

Railway stations: What legal status in a liberalised environment?

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Railways stations: mostly an economic issue

A station: a private siding in a shopping-centre

A railway activity connected with:

- The infrastructure manager;
- The competitor railway undertakings.

Services available to the general public regarding:

- Railway activity:
- In some cases, public service missions;
- The provision of commercial services (goods and services).





Railway activity: Access to transport infrastructures is a *sine qua non* condition for the conduct of transport activities



EC Treaty:

From dominant position to abuse of dominant position (article 86 of EC Treaty) The contribution of case law:

Implementation by the European authorities of the soft law in the transport sector





Service provisions at the disposal of the general public

European competition law:

Calls for tenders:

From dominant position to abuse of dominant position (article 86 of EC Treaty).

The contribution of case law:

Implementation by the European authorities of the theory of «essential facilities» in the services linked with the transport sector.





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Thank you for your attention!

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