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In December 2019, the European Commission published the Green Deal Strategy for the European Union. Its main aim is to become climate neutral by the year of 2050. Reaching the climate neutrality will be connected with the 90% reduction of pollution emission in the transport sector. The draft of the strategy provided that railway as the most ecological and energy efficient means of transport should play a crucial role to accelerate the speed of reducing the greenhouse gases emission. The European Commission developed a document proclaiming the year of 2021 the European Year of Rail. Its goal is to encourage and support efforts by the Union, the Member States, regional and local authorities and other organizations to increase the share of passenger and freight transport by rail. The proposals related to the European Year of Rail must be approved by EU governments and the European Parliament.

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