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To our colleagues of the German railways

We are very upset to learn that there is political will to split the operational activities of the German Railways. Splitting the network and operations is really not a good idea.

The Belgian railways were split into three parts in 2005: a transporter, an infrastructure manager and an HR department in order to preserve the unity of the railway staff. The political authorities referred to the European directive. However, the European directive only requires an account-based separation, not an operational one.

Since 2005, we have observed the following consequences:

- difficult operational cooperation
- reduced punctuality
- reduced service in trains and stations
- more management and boards of directors, fewer operational staff
- a downward trend in the unity of railway personnel

So we can only hope for our German colleagues that the unity of the railway staff will be maintained for the benefit of the passengers.

My trade union supports you in our conviction that Europe, more than ever, must unite, not divide. The railways connect people. To split the railways is to divide people in their work to the public.

With comradely regards

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Ensemble, on est plus forts