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CONNECTION OF BORDERLAND CZ/D/PL TO THE TEN-T CORE NETWORK (RAILWAYS)



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Travelling at European quality in Borderlands (Trojzemí) CZ/D/PL

The Liberec Region represented by its public transport coordinator KORID LK, spol. s r. o. together with other European entities enters the joint TRANS-BORDERS project. We are aware of current poor state of the railway in the border area of the Czech Republic, Germany and Poland, which does not allow its long-term and competitive use for passenger travelling or cargo regional and long-distance transport. We monitor the success of modernized and fast train transport in comparable regions and relations. It bothers us that substantial investments to our region's infrastructure have not been headed for decades. We are witnessing the development of individual automobile transport, where we are increasingly confronted with traffic jams and constraints and lack of parking spaces in larger urban areas. We want the inhabitants of the European Borderlands (Trojzemí) CZ/D/PL to become equal members of the European space and to have the same quality of travelling between the regional centres as well as to use fast connections to the European transport network main corridors in the future.

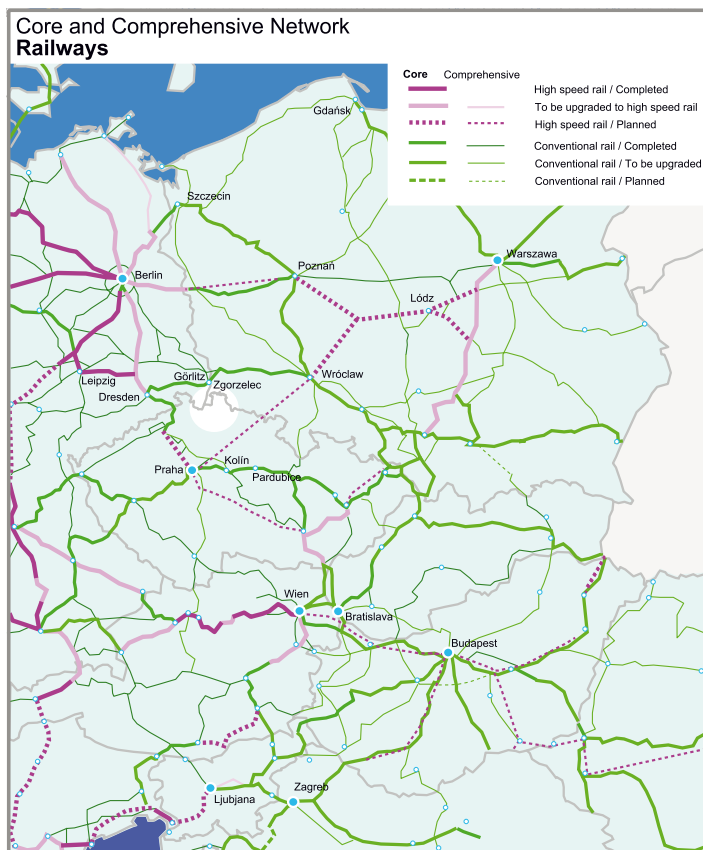


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Borderlands (Trojzemí) CZ/D/PL: today's white spot on the investments map

We can identify main transport corridors in Europe. Both European and national investments in these routes are strongly favored, while others face stagnation. The Borderlands (Trojzemí CZ/D/PL) region is a white spot on the European railroad transport and investments map.

The connection between Zgorzelec and Dresden, Berlin and Wrocław or Prague with Dresden, Brno and Ostrava are the closest European transport corridors. There is a significant lack of appropriate connection between Zgorzelec and Prague, which would well contribute to the accessibility of the Bordelands (Trojzemí CZ/D/PL) region.



Current quality of travelling does not match European standards

Northern part of the Borderlands (Trojzemí CZ/D/PL) region has satisfactory train accessibility through the existing European corridors from Dresden, Berlin and Wrocław to Zgorzelec, travel time by train could be compared to travelling by car. The permeability of the border area itself is a barrier to the use of public transport. Nowadays, an acceptable offer for rail transport can not be created due to the infrastructure suffering under-investment. For travelling between the towns of Zgorzelec, Jelenia Góra and Liberec in the border area, it takes from 1.5 hours to almost 3 hours (!) to reach the direct distances of about 50 km. Even the connection of the eastern (Jelenia Góra) and primarily the southern (Liberec) parts of the region to the European railways network is unsatisfactory. Travelling by train between Liberec and Prague (87 km) takes 2 hours and 35 minutes today.



Is there any chance for inhabitants of Bordelands (Trojzemí CZ/D/PL) to experience the transport improvement?

The poor condition of the railways on the Czech side is solved by the Ministry of Transport and the Railway Infrastructure Administration (SŽDC) at the study level. The new railway connection from Prague to Wrocław, alternatively through Liberec or Hradec Králové, for expected cruising speed of 250-350 km/h is examined within the European transport network. Other projects deal with improving the existing track between Prague and Liberec for speeds of 80-160 km/h. The potential of transit transport has not yet been analysed in detail and the projects have not yet achieved the economic efficiency required for their implementation. Attempts to join the Zgorzelec - Liberec - Prague connection to the European railway network have not yet received needed support, however, it is required to continue in this activity. Germany continues to increase the cruising speed to 160 km/h on the track between Berlin and Zgorzelec. Poland is interested in speeding up the connection from Jelenia Góra to Wrocław and Zgorzelec.



From discussions to implementation of the TRANS-BORDERS project

By participation in the TRANS-BORDERS project we express our interest to extend the discussion on quality connection between Liberec and Prague by the topic of improving services for the entire Borderlands (Trojzemí CZ/D/PL) region. We are interested in speeding up real investments in infrastructure with local, national and European support. In the Study of Opportunities, we will focus on supplementing the missing information on the future potential of passenger and cargo transport in the area between Central Europe and Baltic ports by using the improved infrastructure in the Borderlands (Trojzemí CZ/D/PL) region. Newly identified opportunities will serve to build the Traffic Model of the area, which will be used to calculate the prospective amount of passengers and cargo. The technical solution of the connections will be specified accordingly and the costs and benefits will be calculated subsequently.



The economic efficiency of the project is the key to its realization

The technical part will take advantage of the previously presented solutions, respectively of their appropriate combination. The costs of improving the infrastructure will be quantified. The most important task is to use the standardized methodology to identify all the benefits of an improved transport connection so that the project could be assessed with positive result of economic efficiency and could be submitted directly to the Ministry for Transport by the regional authorities.



We will not enter Europe faster without joint political support and presentation

Good transport connections are the basis for the future development of the area in all economic and social spheres. The TRANS-BORDERS project has the ambition to further strengthen cooperation between foreign partners and to engage all major representatives of the Borderlands (Trojzemí CZ/D/PL) population in the aim to promote investments in improving the region's transport connections. The qualitatively more advanced European transport network will thus be made accessible to the inhabitants of the region. Each of the partners can, within the framework of the common goal, support their particular interests and priorities, joint approach and presentation will contribute to their promotion. The activity of the central authorities as decision-makers will match the effort that the region's representatives will continually develop.



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TRANS-BORDERS PROJECT

The project is aimed to contribute to the improvement of the train and bus connections of the border regions and their connection to the European transport network. The project partners in close cooperation prepare the plans of the individual measures and the procedures for negotiations with the state administration bodies and local authorities so that specific project outputs can be implemented gradually.



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