

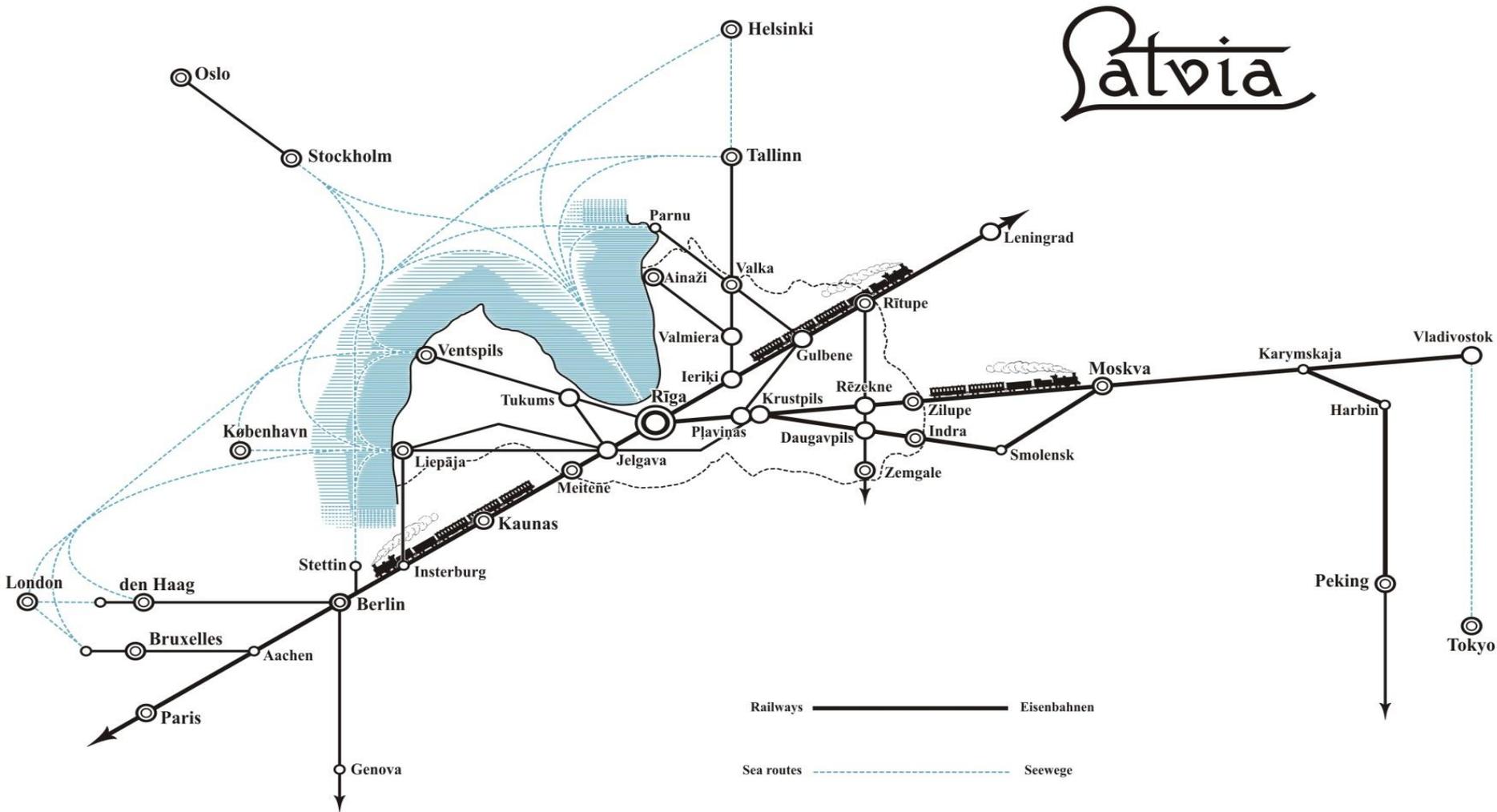


RAIL BALTICA

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA |



Historically, until World War II, the Baltic States were connected to Europe with 1435 mm European width





Pre-History

- Railway system in the Baltic states is a part of larger 1520 mm Eurasian rail network, but technically is not connected with the main European standard gauge (1435 mm) network
- Due to gauge difference practically there are no rail traffic towards Central and Western Europe, also despite the improvements on the existing rail network
- First idea of such line - in mid-1990ies, on 15.09.2003 international co-ordination group in Vilnius agreed on the main features of such line
- Several studies were performed after that, the AECOM study in 2011 justified the feasibility of such line and defined the main parameters



North Sea-Baltic Corridor





Railway Line from Tallinn to Berlin





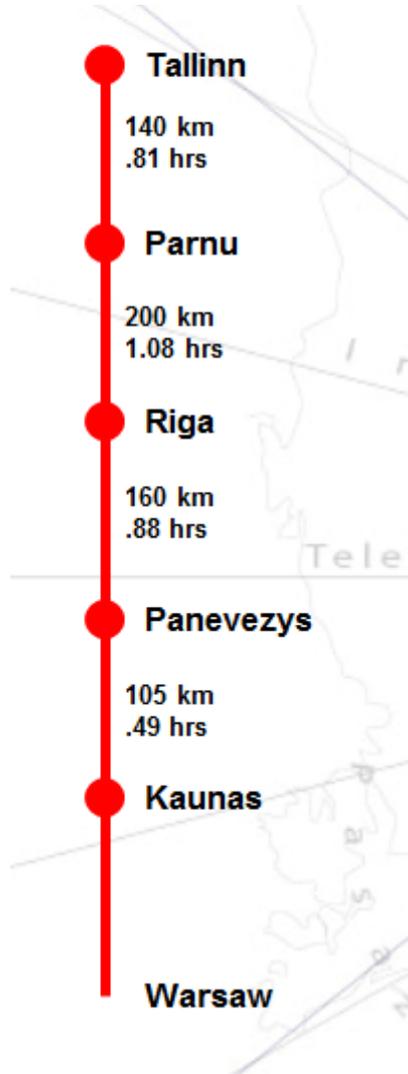
What to expect from Rail Baltica railway line?



- Opportunity to return to Europe (connect to Europe) – **truly integrate into the European Union** – connects capital cities, ports, airports and other strategic objects
- **Largest railroad infrastructure project** in the Baltic countries over the last 100 years
- Comprises four Member States of the European Union – Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and indirectly also Finland, extending the route with the connection Tallinn-Helsinki
- Priority at the European level, **the missing cross-border section of the European rail transport system**



What to expect from Rail Baltica railway line



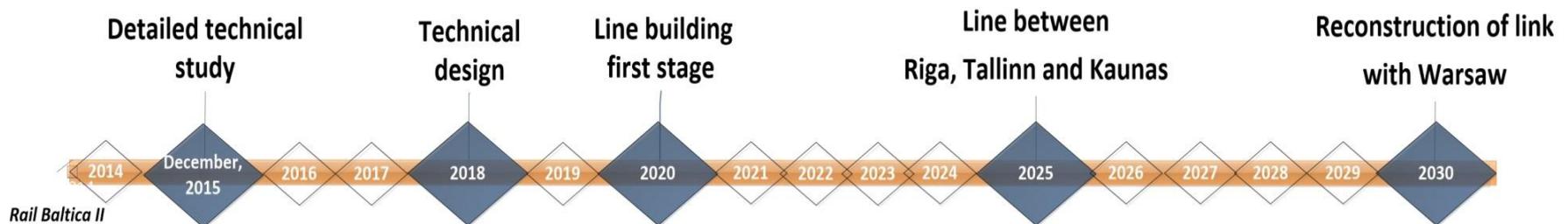
- Double track, electrified, conventional mixed traffic line (1435 mm)
- Overall length 728 km
- Design speed of passenger trains up to 240 km/h and freight trains up to 120 km/h
- Planned to transport ~ 13 million tons of freight and ~ 5 million passengers per year (2030)
- Total Capital Costs ca 3,5 billion €
- Journey times between Tallinn and the Lithuanian/Polish Border - Passenger 4.13 hrs/Freight 10.38 hrs

Main design and construction activities will be carried out in 2015-2025



Global project time schedule

- National studies to be completed in 2016
 - Detailed technical studies, special plan, EIA, etc.
- Studies and technical design completed by 2018-2022
 - Technical design, Land acquisition plan, Archeological studies, Study on raw materials, etc.
- Land acquisition by 2019 - 2020
- Construction of the entire Rail Baltica line to be completed by 2025





Current Rail Baltica activities



- Detailed technical study, including the preparation of the report on the environmental impact assessment, detailed technical surveys, and preparation of technical solutions, performing financial and economic calculations ;
- Study on logistics facilities (site location, cargo flow projections, business case definition, etc.)
- Riga intermodal passenger terminal studies (international, intercity, inter-modal transport link)
- Study on legal aspects of land acquisition, just compensations



Ongoing and Planned activities in 2014 – 2020+2

- 26. February - joint CEF application was submitted, total amount for Latvia 293 milj. euro. Activities applied for:
 - detailed technical design for a Central part of Rail Baltica railway connection;
 - technical design and construction of Riga Central Railway junction and related Civil constructions;
 - technical design and construction of Riga International Airport Rail Baltica passenger station building and junction;
 - construction of railway connection central part: Riga Central Station to Riga International Airport (Phase I).
- Time schedule for planned activities under CEF 1st call of proposals (2014 – 2022):
 - 2015 – 2018 Studies and technical design
 - 2015 – 2019 Land acquisition
 - 2018 – 2022 Construction of Phase 1



Establishment of Joint Venture «RB Rail» AS



Joint Venture between Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia – «RB Rail» AS was established on 28 October 2014.



Joint Venture – RB Rail AS

- Joint Venture is registered in Riga according to Commercial law of Latvia.
- The main business of «RB Rail» AS is the design, construction and marketing (including branding) of the Railway.
- RB Rail AS according to Joint CEF application is leading and coordinating body for Rail Baltica project.
- Current activities:
 - Organization of studies, design and works for period 2014 - 2022
 - Update the cost and benefit analysis
 - Preparation of Contracting scheme
 - Prepare a Business Plan and establish administration and project management
 - Legal coordination and contract management

Vision to become reality

Implementation of the Rail Baltica project will bring immense benefits to people and companies of Baltic States by integrating into the European Single Market



Sustainability of national economy and diversified development will be ensured, improving the opportunities for freight and passenger transportation in the North – South direction; it will also contribute to geo-political stability in the Baltics