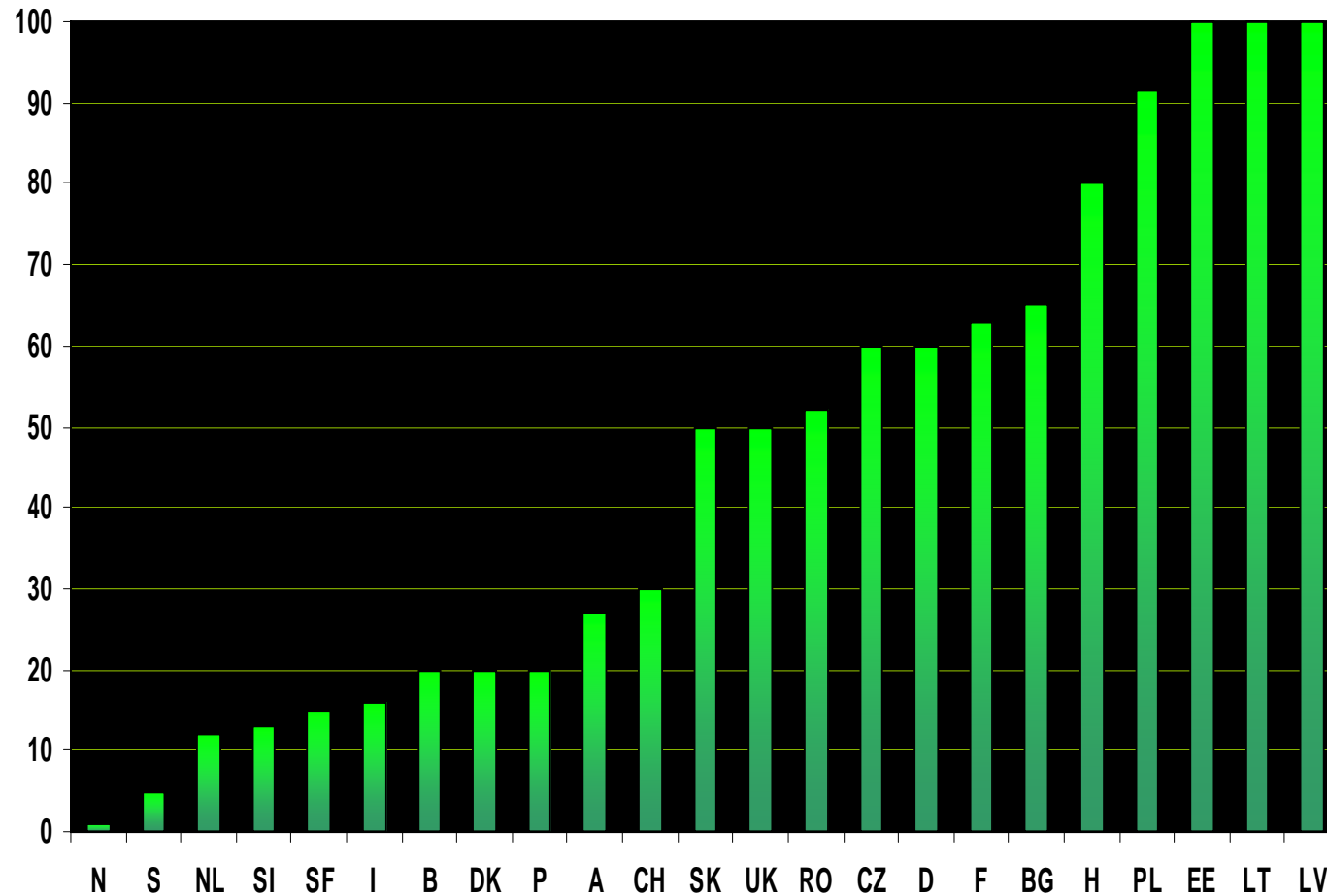
Rules

- ❖ **Regulatory Body**
 - ❖ supervising negotiations (if any)
 - ❖ Acts as appeal body and arbitrates conflicts
- ❖ **Network Statement (annex I, 2.)**
 - ❖ Charging principles and tariffs
 - ❖ Detailed methodology, rules and scales
 - ❖ Changes in the charging system
 - ❖ Stakeholder consultation
- ❖ **IM's income and expenditures must be balanced**
- ❖ **Incentives for reducing costs and access charges by regulation or multi-annual contracts**
- ❖ **Financial guarantee proportional to planned activity**





Rail Infrastructure Package Implementation: state of play



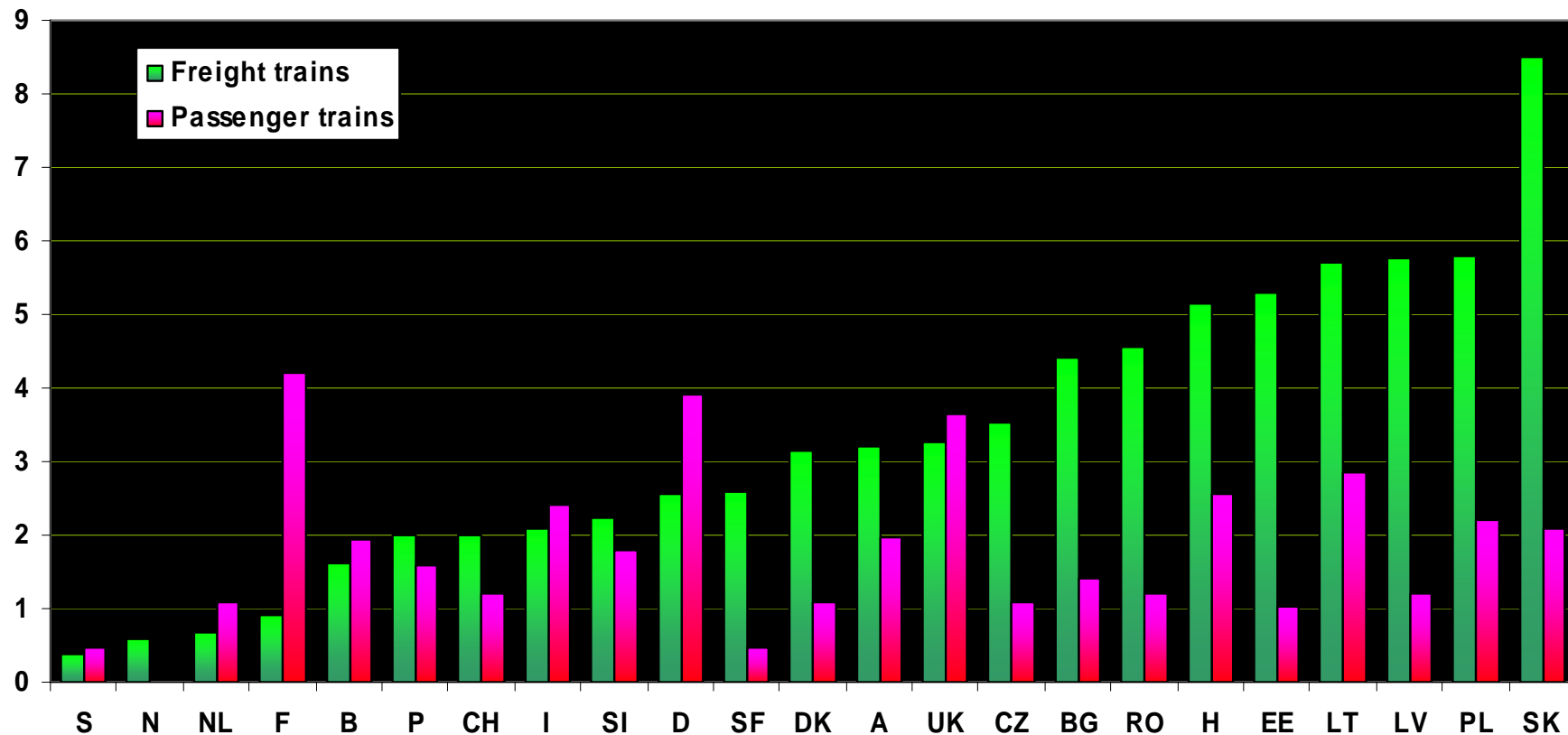
Percent of Total
Cost Covered by
Infrastructure
Charges





Rail Infrastructure Package Implementation: state of play

Average Access Charges (€ train-km,
excluding cost of electric traction)





Concerns

- **Charging schemes** for the use of infrastructure fitting marginal costs (harmonised structures, no prohibitive levels, no price discrimination)
- Adequate level for **public financing contributions for PSO compensations** in the framework of a PSC





For further information:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/rail/index_en.html

