

**Opinion No.32**

**of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland**

**on the**

**“Proposal for a 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 services by rail and the governance of the railway infrastructure (COM(2013) 29 final)”**

**adopted at the 134<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 21 March 2013**

The European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland:

1. Supports the Government’s critical comments on the “Proposal for a 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 services by rail and the governance of the railway infrastructure (COM(2013) 29 final)”;
2. Considers that the “Proposal for a 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 services by rail and the governance of the railway infrastructure (COM(2013) 29 final)” is incompatible with the principle of subsidiarity, as it excessively interferes with how the railway infrastructure is managed and passenger services are organised and provided on domestic markets, including the regional level;
3. Notes that that the adoption of the changes proposed in the draft Directive is premature, as possible economic and social impact is difficult to predict and has not been verified in practice.

Chair of the Committee

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