Paris-Strasbourg in 1 hour 45

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East European High-Speed Line brings Europe closer together

About this project
Used by 12,000 passengers a day and serving new stations, the East European High-Speed Line facilitates movement of people and goods. In 10 years, journey times between Paris and Strasbourg have gone from 4 hours to 1 hour 45 minutes. This brings places such as Reims, Nancy, Frankfurt and Basel closer together and enables many towns and cities to attract more residents, businesses and investment.

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The East European High-Speed Line will improve rail links between France’s Grand Est region, Paris and other French regions, particularly Hauts-de-France. It will also allow further development of the Grand Est region’s international links with Luxembourg and Germany.

The line forms part of the Main Line for Europe, a 1,500 km trans-European rail axis.

The 2nd phase of its development represents the final stage of French participation in the Main Line for Europe’s construction. Some €1 billion, half of its overall budget, comes from the EU.

Aside from mobility benefits for citizens, the East European High-Speed Line encourages international commerce. It also creates a positive framework for the economic, touristic and cultural development of the regions it serves.
Project facts

Background information
- The East European High-Speed Line has received almost €1 billion from the EU, 50% of its overall budget
- Work on the line has cut journey times between Paris and Strasbourg from 4 hours to 1 hour and 45 minutes in 10 years
- 12,000 passengers and 32 trains a day use the Paris-Strasbourg line

External links
More information on the East European High-Speed Line
Coordinator:
SNCF

EU Funding:
EUR 1 000 000 000
Partners:
Réseau Ferré de France (French Rail Network), French Republic, European Regional Development Fund

Location:
France

Timeframe:
2007 - 2017