

OUTPUT FACT SHEET

Pilot action

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Summary description of the pilot action (including investment, if applicable) explaining its experimental nature and demonstration character

The Study: Connection of the borderland CZ/DE/PL was delivered 11/2020.

One of the many different variants of the connection was favorited up as the one with the highest chance to be realized.

During the elaboration of the Study, there was multiply communication with representatives of Správa Železnic (CZ Rail Infrastructure Manager) and the Czech Ministry of Transportation about the way how to administrate the demand of adding the rail track Praha - Turnov - Liberec - Görlitz to the TEN-T rail network.

At the meeting in Zittau 12.2.2019, there was the presentation of this issue held by representatives of KORID, Správa Železnic, Czech Ministry of transportation, and DB Netz.

During the Promotrain around the Borderland CZ/DE/PL on 9.4.2019 it was practically demonstrated the troubles in the connection between Liberec - Görlitz on both of the existing variants (via Zawidów and via Zittau).

The section Liberec - Görlitz follows the section (Praha) - Turnov - Liberec. In the Study there was the rail connection Turnov - Liberec - Görlitz researched in common and extended to Praha.

NUTS region(s) concerned by the pilot action (relevant NUTS level)

CZ051 - Liberecký kraj

CZ042 - Ústecký kraj

DED2D - Landkreis Görlitz

PL515 - Jeleniogórski

Investment costs (EUR), if applicable

N/A

Expected impact and benefits of the pilot action for the concerned territory and target groups and leverage of additional funds (if applicable)

There is an expectation of success in adding the rail connection Praha - Turnov - Liberec - Görlitz to the TEN-T, Comprehensive network.

As part of this European network (the evidence of the transnational importance), there will be higher chances for obtaining the investments for construction works from the SFDI (CZ state infrastructure investments fund). The amount of finance needed to improve the rail track is estimated by the Study to 3,207,547,170.00 EUR.

One of the results of the study, it is the demand for changing the methodology of the CBA necessary to advocate all of the future investments to the rail infrastructure between Praha - Liberec - Görlitz.

Sustainability of the pilot action results and transferability to other territories and stakeholders.

The Study will pass multiply assessments and in the best case, it will become the foundation of building permit documentation. It helps to the Liberecký kraj and its partner with clarifying the best variants of the improvements the rail connection which worth for support and is the most probably for realisation.

Incorporation of the missing evaluation of the new passenger into the methodology of CBA will help to the other rail connection in the Czech Republic. The effort of the regional government in enforcing better approach to important rail connection, they are not part of the core network, would help to the other region in enforcing similar claims.

Lessons learned and added value of transnational cooperation of the pilot action implementation (including investment, if applicable)

All of the responsible state infrastructure managers keep most of the focus on the main tracks and important inland connections.

The international rail connections still struggle to get more attention. They are very attractive for the responsible official on one of the sides. And on the other side, they are much less popular than a similar inland connection for the responsible politician. Does not matter if it is rail connection Dresden - Görlitz/Zgorzelec - Wrocław (TEN-T by the way), or if it is the rail connection Praha - Liberec - Görlitz (3 involved states).

The Memorandum of Understanding to promote the joint support of better connection of the Borderland CZ/DE/PL is prepared for signing. The signing was postponed due to 2nd wave of the COVID pandemic from autumn 2020 to 2021. Regional partners declare the common goals in public transport in the Borderland and its connection to the TEN-T network.

The transnational team could bring really good arguments for both/3 of the sides. The practical demonstration (Promotrain 9.4.2019) appears to be a good way how to start the necessary discussion and the way how to get together the proper team of professional.

Contribution to/ compliance with:

- relevant regulatory requirements
- sustainable development - environmental effects. In case of risk of negative effects, mitigation measures introduced
- horizontal principles such as equal opportunities and non-discrimination

Green deal for Europe 2050 - 90% reducing of the greenhouse gas emissions in traffic. More freight on the rails. Alternatives fuel on the rail (non-eletrified).

Improving the rail infrastructure supports this means of public and freight transport. With a proper way to use this means it has a far lower impact on the environment with a lower amount of CO² produced for the same number of transferred passengers and goods.

Better public transport connection between Praha - Liberec - Görlitz will have a positive impact on the equal chances for a wide range of passenger. They do not have to own the car to get to the better work and study opportunities in Praha or Berlin, Wrocław and Dresden.

References to relevant deliverables (e.g. pilot action report, studies), investment factsheet and web-links
If applicable, additional documentation, pictures or images to be provided as an annex

ANNEX:

- PP Presentation from Final Conference: Planning of the railway line Prague-Liberec-Görlitz and the Memorandum of Understanding (4.11.2020)