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NL logistical hub, rail freight China – the Netherlands



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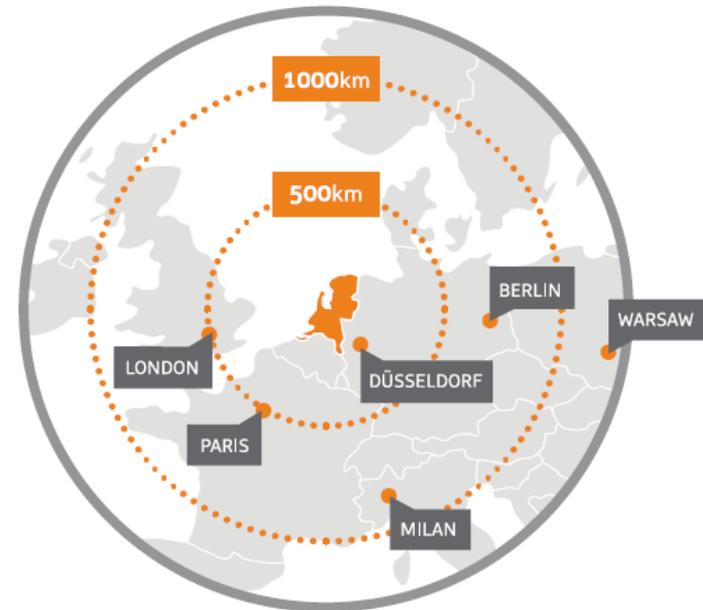
Momentum for rail freight

- Green Deal/EC Strategy on Sustainable and Smart Mobility
- Climate Agreement NL



NL logistical hub

- NL is a logistical hub in Europe
- Mainports essential to the economy
- **Rail freight** is one of the modalities (air, road, water)
- Strong hinterland connections
- Growing importance of rail freight connections China-Europe and vice versa, positive development!





NL Rail Freight facts

- 85% of rail freight is international
- Ambition to grow from **42** Mln. Tons in 2016 to **61** Mln. Tons 2030
- Open market where private companies play important role (privately owned terminals and services providers)
- Government facilitates the market (tries to create good conditions)
- Infrastructure Manager ProRail responsible for infrastructure and capacity
- Strong knowlegde of smart and innovative terminal management
- Dedicated line, rail freight only: Betuweline
- Important: Close cooperation with the logistical/freight sector



Ambition Rail Freight

- Lowering access charges/cost reduction
- Possibility of operating 740 meter long trains
- Modal shift/sustainability
- Development of corridors (e.g. North Sea Baltic)
- Efficiency improvements operations, digitalisation and port logistics (last mile)
- Supporting development of rail freight China-Europe through public private cooperation (**PIB Road to Holland**)





Why the Netherlands?

- Active government support for rail freight to create right conditions for growth
- Possibilities through our Mainports: short sea, deep sea, tax advantages
- World leader in agricultural products, fresh flowers, dairy and other segments
- Dutch customs also focussed on delivering solutions for the market, strong cooperation with companies for efficient procedures
- Strong mulimodal solutions and intensive distribution network (relation Mainports Rotterdam and Amsterdam)





Coming years?

- Efforts on European and national stage
- Ongoing dialogue CN and NL stakeholders on rail freight
- Strengthen competitiveness and attractiveness of rail freight
- NL Infrastructure Manager ProRail to participate in platform on Cooperation on China-Europe Container Block Trains
- Companies to further increase market shares of rail freight services China - The Netherlands

