

## **Janusz Poliński: Railway Museum – What, Where and When?**

The functioning of railway museums and open-air museums requires a lot of systematic and orderly activities. It concerns both immovable and movable heritage exhibits, necessary funds for the functioning of the institutions, patronage of licensed operators and patronage of the state. The article reviews the existing exhibits as well as proposes a new location of the institution situated at Warszawa Główna railway station. It also discusses legal issues arising from the current law on museums and the law specifying the functioning of rail transport after the restructuring measures. The article ends with conclusions and recommendations, the implementation of which should improve care for the preservation and maintenance of many historical technical and infrastructural solutions for future generations, as elements of the national cultural heritage.

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