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## **Advance notice to press: Brussels rail protest**

Next Monday 5 December trade union representatives and leaders from 42 countries worldwide will join a rally in central Brussels against the European Union's proposed fourth railway package.

Press are invited to attend the protest, which takes place from 13:00 to 14:00 in the Place Luxembourg (<https://goo.gl/YDlhju>).

The protestors, from 84 trade unions, will be among the 171 attending global union federation the ITF's (International Transport Workers' Federation) road and rail section conferences in the Belgian capital from 5 to 9 December. They will join a rally organised by the ETF (European Transport Workers' Federation).

You will receive a full press release about this week long conference, which will tackle the issues facing rail and road workers – and passengers and other road users worldwide – on Friday.

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### **Background information: fourth railway package**

The rally will call on MEPs to reject the amended PSO (Public Service Obligations) regulation

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on public passenger transport. Unions believe that the protection of staff in competitive tendering is a crucial condition for high quality rail services and fair transport. Instead, the PSO regulation paves the way for further liberalisation of rail public passenger transport without ensuring protection of transport workers. It encourages social dumping and compromises high quality services for passengers (for example through cuts in safety training by new companies). For more details please see [www.etf-europe.org/etf-3777.cfm](http://www.etf-europe.org/etf-3777.cfm).

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