

Précis 32: CSS 1991

Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

Generally, European trains still stop at borders to change locomotives and staff. This is often necessary. The German and French voltage system are incompatible. Spain—though not Portugal—has a broad-gauge track. English bridges are lower than elsewhere, and passengers on German trains would need a ladder to reach French Platforms twice as high as their own. But those physical constraints pale in comparison to an even more formidable barrier national chauvinism. While officials in Brussels strive for an integrated and efficiently run rail network to relieve the French, Germany and Italy are working feverishly to develop their expensive and mutually incompatible high-speed trains.

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Title: European Train Service Barriers

The railway networks in popular European countries are incompatible in different aspects, leading to many barriers. However, these obstacles are lighter than their national chauvinism. To overcome these barriers, officials are working to develop train services.

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