

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

Tampere
Oulu

Airport

Helsinki

Line North

5,5 billion euros
(incl. Airport Connection 2,7 billion euros)

- 6,5 million trips annually

Kouvola
St. Petersburg

Line East

1,7 billion euros

- 2,8 million trips annually

Thank you!

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