• Commission calls for stricter enforcement of passenger rights legislation in Europe

As millions of European citizens will be travelling during the summer period, the Commission is today calling for better application and enforcement of EU legislation on passenger rights. In doing so, the Commission is again demonstrating its commitment to put citizens at the heart of its transport policy, as explained by EU Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc in a new video message. To assist Member States in bridging the enforcement gap, the Commission today adopted interpretative guidelines clarifying the existing rules applicable to the rail sector. Commissioner Violeta Bulc also invited the Council to move forward with the discussions on a new Regulation on the rights of passengers travelling by air.

(More information in IP-15-5299)

• Volume of retail trade up by 0.2% in euro area

In May 2015 compared with April 2015, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade rose by 0.2% in the euro area and by 0.3% in the EU, according to estimates from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. In April retail trade increased by 0.7% and 0.6% respectively. In May 2015 compared with May 2014 the retail sales index increased by 2.4%
in the euro area and by 3.0% in the EU.

(More information in STAT-15-5305)