<u>There is no need for another 'EU Railscanner' concept. It has been existing for years</u>!

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➢ **In recent months, many EU stakeholders have called for setting up an 'EU Railscanner' digital platform, where all available rail options can be found.**

➢ **There is no need for a 10th impartial digital rail platform. Nine already exist!**

➢ **Technology is not the problem. EU member states simply need to instruct their publicly owned, market dominant incumbents to share data with these platforms that already provide the 'Railscanner'.**

In June 2020, 24 European countries agreed to work together on making international passenger rail more attractive, stating that "*rail travellers have long called for an online platform similar to 'Skyscanner' to be set up, perhaps by the EU*".[1] Then in September 2020, five European climate NGOs complained that there is still "*no publicly accessible platform that shows all existing train connections in Europe… an online 'One-Stop Shop'*". [2] Other EU stakeholders made similar comments recently. Presumably the German presidency of the EU Council will soon be publishing an EU Railscanner concept.

But <u>nine</u> such Railscanners already exist (see the list on page 2). They are not Google, Amazon or Facebook but privately owned independent digital rail ticket vendors 'Made In Europe" - based in places such as Berlin, Warsaw & Stockholm, employing digital professionals in the EU. **The technology already exists.** The only thing that hinders these nine 'Railscanner' platforms from fulfilling the role of an impartial 'One-Stop Shop' for rail is the lack of access to data.

ALLRAIL Secretary General Nick Brooks says: "*Privately owned start-ups saw the need for a 'Railscanner' years ago and took the commercial risk to set up such independent digital rail platforms. The last thing they need is a new EU taxpayer funded platform that would drive them out of business.*" He continues "***It would be easy to make rail ticketing less complex & fragmented at no additional cost. We simply need a strong commitment from the EU Member States to ensure that publicly owned market dominant rail incumbents share data.***"

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[1] https://www.euractiv.com/section/railways/news/24-countries-sign-pledge-to-boost-international-rail-routes/
[2] https://www.railwaygazette.com/in-depth/ngos-propose-five-policies-for-climate-friendly-european-rail-renaissance/57390.article

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Here are the nine impartial digital 'Railscanners' that already exist:

Omio	**omio.com**
FromAtoB	**fromatob.com**
Tictactrip	**tictactrip.eu**
All Aboard	**allaboard.eu**
Koleo	**koleo.pl**
Save A Train	**saveatrain.com**
Trainline	**thetrainline.com**
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ALLRAIL, the Alliance of Passenger Rail New Entrants in Europe, represents independent passenger rail companies – railway operators and ticket vendors. ALLRAIL promotes competition in the passenger rail market, aiming for an EU regulatory environment that encourages innovative & attractive rail services. Our members share the belief that faster market opening is the only way to help Europe achieve its ambitious climate change targets as set down in the EU Green Deal. ALLRAIL was established in May 2017, and is based in Brussels, Belgium. It is also a member of the Group of Representative Bodies in the EU rail sector. For more information please go to: www.allrail.eu

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