

**High-speed rail** is a rail passenger service running at much higher speeds than normal passenger trains.

The network of the trans-European high-speed rail system includes:

- specially built high-speed lines equipped for speeds generally equal to or greater than 250 km/h;
- specially upgraded high-speed lines equipped for speeds of the order of 200 km/h;
- specially upgraded high-speed lines which have special features as a result of topographical, relief or town-planning constraints, on which the speed must be adapted to each case.

## Related concepts

- [Railway line](#)
- [Railway safety statistics in the EU](#)

## Statistical data

- [Passenger transport statistics](#)

## Source

- [DG Mobility and Transport](#)