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## **Enhancing European Rail Integration**

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#### Rail Baltica: bridging a missing transport link by 2030

Part of the North Sea - Baltic Sea TEN-T corridor and Baltic Sea -Black Sea - Aegean Sea TEN-T corridor in the future

- Infrastructural synergies along the Rail Baltica multimodal transport corridor
- Delivering EU, regional and national ambitions
- Geopolitical obligation, not just a necessity

Contributes to European Commission's Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy objectives and the European Union's climate neutrality goals





#### A new standard for freight and passenger mobility



Helsinki





1435 mm Double track

ERTMS Level 2 + FRMCS\*

Electrified 2x25kV AC

Maximum length of freight trains: 1050m



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Axle load 25t

**Design speed:** 249 km/h for passenger trains 120 km/h for freight trains

SE-C (Swedish) loading gauge

\* Subject to confirmation

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## Rail Baltica project scope to ensure a functioning transport, military and economic corridor

#### Types of railway services

- International passenger transport
- Cross-border regional passenger transport
- Regional passenger transport 0
- Freight transport, incl. military mobility



7 international passenger stations 45 local passenger stations/stops/halts



3 tunnels



96 railway structures (bridges, overpasses, viaducts, tunnels)



6 Infrastructure maintenance facilities



91 wildlife crossings (ecoducts, culverts, overpasses, animal crossings)

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stage



14 Freight terminal + port connection





## **Current global project priorities**

early 2024



Securing financing through available EU funds; alternative financing options being explored

Baltica corridor by

2030

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## General progress on Rail Baltica implementation today

#### **Design & Construction**

- Master designs for the priority sections are nearing completion
- >100km of mainline to be under construction in the Baltics in 2024
- Consolidated materials' procurements in the final stage
- Electrification & control-command and signalling subsystem 870km design & build procurement ongoing

#### **Delivery Programme 2030**

- Project phasing final alignment with the three States
- Investment cost update ongoing, to be finalized with the updated Cost-Benefit Analysis and new-generation Business Plan in 2024
- Inter-institutional Project delivery set-up improvements







#### **Cooperations & International Suppliers**

Around 300 partnerships with Baltic and EU companies



> 4.7bn EUR of suppliers' contracts signed



## Rail Baltica response to climate change challenges mitigation

Aim for 100% use of renewable energy

Savings estimated > 150,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per year of operation in 2030 & > 400,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per year of operation by 2050

Fossil fuel consumption estimated to decrease between 1,5% and 3,3% compared to the historical average consumption observed between 2010 and 2021

Contribution to energy independence, a key target of EU, enhancing energy secruity within the region

Aim to reduce GHG emissions through a modal shift towards rail and realize between EUR 2,3bn and 3,1bn in net GHG cost reduction





## Rail Baltica response to climate change challenges adaptation

The design life of Rail Baltica infrastructure is up to 100 years; designed to be climate resilient, considering climate change

A comprehensive Study on climate change impact assessment applied as the basis for Rail Baltica design guidelines

Key adaptation aspects: flooding and heavy rain, wind and storms, ground instability and landslides, lightning, low and high temperatures, snow, freezing rain and glazed frost, frost penetration of soil, fog, draught and wild-fires





# Thank you!

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