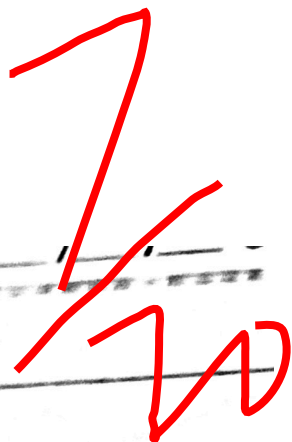


### Precis 32: CSS 1991

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: Comparison of Europe and German Railway tracks.

European trains exchange their staff and location because German and French railway tracks are not compatible ~~to it~~. German tracks are high quality while English tracks are low quality. French and Italy are working mutually to develop more compatible and expensive tracks.