

VASAB Tallinn declaration: what is the situation today?

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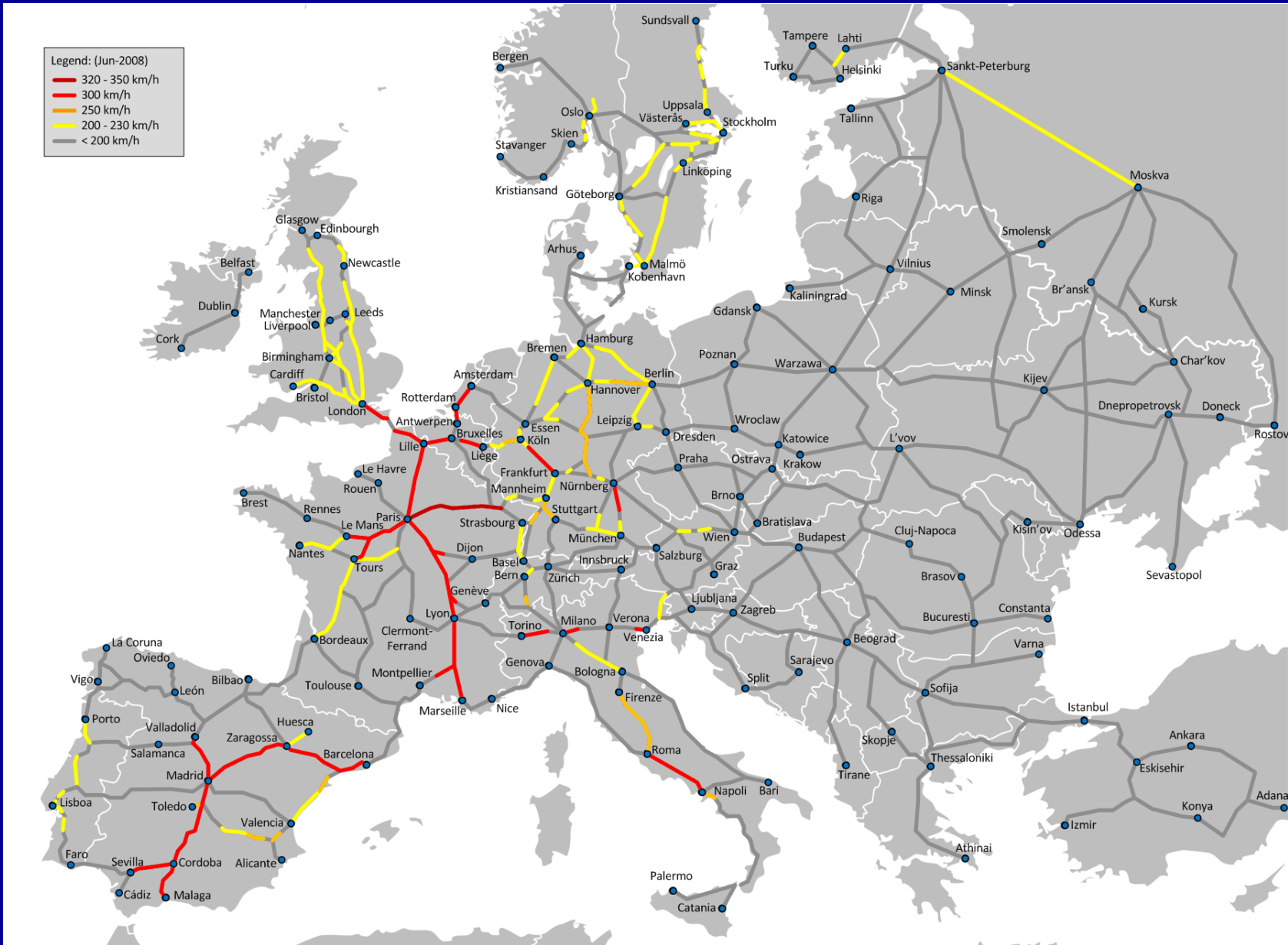
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Key words

- **Mobility network to support urban network**
- **Spatial cohesion**
- **Integration**
- **Environmental friendly transport**
- **Easy border crossing**
- **Combined transport and intermodal cooperation**

Legend: (Jun-2008)

- 320 - 350 km/h
- 300 km/h
- 250 km/h
- 200 - 230 km/h
- < 200 km/h



The BSR facilitates environment friendly transport

- Total length of railway lines decreases
- However, there is an increase in passenger and freight transportation in general, but very large differences between countries
- Lithuania shifts rail from passenger to cargo; Denmark vice versa
- Germany – passenger transportations decreases, importance of goods transport increases.
- In Poland – total decrease in rail transportation

The mobility network provides conditions for effective integration within the BSR and with the world

- **Split between East and West**
- Airline transportation increased considerably – and facilitates integration considerably
- New ferryboat services
- Port development on-going
- Road improvement is on-going. Notably more progress than rail
- **High-speed long distance trains – still a dream in East**
- Out of 11 main high speed international railway lines only in some sections improvements have been made
- **Major missing links still existing**, but Oeresund is success

Energy production relies increasingly on renewable and environment friendly sources of energy

- **Linking nordic, eastern and western networks in one common grid is still missing, bottleneck Poland-Lithuania**
- **New power plants needed**
- **Renewable energies – huge progress in comparison to starting point; hydro and biomass the most important ones**

Questions without answers

- **Was Tallinn vision too optimistic? Or the planning horizon too short?**
- **It seems there is no spatial cohesion on-going between West and East. Differences still exist and even increase**
- **Huge investments, extremely long investment planning periods. What about vision 2050?**