

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003405/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Open Sales and Distribution Model (OSDM)

1. What are the latest developments concerning the Open Sales and Distribution Model (OSDM) standard for 2026?
2. What EU countries are successfully implementing this unified booking system for an EU-wide rail ticket programme?
3. Will this unified ticket system also mean a unified passenger rights system, and if not, why not?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Open Sales and Distribution Model (OSDM) is a rail sector initiative supported by the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER). In 2024, the European Union Agency for railways (ERA) issued a report describing some of the in-built features of the technical coding of this data model, and possible consequences thereof ⁽¹⁾.

In 2025 after discussions with relevant stakeholders, ERA adapted relevant parts of OSDM and integrated it in its Technical Document B.5, as one of four sectors developed, interoperable solutions for checking availability of and reserving rail products subject to dynamic pricing. The Commission intends to make reference to the ERA document when proposing to Member States a draft implementing act on technical specifications for interoperability (TSI) on telematics under the comitology procedure of the rail interoperability Directive (EU) 2016/797 ⁽²⁾.

2. Since OSDM has not been developed to support EU legislation ⁽³⁾ the Commission does not monitor how the rail sector implements OSDM.

3. Regulation (EU) 2021/782 sets out a unified framework for rail passenger rights in the EU and sector initiatives should take this legislation into account. In this respect, the Commission refers to the above-mentioned report from ERA which outlines a number of potential risks in regard to that specific Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.era.europa.eu/content/analysis-distribution-rules-tap-osdm-and-recent-competition-cases>.

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

⁽³⁾ Directive (EU) 2016/797, Directive 2010/40/EU (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2010/40/oj/eng>) and Regulation (EU) 2021/782 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/782/oj/eng>).