

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003070/25
to the Commission
Günther Sidl (S&D)
(24 July 2025)**

Subject: Single rail booking tool

In the hearing of 4 November 2024, the Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism, Apostolos Tzitzikostas, announced that a single EU-wide rail booking tool would be developed as early as 2025.

1. Can the envisioned timeline be met, that is to say, will the Commission present such an EU-wide booking tool before the end of 2025?
2. When will rail travellers in Europe be able to access this tool?
3. Will the tool be compatible with the Open Sales and Distribution Model tool currently under development, by means of which the Austrian, German and Swiss national railway companies (ÖBB, DB and SBB respectively) are currently working on harmonisation? ⁽¹⁾

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
(19 September 2025)**

The Commission is currently preparing new legislation to improve multimodal ticketing, including rail ticketing. The initiatives under consideration are expected to include two new proposals for Regulations: one addressing multimodal and multi-operator platforms, a Multimodal Digital Mobility Services Regulation (MDMS) and one addressing the availability of rail tickets, a Single Digital Booking and Ticketing Regulation (SDBT). A targeted revision of the Rail Passenger Rights Regulation ⁽¹⁾ is also envisaged to complement this initiative.

The exact timing of these proposals depends on internal steps that are being taken, but the intention is to present them at the beginning of 2026.

These proposals would not aim to create one single tool, but rather the conditions necessary to help operators and ticketing platforms increase the offer of multimodal tickets on existing or new booking and ticketing platforms.

In this context, the Commission is in discussion with the initiators of Open Sales and Distribution Model (OSDM), standardisation bodies and the EU Agency for Railways (ERA) regarding the compatibility of OSDM with any future legislative proposals.

¹ <https://www.derstandard.at/story/3000000243574/eu-startet-neuen-anlauf-fuer-einheitliche-bahntickets-in-europa>
(¹) <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R0782>.