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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission acknowledges the importance of accessibility and basic sanitary equipment on long-distance buses and agrees that the lack of such facilities may create inconvenience for passengers. However, the scope of Regulation (EU) No 181/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 concerning the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004¹ does not cover this issue. Indeed, the Regulation explicitly states in its Article 2(7) that it does not introduce new technical requirements for buses.

However, certain standards for toilets on buses do exist. The technical requirements for buses require *inter alia* toilet compartments, if fitted on buses, to have smoke detectors and not obstruct the doors, but do not regulate the inclusion or not of such facilities on-board.

The Commission would also note that there is similarly no mandatory requirement for toilets on long distance trains or other passenger trains in the Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSI) established under Directive 2016/797². The TSI only require that if there is a toilet on board then certain health-related and accessibility requirements are met.

2. It is for the Member States to regulate this matter, and the Commission does not at present envisage measures to establish minimum European standards for toilets on long-distance buses.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/181/oj>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2016/797/oj>.