Rail Baltica and National Transportation Infrastructure Development in Finland

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Rail Baltica in big picture

From the heart of Europe to the Arctic Ocean:
- Rail Baltica
- Tallinn–Helsinki tunnel
- Extension of North Sea – Baltic Corridor
- Arctic Rail
Finland to join the Rail Baltica joint venture?

- Rail Baltica offers a new route from Finland to EU’s central market areas and is an integral part of Finland’s plan to improve its logistical position.
- As an economic corridor Rail Baltica will boost growth and economic integration in all North-Eastern Europe.
- Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania jointly invited Finland to become a shareholder of the joint venture RB Rail AS Rail on December 10th, 2018. Finland accepted this invitation on February 1st, 2019.
- Negotiations on the update of the shareholders’ agreement will start soon.
- Finland’s aim is timely completion of Rail Baltica within the set timeline of 2026.
Finland’s National Transport System Plan 1/2

• Preparation of the first ever 12-year plan in Finland is underway.

• Based on the guidelines laid down by the parliamentary working group on 13 December 2018.

• The first plan will be prepared for 2020–2031 (new government this summer)

• Draft plan will be submitted to the parliament and a government decision is scheduled for spring 2020.
Finland’s National Transport System Plan 2/2

• A continuously progressing process; the update of the plan by the new government will start in 2024.

• The plan covers state as well as municipal measures and it will also include a funding program for the transport system.

• Better predictability of projects, economies of scale and more flexible implementation will bring savings also in the TEN-T network.
Railway investment package in Finland

• All the important investment needs can not be covered by public funding alone.

• To attract private financing, the Finnish government decided in February to establish a state-owned company to finance large-scale rail transport investments.

• The company has five subsidiaries: project companies for lines west and north of Helsinki, a rolling stock company, a real estate company and the Rail Baltica company.

• By means of the Rail Baltica company Finland will join the rail Baltica joint venture.

• Preparations for the railway project companies are underway. The parent company has already been established.
Three directions

Line West
2 billion euros
• "One Hour Train" to Turku
• 1,6 million trips annually

Line North
5,5 billion euros
(incl. Airport Connection 2,7 billion euros)
• 6,5 million trips annually

Line East
1,7 billion euros
• 2,8 million trips annually

Helsinki
Kouvola
St. Petersburg
Turku
Tampere
Oulu
Airport
Thank you!

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