



**MISSING RAILWAY LINKS:
A CHALLENGE
FOR COHESION AND GROWTH
IN BORDER REGIONS**

UNLEASHING POTENTIALS:
EMERGING CROSS-BORDER PILOT INITIATIVES

INTRODUCTION

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« Comprehensive analysis of the existing cross-border rail transport connections and missing links on the internal EU borders »

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365 identified cross-border rail connections in the inventory



176 missing or promising links



38 shortlisted projects

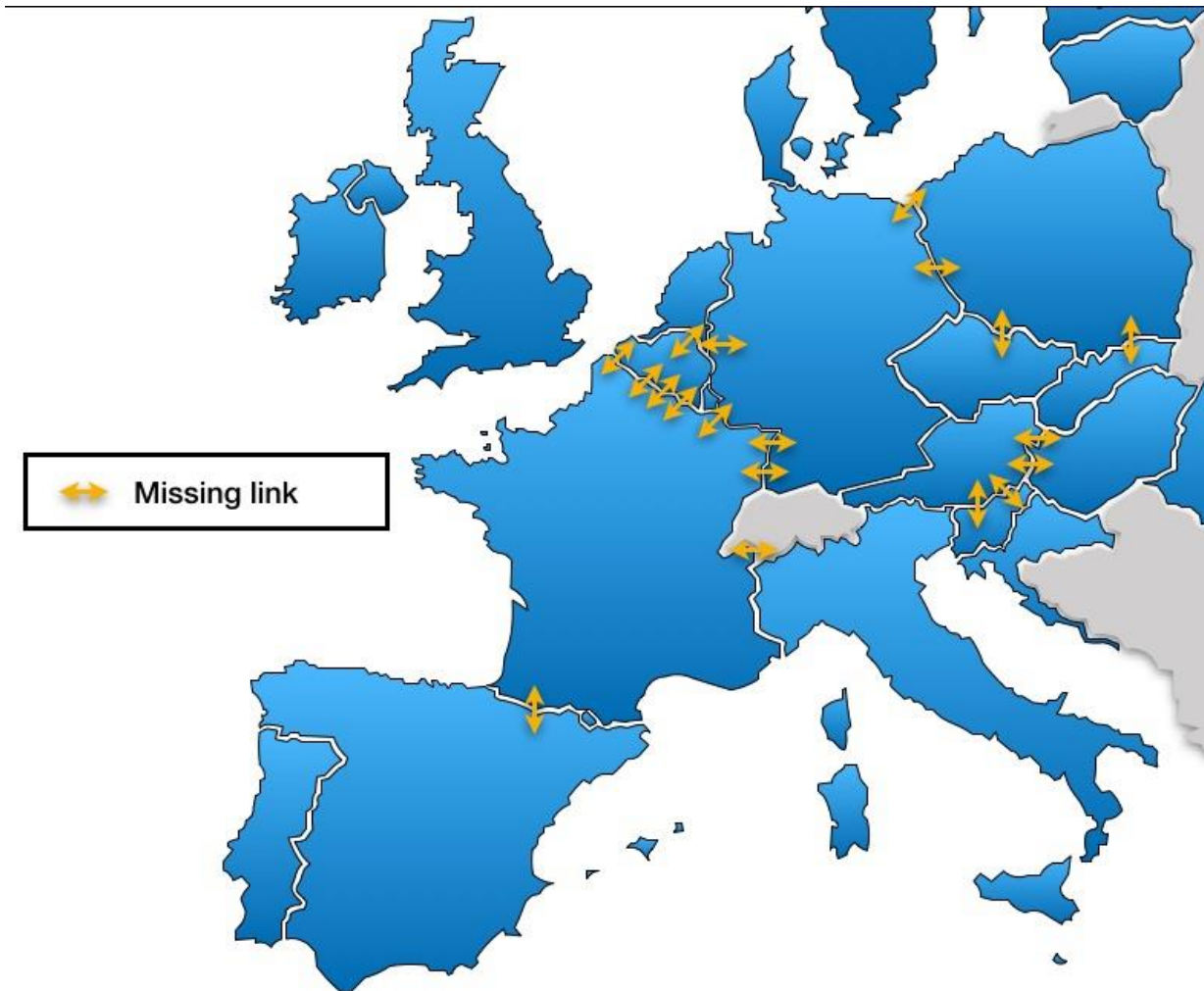


48 potentially most beneficial missing links



19 rather positive stakeholder assessment

||| The 19 potentially most beneficial missing links with a rather positive stakeholder assessment |||



Estimated investment sum for the 38 shortlisted projects in the study:

~ 4 billion €



= ~ 100 million € total investment for each project

By extrapolation, this corresponds to an investment need of:

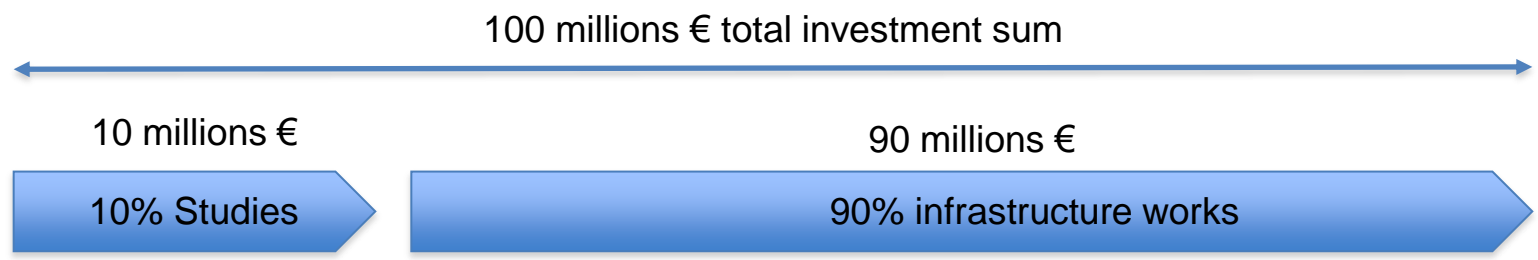
17,6 billion € to finance all 176 missing or promising links



1,9 billion € to finance the 19 potentially most beneficial missing links

Investing in a Missing Link

Typical project financing outline (based on existing provisions)



CEP: technical studies
(co-financing: 50%)
-> 4,5M€ EU

CEP: infrastructure works
(co-financing 30%)
-> 30M€ EU

INTERREG : Feasibility study
Up to 1 million € (co-financing 50%)
-> 0,5M€ EU



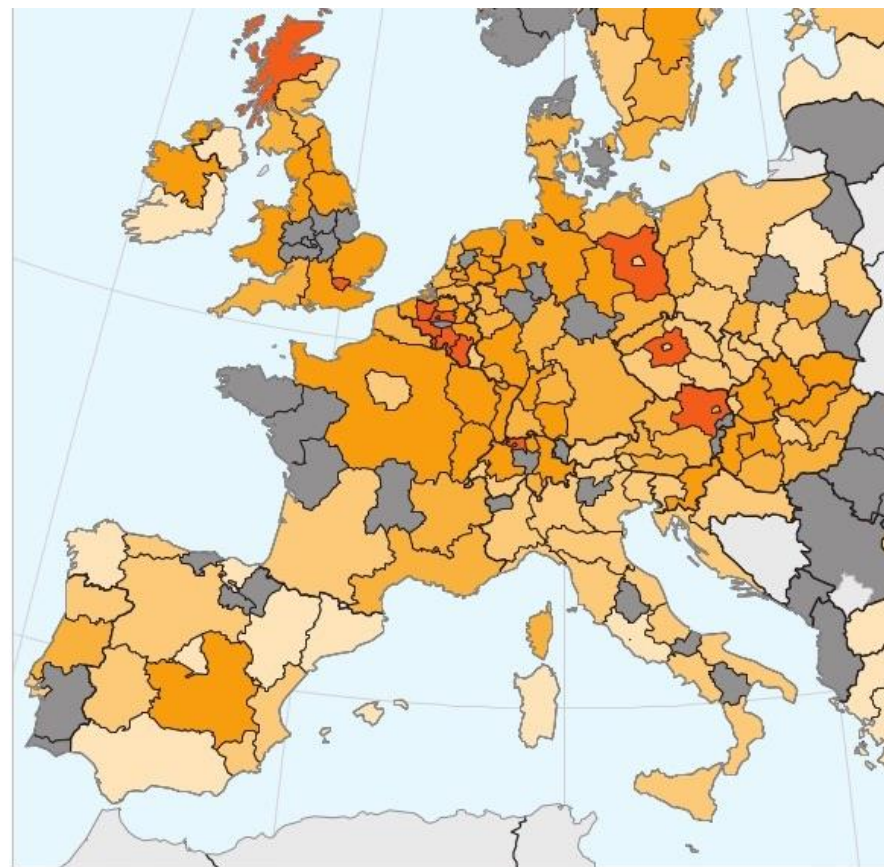
Based on this example, there is a need for **European funding** of about 35 millions € per Missing Link



665 millions € to fund the Top 19

The missing links in the top 19 are at the heart of cross-border employment in Europe:

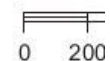
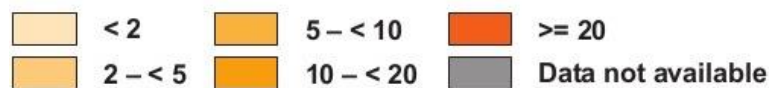
- **7 are located in regions with more than 20% cross-border employment**
- 5 are located in regions with 10 to 20% cross-border employment
- Only 2 out of 19 are located in regions with less than 5% cross-border employment



(% of total employment)

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EU-28 = 8.1



Carte : EuroStat

Missing Links in the TEN-T network

26 out of the 48 potentially most beneficial projects are **not** in the TEN-T

10 out of the 19 projects with positive stakeholder assessment are **not** in the TEN-T

