

# The Renaissance of Night Trains in Europe

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30+  
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members

6 Working  
Groups

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European  
Year of  
Rail

BoT  
Belgium

2003: Last  
night train  
in  
Belgium

External  
costs

Up to  
1,500  
KM

▶ Europe 2050: **-90%** in transport related GHG emissions

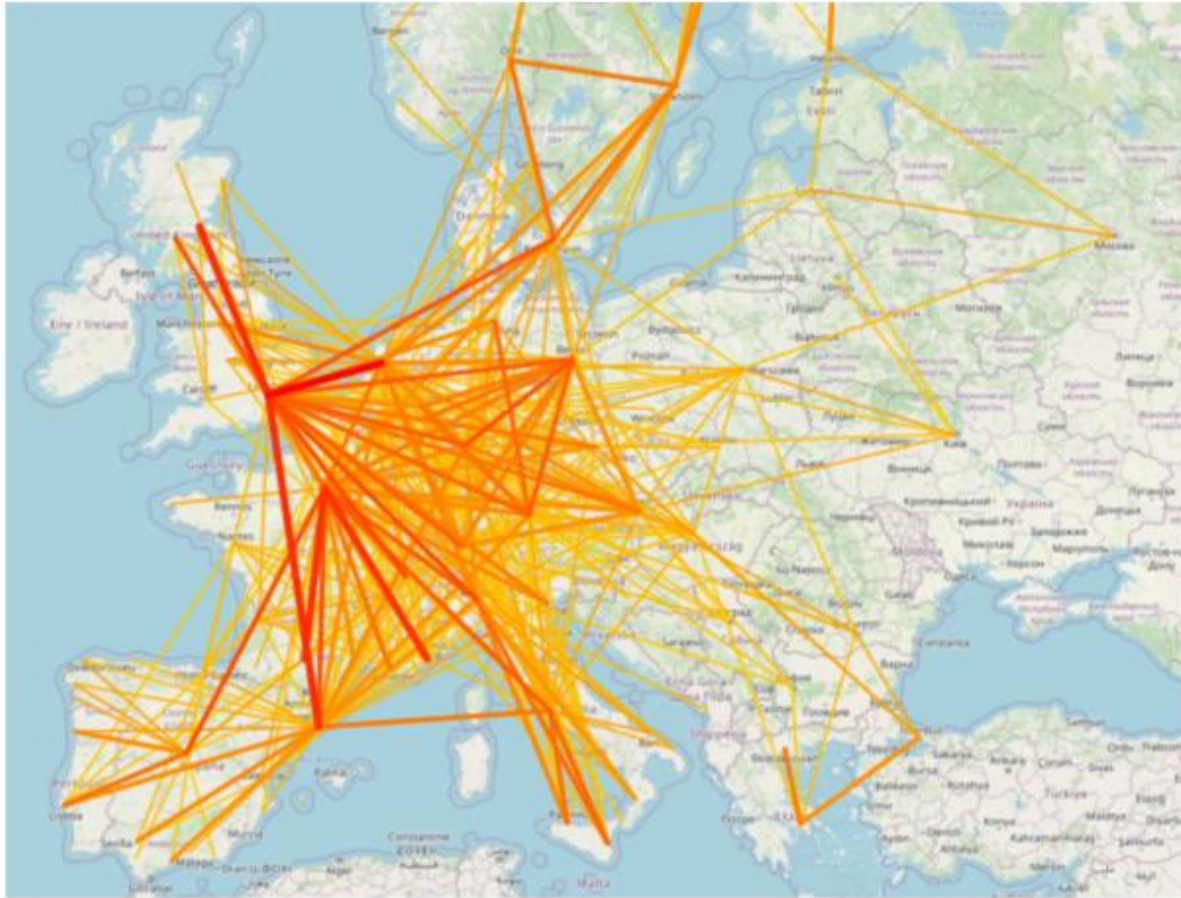
▶ We have the most developed and extensive **railway infrastructure** in the world

▶ **Short-haul flights** are the elephant in the room

▶ There is no **level playing field** between long-distance transport modes



# Replaceable connections 500-1500 km:



According to our 2021 estimate, out of yearly 1.1 B EU aviation passengers in 2019

- **362 M** passengers travel on replaceable routes from 501 to 1500km distance.

Source: [Oui au train de nuit, 2021](#)

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- Trains must become the backbone of European long-distance travel
- Available and attractive for all segments of customers
- Modern and comfortable rolling
- Easy to book and guaranteed connections
- An Europe-wide network
- Improvement over current and previous network
- Urgent need for investment and business development



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- Current policy relies on market initiative
  - Public tendering and private operation
  - Public financing, public operation
- BoT's demands
  - Rolling stock improvements
  - Increased passenger rights
  - Cheaper
  - More accessible



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