

1. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

Generally, European trains still stop at borders to change locomotives and staff. This is often necessary. The German and French voltage systems 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 Continent's gorged roads and airways, and cut down on pollution, three member countries -- France, Germany and Italy -- are working feverishly to develop their own expensive and mutually incompatible high-speed trains.

Train as a symbol of connectivity

Trains in Europe face a lot of

barriers including national prejudices.

Those sitting in Brussels are looking

for a united as well as a well-organized

rail network. But its member states

are working to build their own

rail networks, totally incompatible

to each other.

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