

Welcome and Introduction by Lead Partner



REIF - Regional infrastructure for railway freight transport - revitalised

## The Transnational Transport Network

Challenges and Chances for Thuringia



### **OVERVIEW**



#### European Rail freight transport

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- reality
- facts
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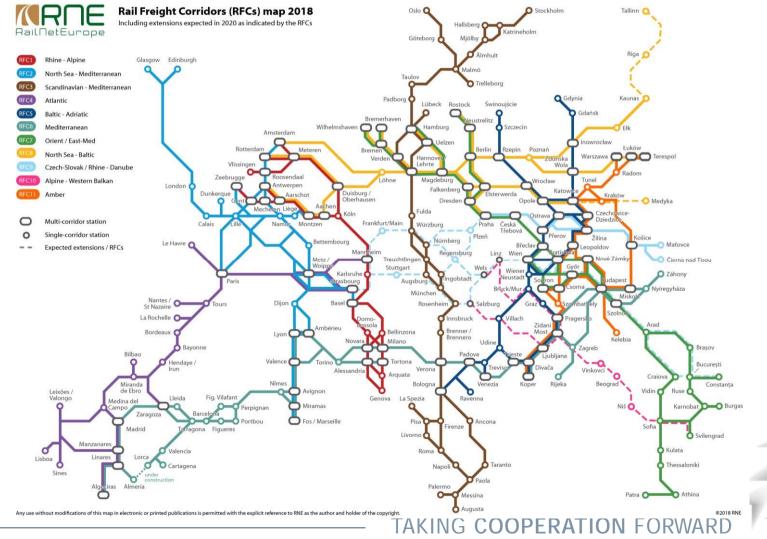
Challenges, Development in Germany

Introduction to Thuringian characteristics

Reasons for implementing REIF



# starting point: TEN-T corridors providing excellent long distance transport possibilities



#### EUROPEAN RAIL FREIGHT TRAFFIC -REALITY







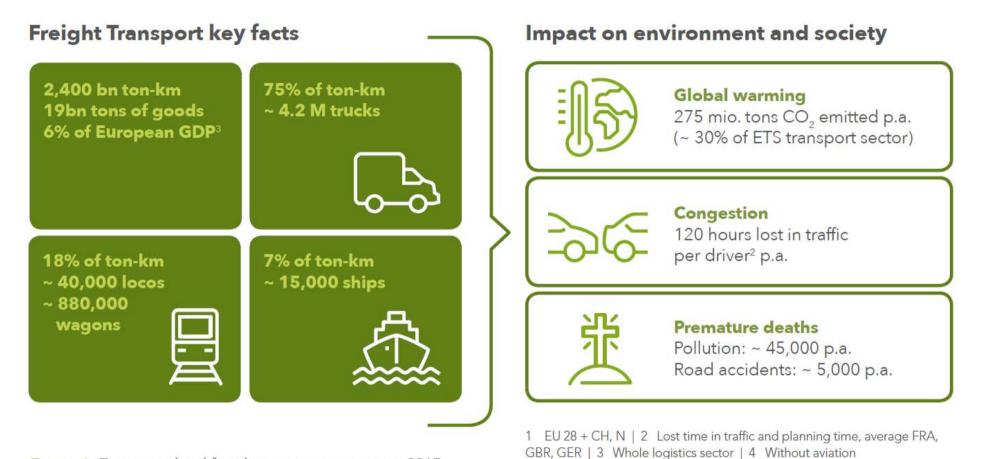


Figure 1: European land freight transport overview, 2015

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Source: Eurostat, Fraunhofer IIS, EEA, EU commission, INRIX



+30%

~ 570

**Optimistic base scenario** Growth 2018 - 2030 +30% +30% +30% Modal share 2018 - 2030 岛 7% 7% ~ 135 18% **18%**<sup>3</sup> ~ 45 75% 75%

1. Not in focus, market size - 1,250 bn ton kom in 2017

2. Estimated range of 600,000 - 1,400.000 trucks

3. Stagnation of rail modal share (since 2004) continues Source: Eurostat, OICD

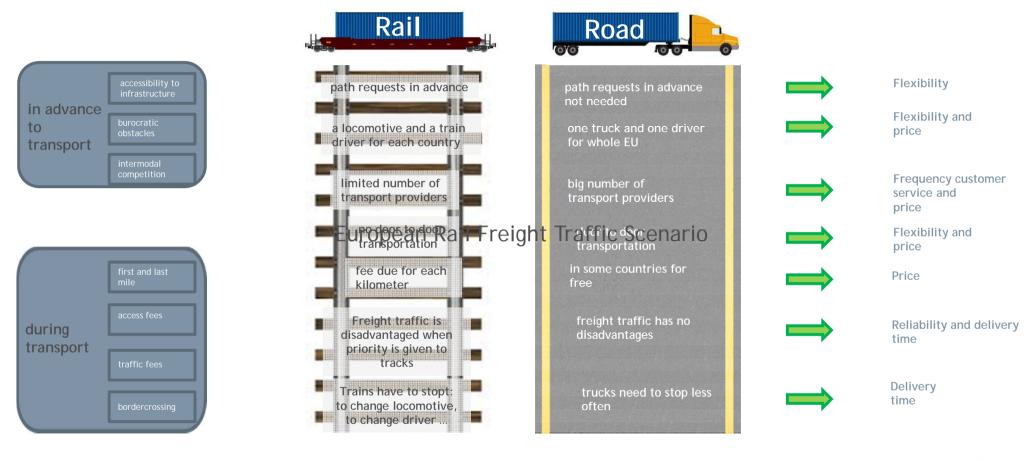
Figure 2: Additional freight transport 2030 vs. 2018

#### Corresponds to

- Roughly the size of the entire German freight transport market (~ 600 bn ton-km in 2015)
- 1 million additional trucks<sup>2</sup> on European roads

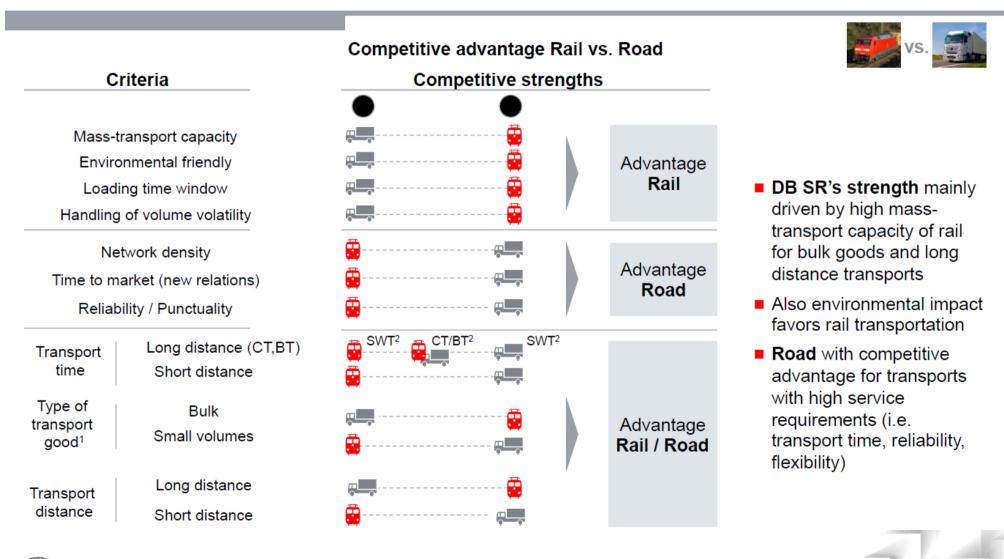












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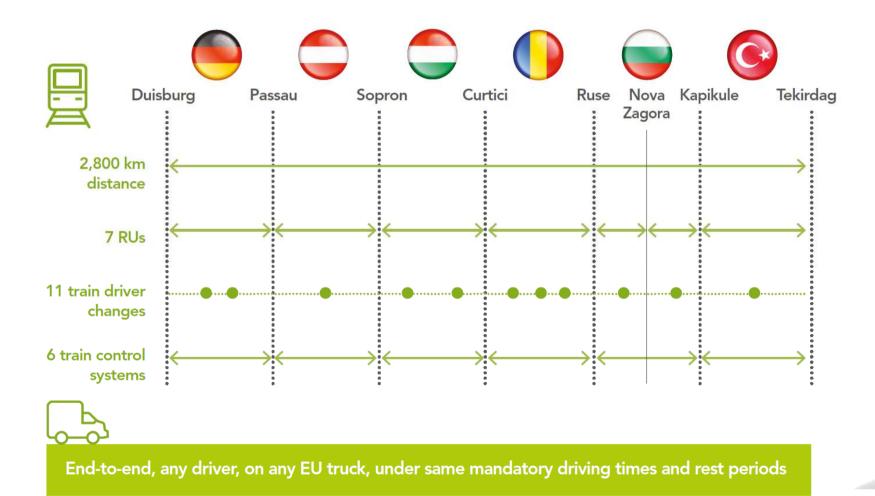
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#### EXAMPLE





Source: Rail Cargo Group



In Germany Rail freight traffic is mainly handled on federal infrastructures, so it is worth taking a look at the nationwide development.

Freight volumes are increasing worldwide. Compared to 2010 in Germany, by 2030, an increase in freight traffic of around 40 percent is expected.

Germanywide the freight volume has increased up to 4,6 Bio t which is an 1.1% more than in the year before.

So far, only truck forwarders benefit from this development. Because while freight traffic is growing, the share of rail freight transport is shrinking.

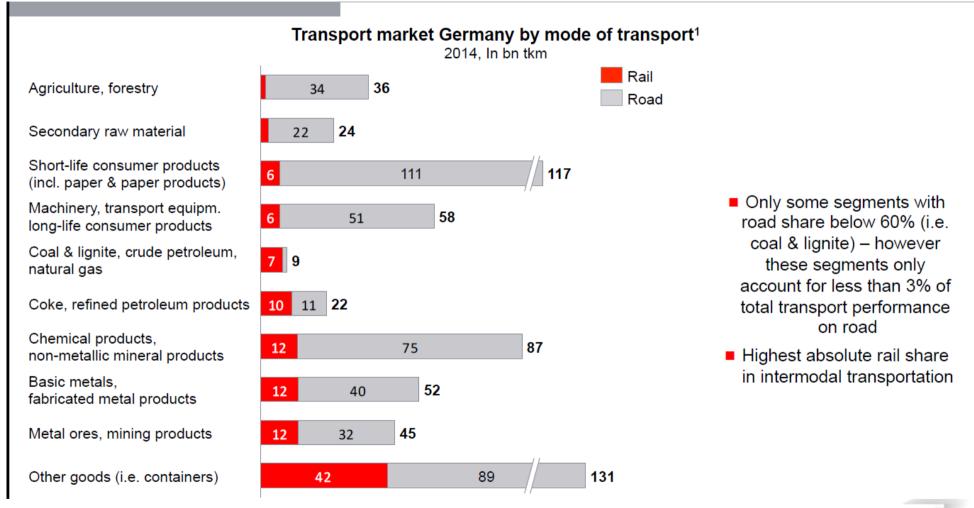
In 2016, 364 million t of goods were transported on the public transport network in Germany.

This means a decrease in transported goods of 1.6 percent in one year and 3 percent in comparison to 2011.

#### INTERMODAL COMPETITON RAIL VS. ROAD

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#### Roadshare dominates in almost all industry segments



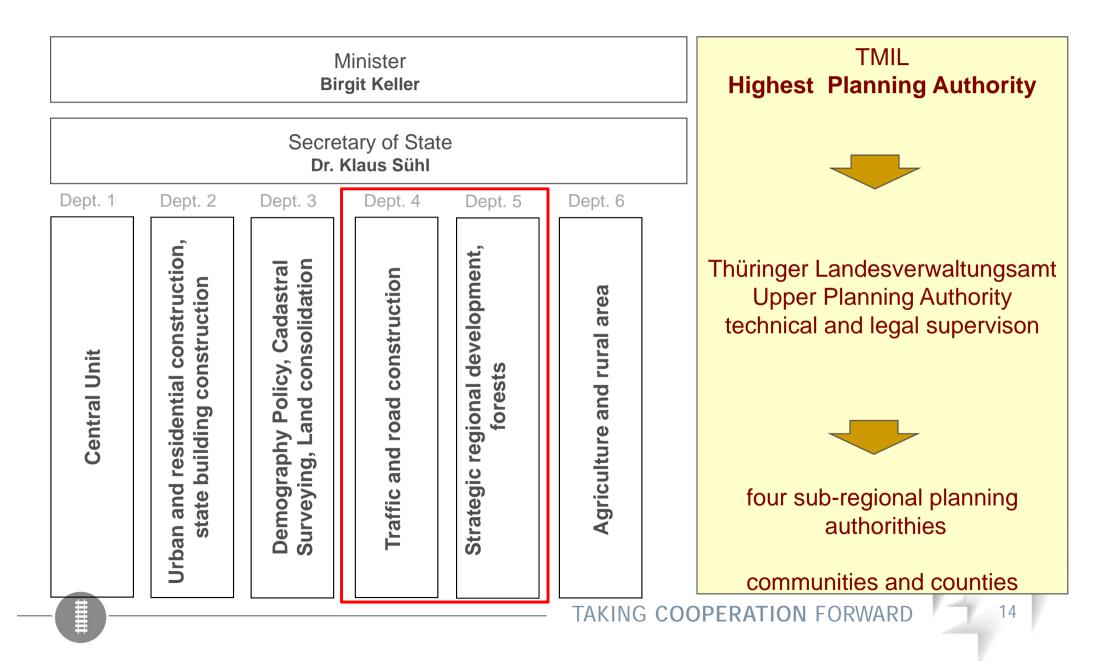


As a result, goods traffic is booming, but the market share of rail freight transport has fallen further in 2016 at 17.6 percent.

However, we must not look at the problems of rail freight transport in Germany in isolation from the European level.

A major cause of the rail crisis is that the development of rail infrastructure has not been able to keep pace with market liberalization and cross-border trade in the EU.







We believe that Thuringia already offers good logistical conditions and an efficient rail network.

As a business location, the Free State is centrally located in the middle of Germany and Europe.

In Thuringia we are in the middle of an attractive market environment, with more than 160 million consumers living within a radius of 500 kilometers.



From the viewpoint of an entrepreneur in the field of logistics Thuringia is the Prime location in the heart of Europe

- Departing from Thuringia no European destination is too far off
- Central position and modern traffic infrastructure qualifies Thuringia as economic location
- airport
- network of motorways
- vde 8 / TEN 1





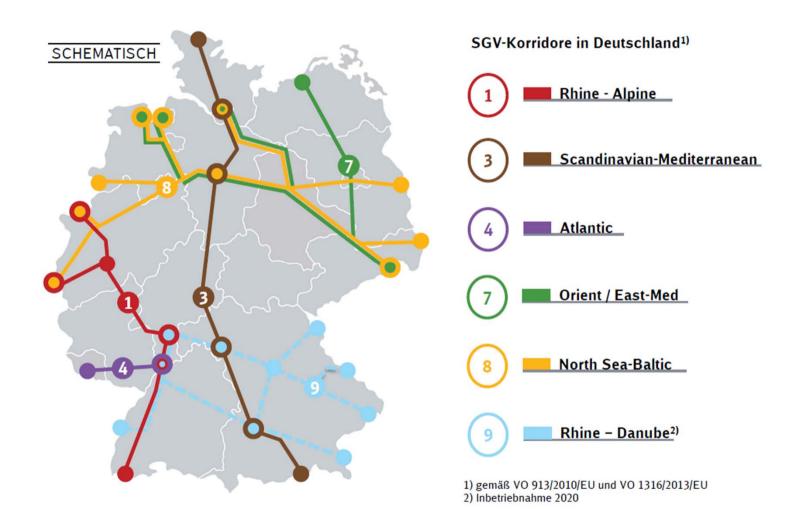
In Thuringia, the volume of goods handled by rail in 2016 was around 6.9 million t.

In Thuringia at the end of 2016, there were a total of 165 companies with siding in non-public rail traffic with 412 kilometers of track length.

Of these, 58 are in a locked state and are currently not being used.

While in 1990 there were still about 630 connecting lines in Thuringia, their number was drastically reduced, in particular as part of the restructuring program of DB Cargo AG between 2002 and 2004.





#### TRANSPORT NETWORK THURINGIA



So the starting situation for rail freight traffic in Thuringia is not as bad as the previously presented figures first make it appear.

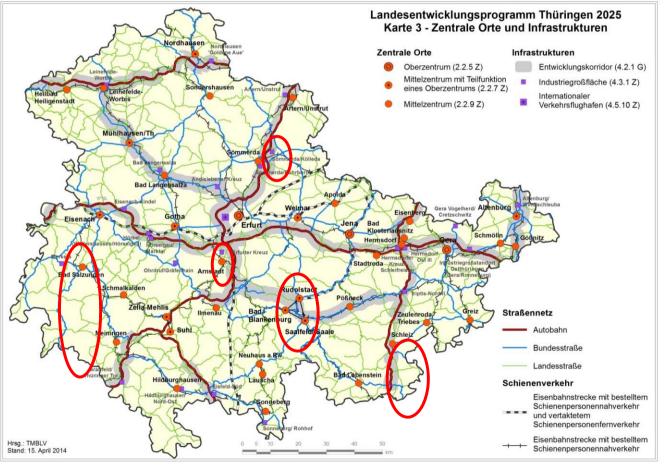


#### BACKGROUND



starting point: many regions the industries with very big flow of goods (e.g. wood, paper, metal, chemicals, sand, gravel etc.) or even entire industrial parks find themselves nowadavs often disconnected from the

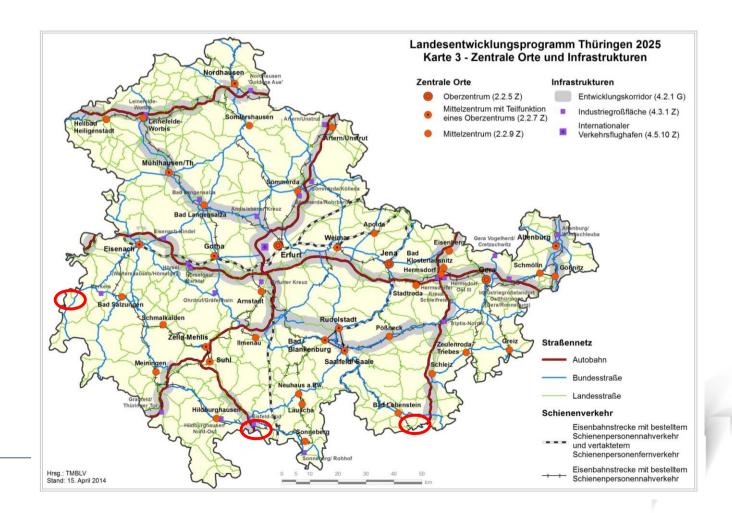
rail network



#### BACKGROUND THURINGIA



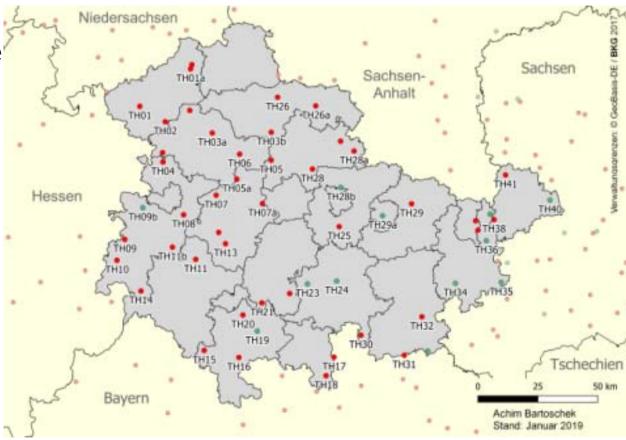
But there are still gaps in the regional network which in case of a closure would provide the accessibility to the Trans-European Transport Corridors



### TRACKS OUT OF USAGE

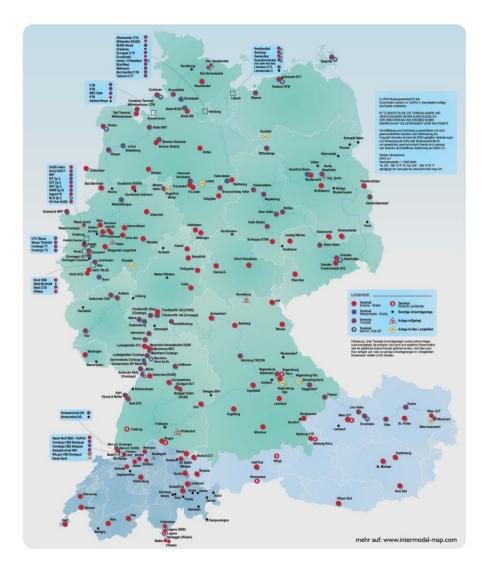


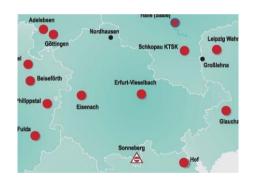
many regional tracks have been taken out of usage and now are cycle lanes



#### BACKGROUND FOR IDEA

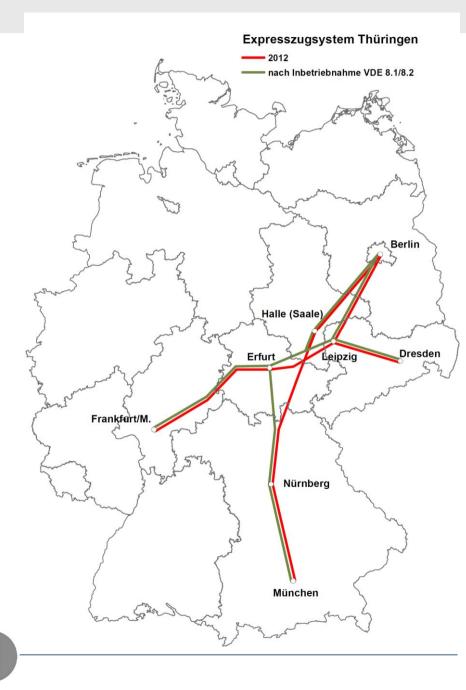






#### LONG DISTANCE CONNECTIONS





High-speed trains since 2017 travel on the new line at up to 300 km/h.

Passengers can travel between Berlin and Munich in record times, from city to city.

Trains will become a real alternative to travelling by car or plane.

Line at the moment can only be used for freight transport during the night

Problems with heavy trains due to slopes

High track fees

No freight train has used the line so far

### **REASONS FOR IMPLEMENTING REIF**



#### Thus for Thuringia the most important issues are:

- to strive for strong freight transport by rail and long-term infrastructure protection
- to create conditions that make it easier for the regional economy to use mode route for transporting goods
- to set up use a state-owned funding instrument to support the railways and non-federal infrastructure companies involved in rail freight transport to get more goods onto the rails again

### LAST BUT NOT LEAST



The environmental and transport policy reason leads to no other conclusion than to politically support a renaissance and modernization of rail freight traffic.

That is why, despite of existing obstacles, we are committed to promoting strong freight transport by rail.

REIF partnership must succeed together in increasing the numbers of goods transported by rail.

For that, ladies and gentlemen, we need to join our experience, our expertise and our commitment.



What could be done for the freight railways?

- Increase productivity by improving the infrastructure on the rail freight corridors (e.g. 740 m-Trains)
- Reduce financial burden by taxes, new regulations, etc.
- Fund investments at RUs for ETCS, silent wagons etc.
- Harmonize the European operation regimes
- Ease the access to neighboring countries (e.g. accept languages from the Neighbor etc.)



#### Looking forward to work together in a succesful project. I thank you for your attention.

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