

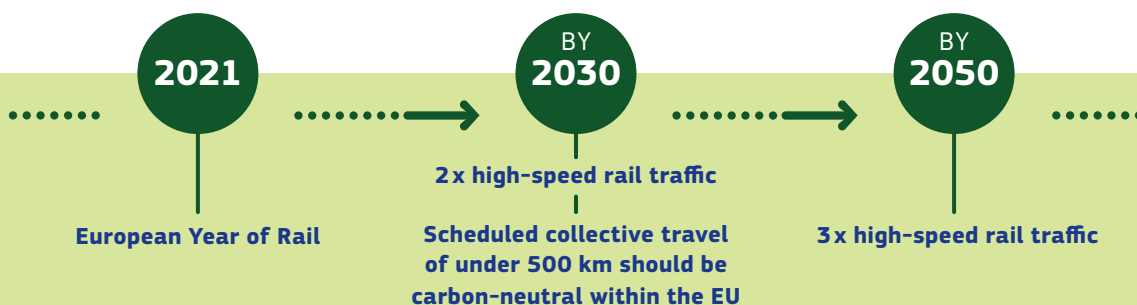
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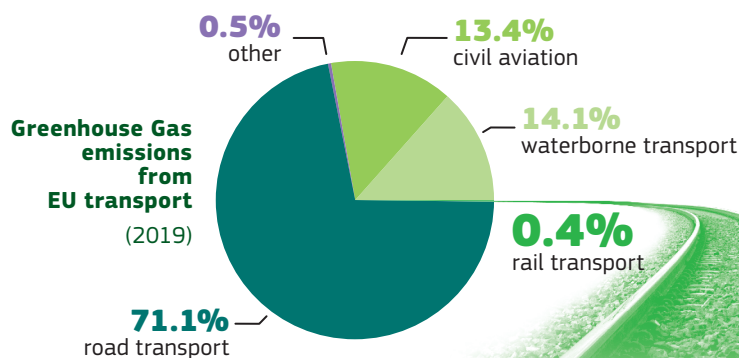
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BOOSTING LONG-DISTANCE AND CROSS-BORDER passenger rail

Rail is one of the most sustainable transport modes we have.
It plays a key role in the EU becoming climate-neutral by 2050.



RAIL IS SUSTAINABLE



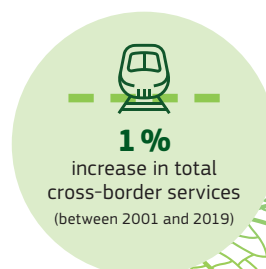
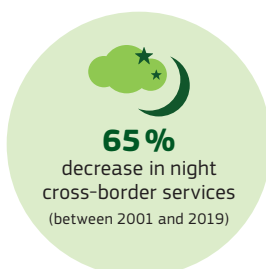
CONNECTING PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES



Total length of rail network:

201 000 km
EU27 (2018)

BUT NOT YET REALISING ITS POTENTIAL



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EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESENTS ACTION PLAN TO BOOST LONG DISTANCE AND CROSS-BORDER PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES

Remove obstacles:



Ticketing systems that find the best ticket at the best price for the full journey



Making sustainable transport an easy option for young people



Ensure sufficient availability of trains, rail coaches and locomotives



Modernise infrastructure for passenger rail



Appropriate pricing to ease access to infrastructure for rail operators



Accelerate digitalisation and interoperability



Efficient use of the rail network



Ensure rail staff training and certification meet future needs

Full and correct implementation of existing rules:

- Implement the Single European Rail Area
- Open the market for new players and services

European Investment Bank launches Green Rail Investment Platform

Supporting sustainable rail investments in:



infrastructure



rolling stock



digital systems



NEXT STEPS:

15 cross-border pilot services to test and implement these measures.

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