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Rail passenger opening

The market for rail passenger services in the EU

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Total rail passenger transport market volume EU25: 359 bill. pax-km (in 2005)

ØCa. 90% are domestic traffic

ØCa. 22% are high-speed traffic

ØShare of urban and regional transport in total rail passenger transport (in terms of pax-km): DE 52%, ES 53%, HU 73% (source: EC, Steer Davies Gleave)



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Ø Most urban and regional rail passenger services are covered by Public Service Obligations (PSO) such as service frequency, quality requirements (e.g. punctuality, client information, etc.), tariff obligations, continuity of services

Ø Some national or regional authorities tender out public service contracts (e.g. in Germany ca. 20% of all contracts)

Ø Open access rights for domestic rail passenger transport exist in some Member States: AT, DE, IT, PL, SK, PO, UK



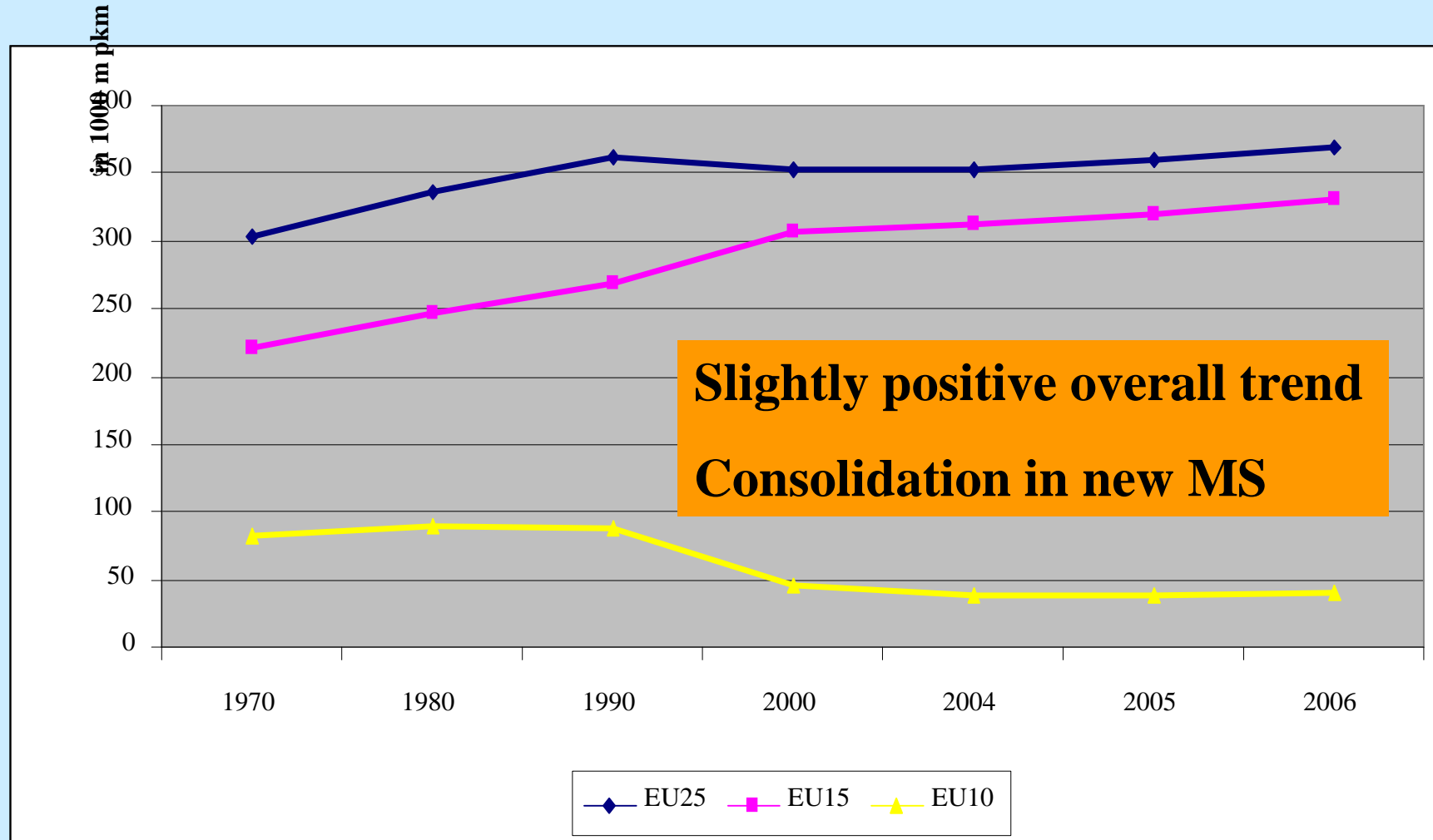
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Evolution of rail passenger transport performance in EU-25, EU-15 and EU-10



Source: European Commission (2007)



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Directive 2007/58/EC amending Directives 91/440/EEC and 2001/14/EC

Ø Opening of international rail passenger services including the right of cabotage by 1 January 2010

Ø Derogation for small Member States (i.e. international more than half of total passenger turnover) until 2012



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Ø Right of cabotage only as far as it is ancillary to the international service (to avoid “false” cabotage”)

Ø Right of cabotage can only be restricted, if cabotage service would compromise the economic equilibrium of traffic under a public service contract.

Ø A regulatory body functionally independent from the competent authority awarding public service contracts will assess (ex-ante) whether cabotage is ancillary and whether it would compromise the economic equilibrium of the public service

§ Decision on limitation of cabotage right within two months



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Ø Possibility of introducing a levy on all rail passenger services in a country to finance public rail passenger services (“péréquation”) in line with Community legislation

§ Total levies imposed shall not endanger the economic viability of rail passenger transport services concerned

Ø Report by the Commission by 31.12.2012 on implementation of international opening, market development including for public services and the preparation for further market opening

§ To be accompanied if appropriate, by complementary measures to facilitate such opening



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