

RAIL4SEE ○ Rail Hub Cities for South East Europe



RAIL4SEE in a nutshell

South East Europe cities are the “first/last legs” of transnational transport chains which consist of local, regional and transnational transport systems. Rail hub cities are the present crucial elements of transport interconnectivity in South East Europe. The RAIL4SEE activities are oriented to the long term sustainability of the project results from a political, financial and operational point of view, as the project directly involves the core decision makers, policy makers and transport operators in rail and public transport in South East Europe.

South East Europe faces the need for transnational rail connections between rail hub cities, especially on the European transport networks and along the main intercity lines. Rail and public transport lines need for upgrade, strengthening and better organization. That calls for a multimodal integration of local/city transport networks, regional transport systems and transnational transport axes. City rail hubs and regions have a role to integrate these different transport levels as means for an improved transport accessibility and interconnectivity in South East Europe. In order to improve rail transport in 11 major hub cities and their respective regions, 28 partners from 10 (countries cooperate in the RAIL4SEE project.

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What does RAIL4SEE bring for you, Budapest?

- RAIL4SEE project's aim is to integrate primary & secondary transport networks via rail hubs and develop functional integration and multimodal cooperation among transport hubs. In Budapest, the goal is to help passengers choose railway at Újpest-Városkapu intermodal interchange station with passenger information and ticket selling system, harmonized timetable instruments. The development of the tariff system and the real-time passenger service information, together with the new operational model of the interchange will benefit seamless travel option for the everyday users.
- As a further RAIL4SEE aim, a new direct daily train service between Budapest and Sofia addresses a non-infrastructure intervention. Integrating these cities into transnational transport corridors will effectively cut journey time to one day. After eliminating some bottleneck sections, there is no need for time-consuming external border control as the complete route is inside the territory of the European Union. Such a train will offer a competitive service to the bus and private car option.
- As a pilot action on integrated ticketing the current limited form will be widened in order to develop the situation on the Liszt Ferenc International Airport connection. Consequently the overall use of public transport to the airport can increase if the solution can be extended to the occasional users within and beyond the borders of the city. This development and the passengers' feedback are crucial to extend the integrated ticketing system in the future.

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4.8 M€

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28

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11