Rail is one of the most sustainable transport modes we have. It plays a key role in the EU becoming climate-neutral by 2050.

**RAIL IS SUSTAINABLE**

- **71.1%** road transport
- **13.4%** civil aviation
- **14.1%** waterborne transport
- **0.4%** rail transport
- **0.5%** other

**CONNECTING PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES**

- Total length of rail network: **201 000 km**
  - EU27 (2018)

**BUT NOT YET REALISING ITS POTENTIAL**

- Only **7%** of rail passenger traffic is cross-border
- **65%** decrease in night cross-border services (between 2001 and 2019)
- **1%** increase in total cross-border services (between 2001 and 2019)

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**BOOSTING LONG-DISTANCE AND CROSS-BORDER passenger rail**

European Year of Rail

- **2 x high-speed rail traffic**
- Scheduled collective travel of under 500 km should be carbon-neutral within the EU

- **BY 2030**
- **3 x high-speed rail traffic**

- **BY 2050**
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESENTS ACTION PLAN TO BOOST LONG DISTANCE AND CROSS-BORDER PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES

Remove obstacles:

- Ticketing systems that find the best ticket at the best price for the full journey
- Making sustainable transport an easy option for young people
- Ensure sufficient availability of trains, rail coaches and locomotives
- Modernise infrastructure for passenger rail
- Appropriate pricing to ease access to infrastructure for rail operators
- Accelerate digitalisation and interoperability
- Efficient use of the rail network
- Ensure rail staff training and certification meet future needs

Full and correct implementation of existing rules:
- Implement the Single European Rail Area
- Open the market for new players and services

European Investment Bank launches Green Rail Investment Platform
Supporting sustainable rail investments in:

- Infrastructure
- Rolling stock
- Digital systems

NEXT STEPS:
15 cross-border pilot services to test and implement these measures.