



A shift to rail for a climate-neutral continent

We need to shift long-distance travel to more sustainable transport modes, particularly rail.



Rail has a much lower carbon footprint than other transport modes....



... and the potential to be powered completely by renewable sources!

Map: Overview of existing (2019) and potential night train routes (identified in study on long-distance cross-border passenger rail services, European Commission 2021)







## **Cross-border** passenger rail needs a boost

### Long distance **Proportion**

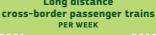
of cross-border traffic (EU27, 2018)



7% Passenger traffic



52% Freight traffic







#### **SERVICE TYPE**





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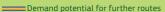




# What might the future look like?

Night trains are seeing a renaissance and there is demand for new long-distance cross-border night train routes.

Some of these services are expected to be launched in the next few years.





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## What's blocking progress?

There are a number of obstacles to cross-border services which are blocking progress.



Infrastructure charges are often higher than marginal costs



Infrastructure capacity is limited in places, particularly in cities



Ticketing systems are fragmented and complex



Good rolling stock is limited and not always interoperable



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Public authorities face complex coordination when contracting



Technical, operational, and safety obstacles are significant