

Berlin – Szczecin

Opportunities and challenges of
cross-border rail transport

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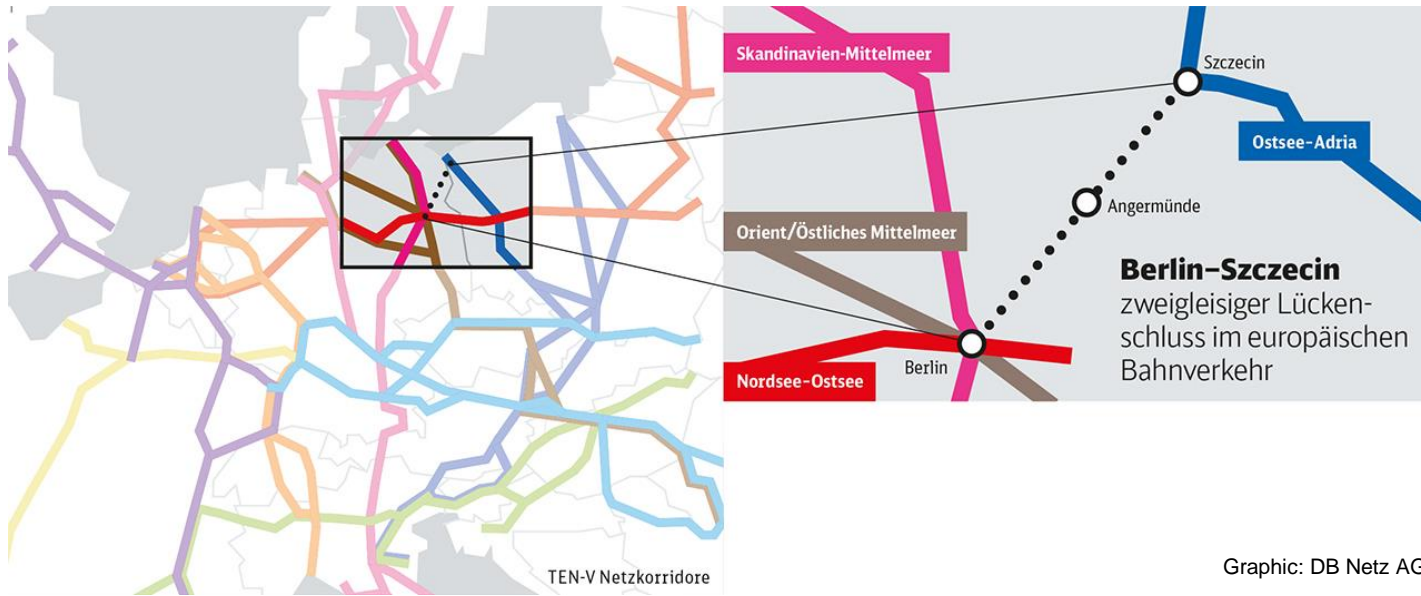
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1 Integration in the European rail network

Berlin – Szczecin

- Cross-border Link between four different TEN-T corridors
- Connection for about 4 mio. people in Berlin and about 400.000 people in Szczecin



2 Current situation

Infrastructure in the cross-border section

Angermünde – Szczecin:

- Single Track without electrification
- Maximum speed: 50 - 120 km/h

Train service Berlin – Angermünde – Szczecin:

- Train service nearly every 2 hours between Angermünde and Szczecin
- Diesel Multiple Units (DMU)
- Changing trains in Angermünde is necessary except 3-4 trains per day running Berlin – Szczecin
- Journey time: 1 h 50 min direct trains or more than 2 hours with changing trains
- Competition with long-distance bus services
- Special offer: 12,70 Euro single ticket, 25 Euro day ticket or 33 Euro for 5 persons including public transport in Berlin and Szczecin

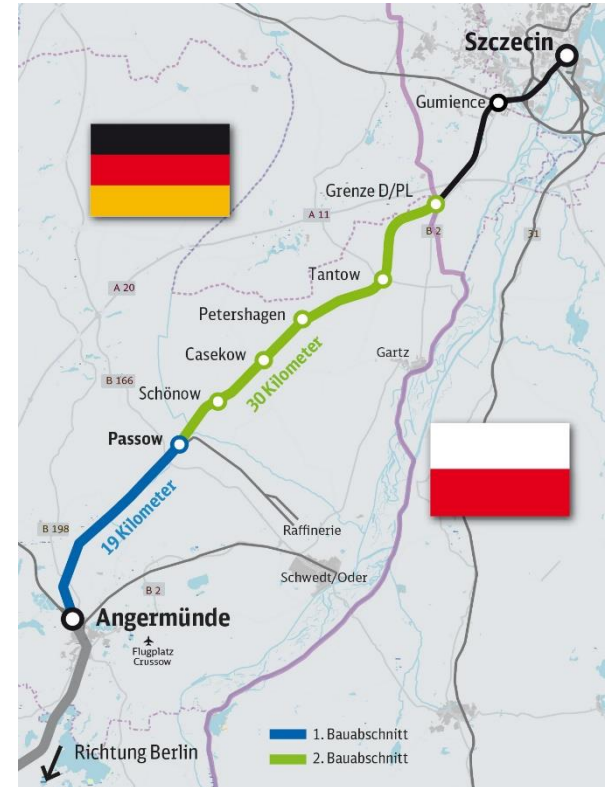


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3 Investment in infrastructure

Infrastructure upgrade in the cross-border section Angermünde – Szczecin:

- Double Track
- Electrification (D: 15 kV AC, PL: 3 kV DC)
- Maximum speed: 160 km/h
- Start of construction works: November 2021
- Implementing: 2025 / 2026
- Investment: 480 mio. Euro in Germany
- Financed by:
German ministry of transport (380 mio. Euro),
Berlin and Brandenburg (50 mio. Euro each,
request for Connecting Europe Facility [CEF]
program of the EU)

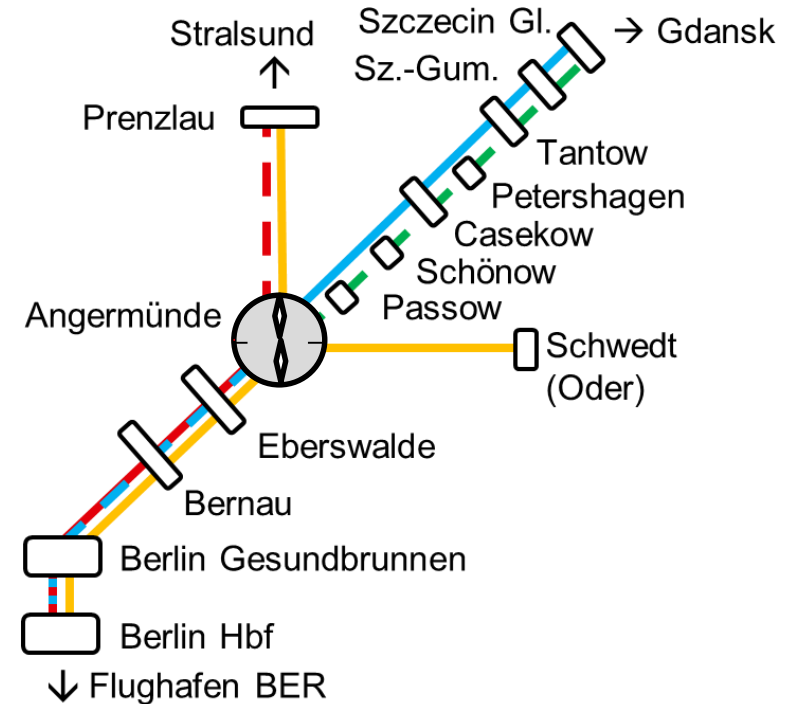


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Planned train service Berlin – Angermünde – Szczecin from December 2026:

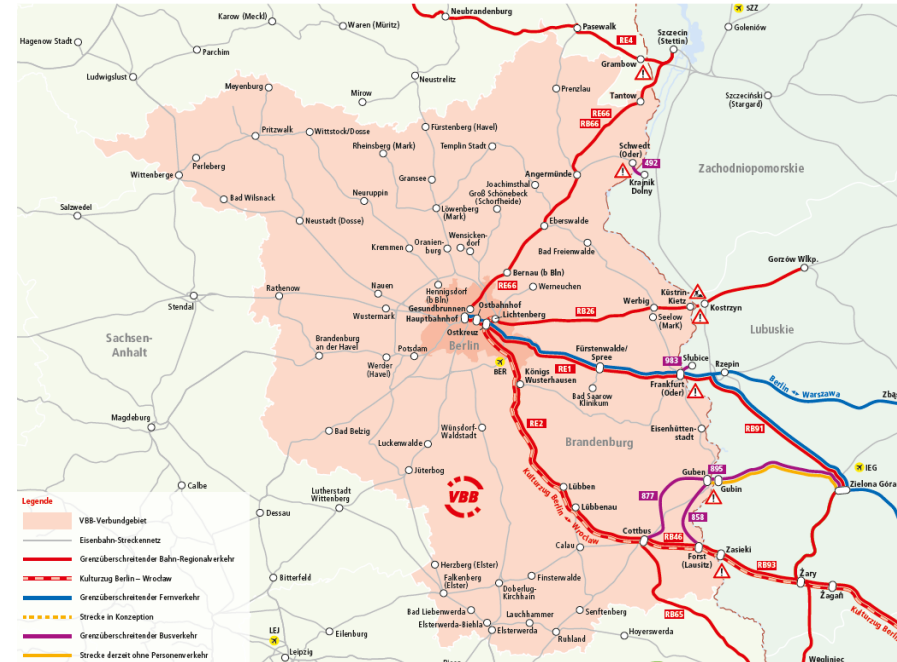
- Train service every hour, in peak times two trains per hour
- Electric Multiple Units (EMU)
- Direct trains Berlin – Szczecin every 2 hours and local trains Angermünde – Szczecin
- Journey time 20 min faster than today: 1 h 30 min direct trains
- Integration in the synchronised timetables: Arrival/Departure at Angermünde minutes :00 and :30 for connections in other directions
- Tender started in September 2021



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5 Conclusion

- We need an excellent rail infrastructure to offer an excellent rail service!
 - The development of the cross-border link Berlin – Szczecin enables:
 - More connections
 - Faster connections
 - Integration in regional, national and european synchronised timetables
 - Environment friendly transport (Electric instead of Diesel trains and a shift from individual to public transport)
- The people on both sides of the border move closer together!



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Thank you for your attention!

More information (in German language):

<https://bauprojekte.deutschebahn.com/p/angermuende-stettin>

<https://www.vbb.de/tickets/sondertickets/fahrausweise-von-und-nach-polen/>

<https://www.vbb.de/vbb-services/freizeitangebote/polen/ausflugsziele-polen/>

