

Rail hub cities: the present crucial elements of transport interconnectivity in South East Europe

South East Europe cities are the “first/last legs” of transnational transport chains. These chains consist of local, regional and transnational transport systems. On the one hand, South East Europe faces the need for transnational rail connections between rail hubs, especially on TEN-T networks and along the main intercity lines. On the other hand, rail and in general public transport bound feeder lines need for upgrade, strengthening and better organisation. That calls for a multimodal integration of local/city transport networks, regional transport systems and transnational transport axes. City rail hubs and regions have a role to integrate these different transport levels as means for an improved transport interconnectivity in South East Europe.

In the Rail4SEE project partners call for complementary interventions facing the alleviation of barriers for rail hubs integration in the local, regional, transnational and TEN-T systems, transport services projecting & harmonisation, governance improvement. The challenge is the development of models, concepts, measures, harmonised strategies and policy actions targeted to the improvement of rail and intermodal transport in South East Europe.

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