

Janusz Poliński: Desirable Directions of Development of Railway Transport in Poland. Part I – Passenger Transport

The article deals with issues related to passenger rail transporting Poland. The general part discusses issues affecting the quality of passenger transport. Statistics of the functioning of licensed passenger operators and their tasks and shares in the transport market are presented. The existing state of individual segments of the passenger rail transport market and rolling stock requirements were outlined, so was their dependence on line infrastructure (tracks) and point infrastructure (stations, passenger stops), constituting commercial points of passenger exchange. The factors determining the quality of the service and the accessibility of the railway to a wide range of potential customers, including people with disabilities, are identified. The required measures for the further development of rail passenger transport are described, indicating the consideration of relevant climate, legal, investment and remedial objectives. Relevant measures of a general, infrastructural and rolling stock nature are indicated, ensuring the assumed future leading role of this mode of transport in passenger transport.

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