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CHANGING TRACKS

TOWARDS BETTER INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT BY TRAIN

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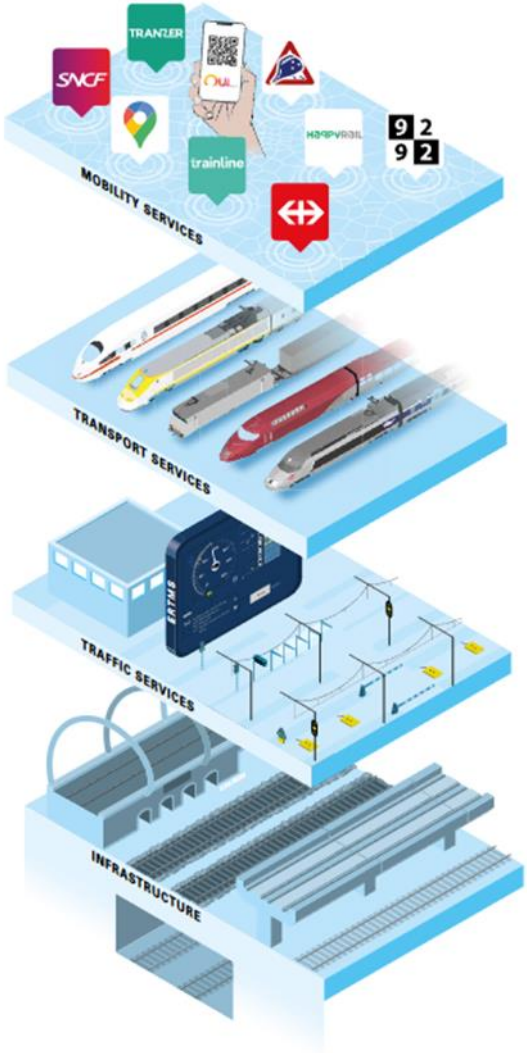
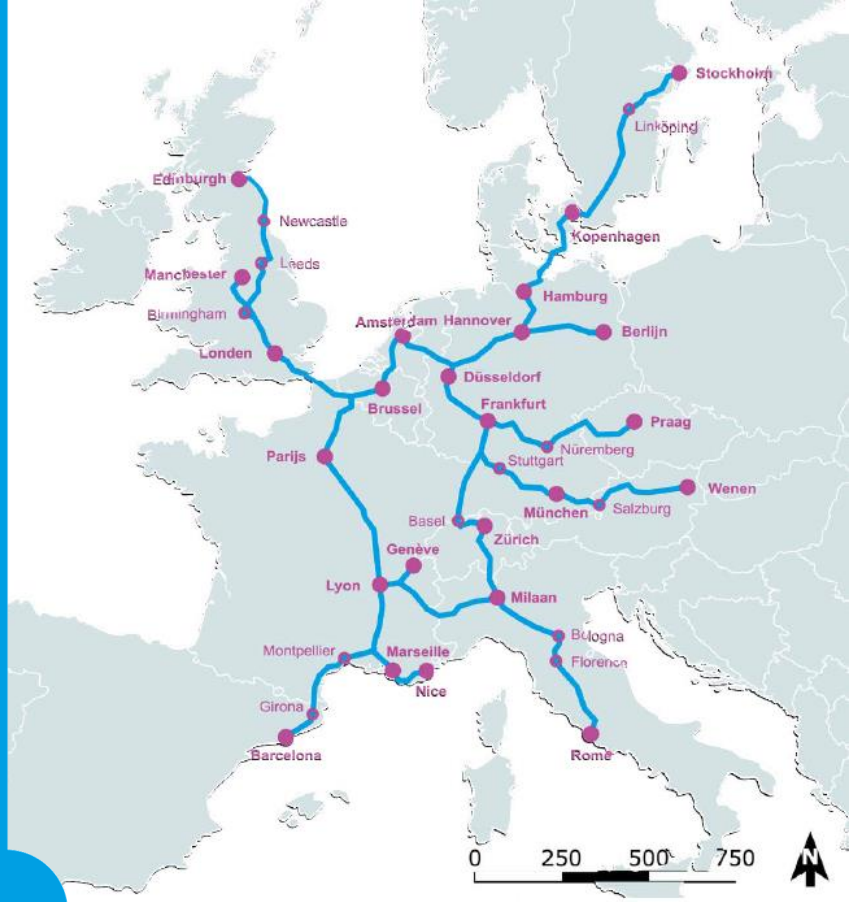


The four layers of the rail transport system

- Mobility services which facilitate the traveller and his journey: traffic information, route planners, Mobility as a Service concepts (MaaS)
- Transport services: railway companies and their rolling stock.
- Traffic services: measures and instruments for optimal and safe use of rail network capacity.
- Physical and digital infrastructure: the system of tracks, stations, rail yards and digital hardware.

Identifying issues

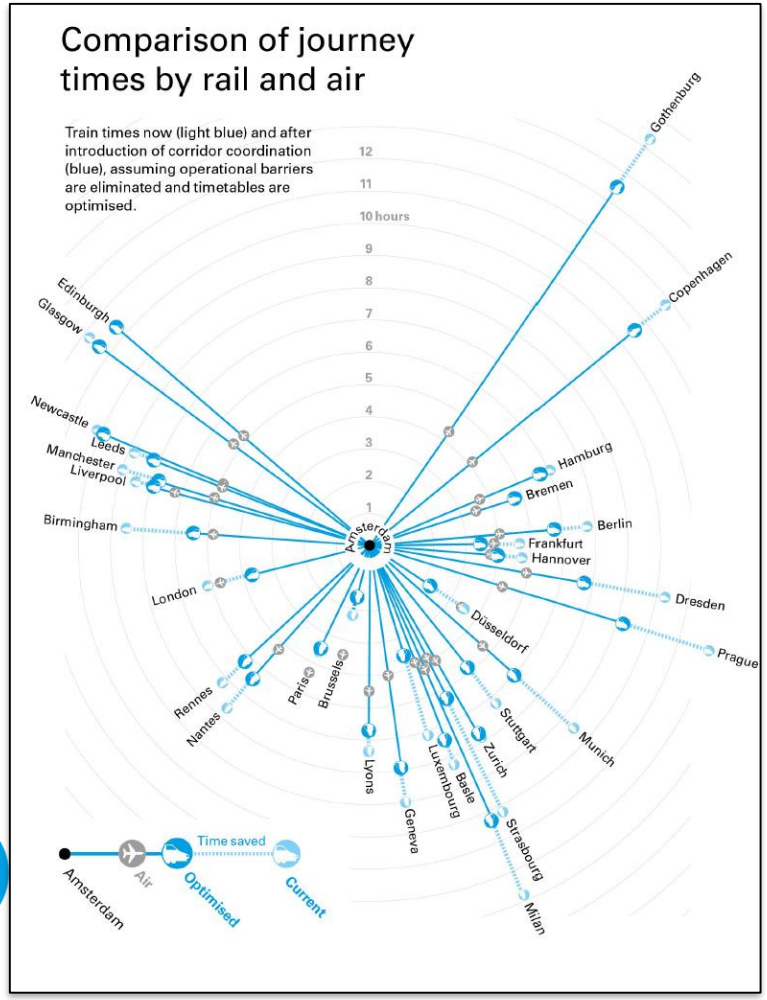
The case of the Eurostar stop at Brussels Gare Du Midi when traveling between Amsterdam and London



Main international rail corridors to (and from) the Netherlands

Work towards corridor coordination

- Coordination on the main connections between major European urban agglomerations
- Similar to Rail Freight Corridors for freight transport
- Built upon political statement, initiative from State Secretary Van Veldhoven
- On the longer term need for one European rail authority



More efficient capacity allocation and more use of information technology

- Improve coordination of train paths for international passengers
- Encourage information technology applications to optimise use of rail capacity

Comparison of journey times by rail and air, assuming operational barriers are eliminated and timetables are optimised

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