



Rail Freight Corridor  
North Sea – Baltic



## ILEA Project RFCs improving links to Euro-Asian Landbridges

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# Euro-Asian Landbridges: Why are they of interest to RFCs?

- **Several EU Rail Freight Corridors leading to border crossing points at EU Eastern border**
  - RFCs are ending/beginning – but traffic is continuing!
- **Important feeder function of RFCs**
  - RFCs cover the first/last leg of Euro-Asian transport chains.
- **Growing volumes / business potential in Euro-Asian rail freight**
  - Increasing volumes and number of destinations of Euro-Asian train services.
- **RFC customers / stakeholders are engaging in Euro-Asian rail freight**
  - Potential for RFCs to facilitate for customers to develop their business.

# Euro-Asian Landbridges: What is intended to do?



## Goal

- Improvement of the border processes;
  - Better coordination between IMs and customers;
  - Intensified coordination between RFC's and non-EU countries;
  - Removal of other barriers identified during the project.
- Set up a multi-RFC project financed by CEF II starting 2021



## Next steps

Bringing interested RFCs together, identifying customer expectations, taking stock of existing analysis, doing basic research



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# Euro-Asian Landbridges: Timeline of the project preparation phase

Planning step	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	August 2021	Sep 2021
Initial planning / gathering of project ideas	Active	Active	Active									
Definition of work packages			Active	Active								
Definition of tasks / activities, incl budget and involvement of Partners				Active	Active	Active	Active					
Final decision on participation by each Party							Active					
Drafting of project application (based on prev templates)							Active	Active	Active	Active		
„Ready” proposal											Active	
Submission (assumption; date unknown!)												?

**Following RFCs are participating in the preparation phase,**



**with RFC NS-B and RFC Amber as co-leaders.**



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# Euro-Asian Landbridges: Stakeholder survey

In February/March 2021 a stakeholder survey was conducted, in order :

- to indicate involvement in the Euro-Asian traffic;
- to indicate routes/border crossings used;
- to indicate measures for improvements and
- to volunteer to take part in the project in an active role.



The deadline for participation in the survey has been prolonged till 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 but the analysis of first results has been started already and used as input for the project preparation already.

# SURVEY DESIGN

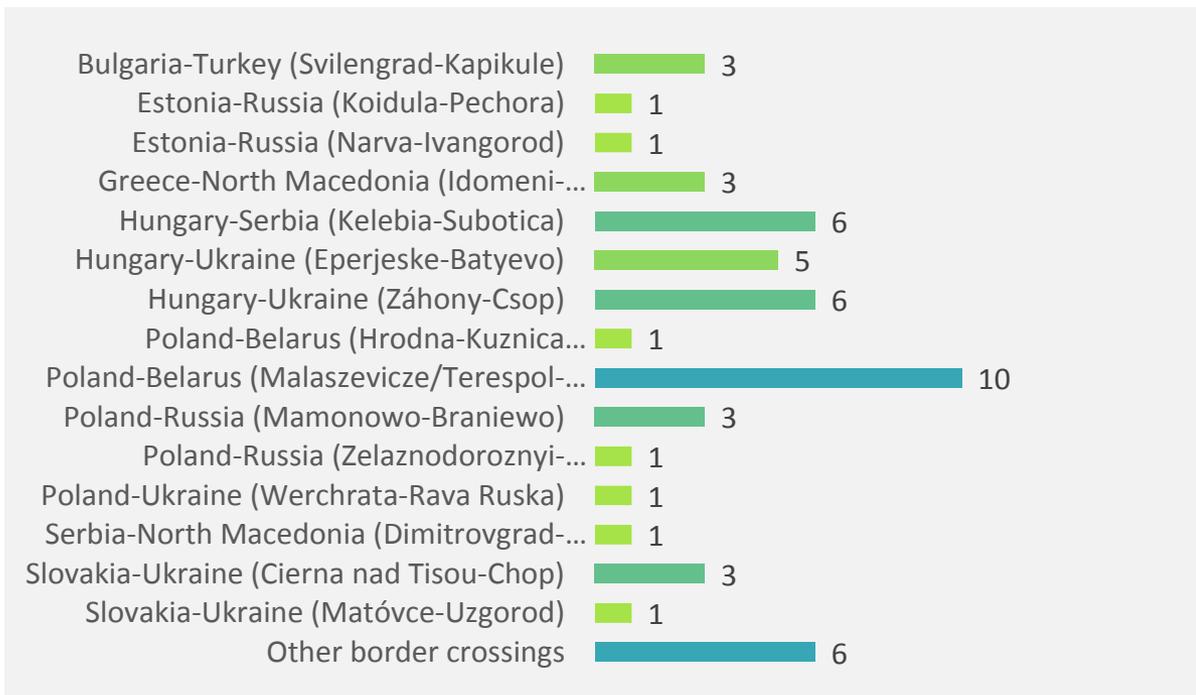
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- 21 respondents\*
- Computer Aided Web Evaluations (using the online tool Survio)
- Contacts (e-mail address) delivered by the Working Group
- 92 e-mail invitations sent
- Field Phase: 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

*\* Due to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

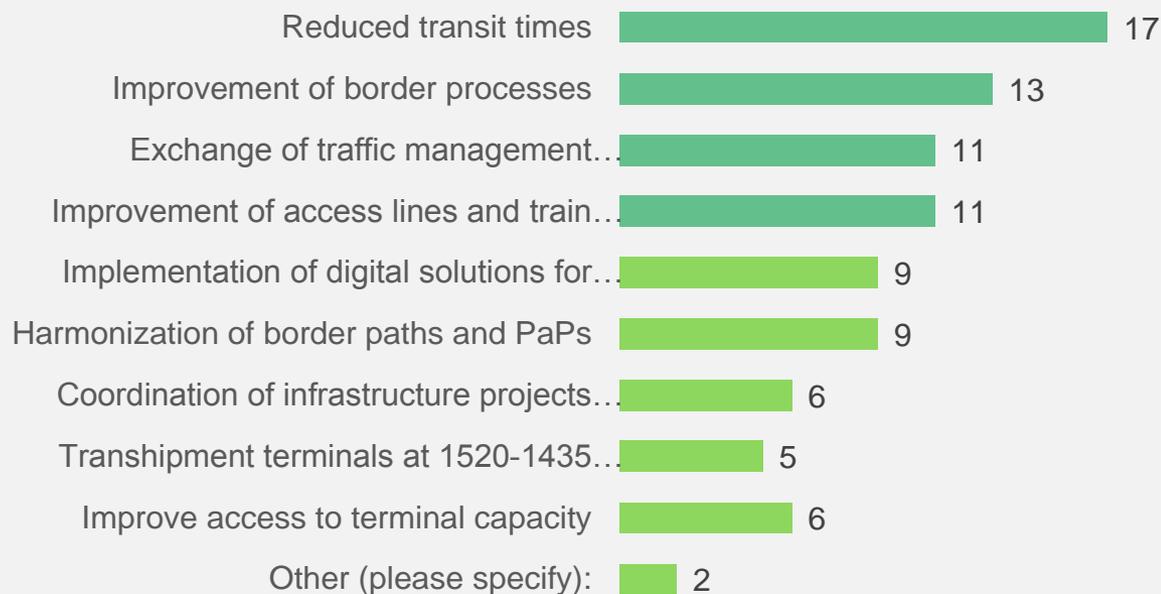
## Which of the border crossings btw. EU and non-EU countries East of it does your company use:



### Other border crossings:

- None of the above, no direct rail connection yet.
- N.a.
- Croatia – Hungary (Koprivnica – Gyekenyes)
- Croatia – Serbia
- No one

## What are the main measures you see for the future growth of rail freight traffic on the Euro-Asian Landbridge?

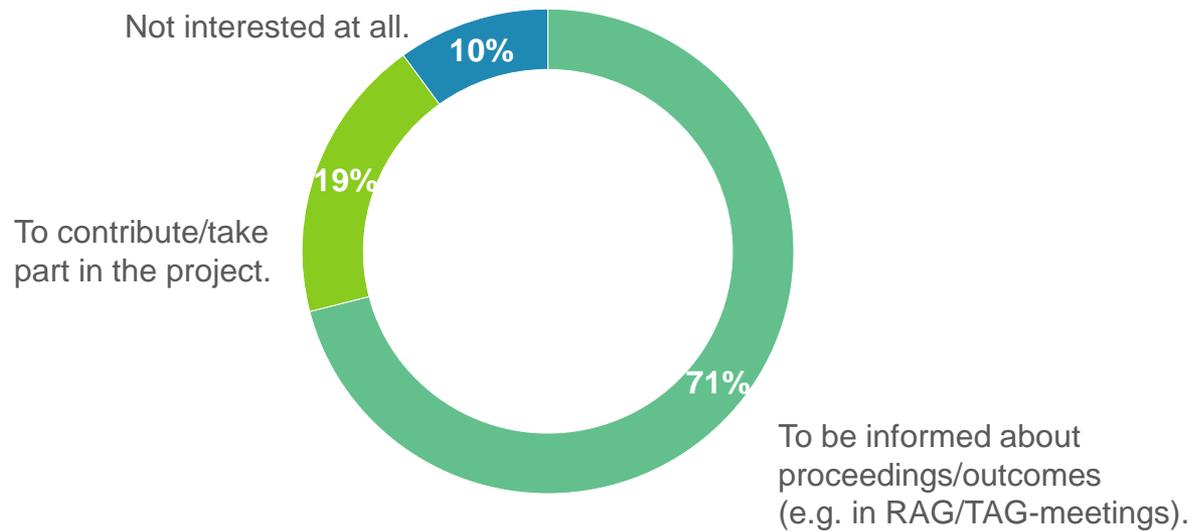


### Other:

- Infrastructure upgrade and capacity enhancement between Berlin and border DE/PL and in Malaszewicze station; make corridor fit for 740 m trains.
- as a Port Authority we are not fully aware of all these

# How would you like to become involved in the project?

## Involvement in %





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# Euro-Asian Landbridges: Next steps



- Analysis of the survey results
- Discussion on results with other RFCs
- Integration of results in draft project plan



- Brainstorming with stakeholders during common workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Further development of draft project plan





**Thank you for your attention!**