

# Proposal for Skopje Spring Congress 2020

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The Skopje Spring Congress 2020 may decide:

## 1 **A European Railway Authority**

2 CONSIDERING THAT:

- 3       • As per the Paris Agreement, the EU aims to reduce CO2-emissions by 50-55% by 2030;
- 4       • A large part of global CO2-emissions are a result of air traffic;
- 5       • Individual EU member states have expressed the desire to cut back on short-haul flights
- 6       in favour of railway transport;

7 BELIEVING THAT:

- 8       • High-speed railway travel is the best alternative to short-distance flights;
- 9       • The highly urbanized European continent is ideally suited for a large-scale high-speed
- 10      railway network;
- 11      • Greater physical interconnection between central and regional parts of the European
- 12      Union are beneficial for both economic development of these regions and the cultural
- 13      understanding between them;
- 14      • National high-speed railway networks often do not connect in an efficient international
- 15      network;
- 16      • National railway and train systems are often incompatible on a technical level;
- 17      • The development of railway infrastructure is an expensive affair;
- 18      • Negotiations between nation-states about these infrastructures will become increasingly
- 19      difficult as the number of participating states increases;

20 CALLS FOR LYMEC TO:

- 21      • Commit to the establishment of a European railway authority which can supervise the
- 22      negotiation and development of a European high-speed railway network connecting the
- 23      major cities and urban regions in the European Union and exploring going beyond, to
- 24      countries such as Ukraine and Moldova;

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