

The CNMC submits to public consultation the criteria to supervise Adif's railway charges

- Railway charges are the fees to be paid by railway undertakings to Adif and Adif AV for the use of railway infrastructure.
- They must be predictable in order to favour long-term investments.
- The public consultation will be open until 22 December.

Madrid, 25 October 2023.– The National Markets and Competition Commission has launched a public consultation on the draft Communication on the supervision of railway charges. ([Access the consultation here](#)).

Adif is the rail infrastructure manager in Spain. Like other managers in Europe, it uses a charging system to allow railway companies — in Spain, Renfe, Iryo and Ouigo, among others — to access the infrastructure and offer their services.

Railway charges must be predictable in order to favour long-term investments by railway companies. They consist mainly of two components: the fee itself, which should reflect variable costs based on traffic, and the surcharge, which can be added, only if the market can accept it, to recover other costs borne by infrastructure managers.

The CNMC is responsible for the supervision of these charges and has prepared a draft Communication on the principles and criteria that will guide the Commission in the exercise of this role.

The public consultation will be available until **22 December**. Comments will be public, unless otherwise indicated, and should be submitted through [the CNMC's website](#).

Please specify that they are addressed to the Directorate for Transport and Postal Sector and specify the case number (COMUNICACION/DTSP/005/22).

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