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Towards seamless rail transport for passengers and freight

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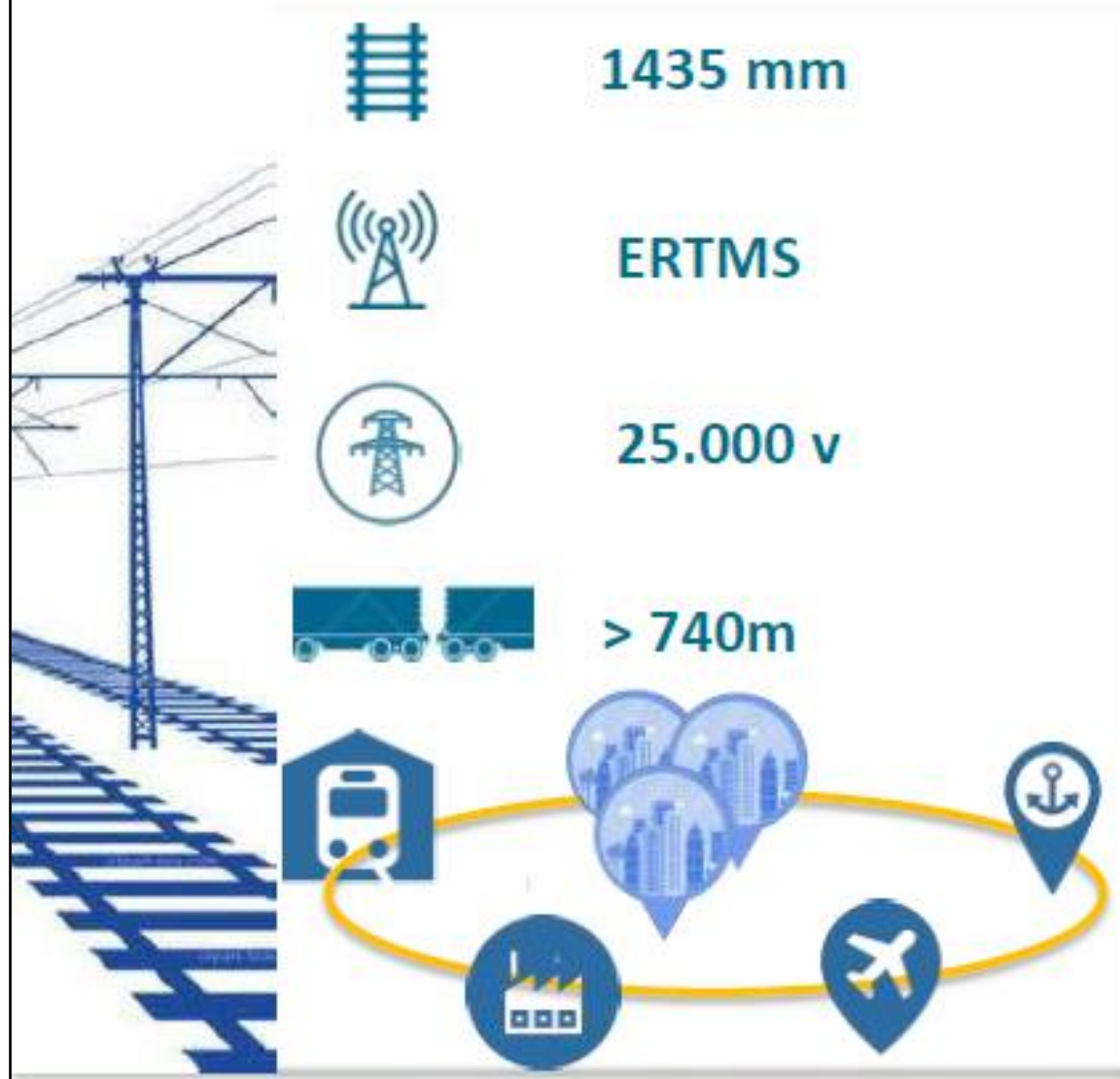
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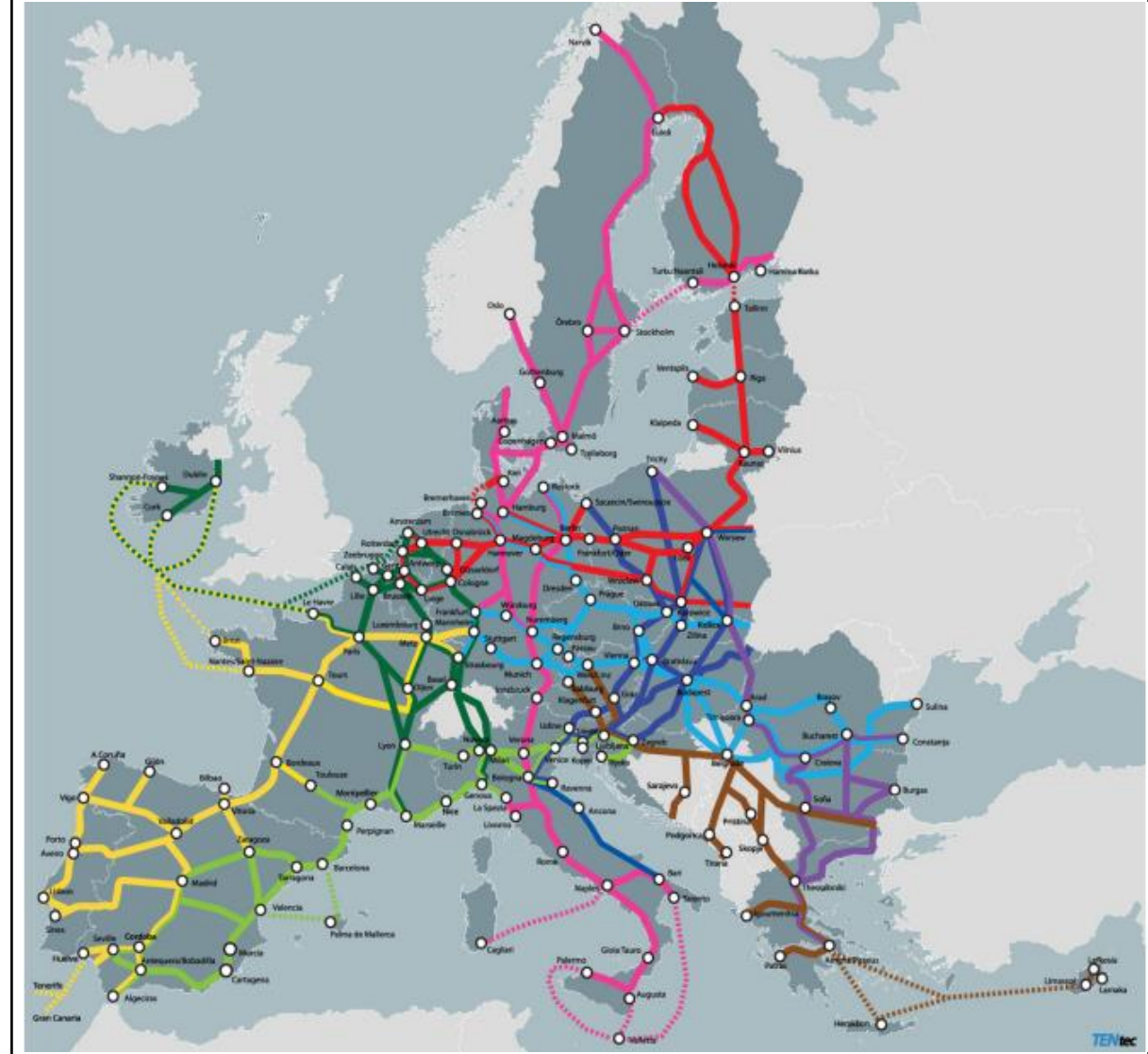
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- The importance of cross-border sectors in TEN-T Network (infrastructure)
- Main obstacles for seamless rail transport (services)
- Towards a systemic approach: Cross-Border Integrated Transport Strategy (CBITS)

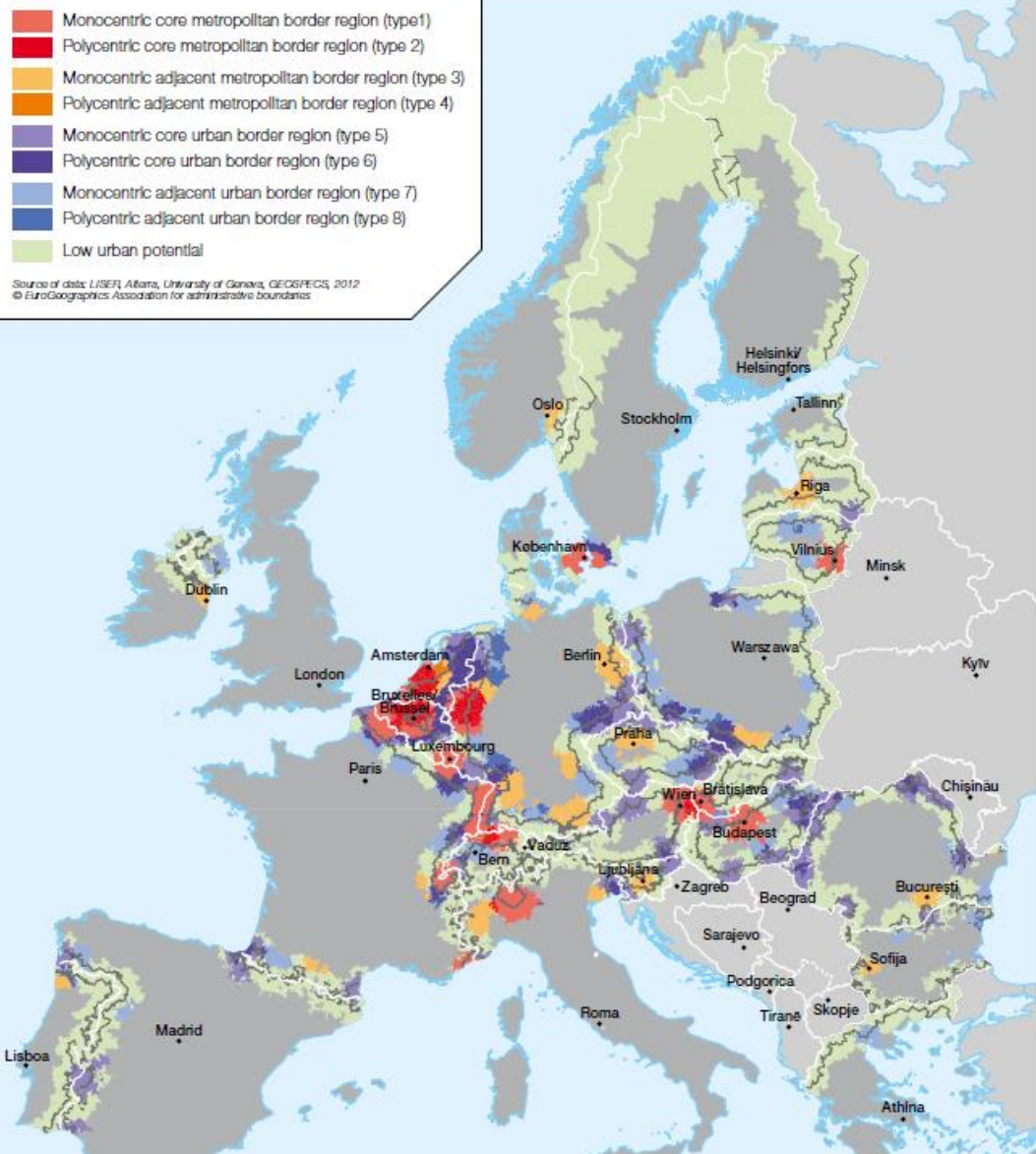
Improving infrastructure: towards full interoperability



Corridor Approach + Regional Approach

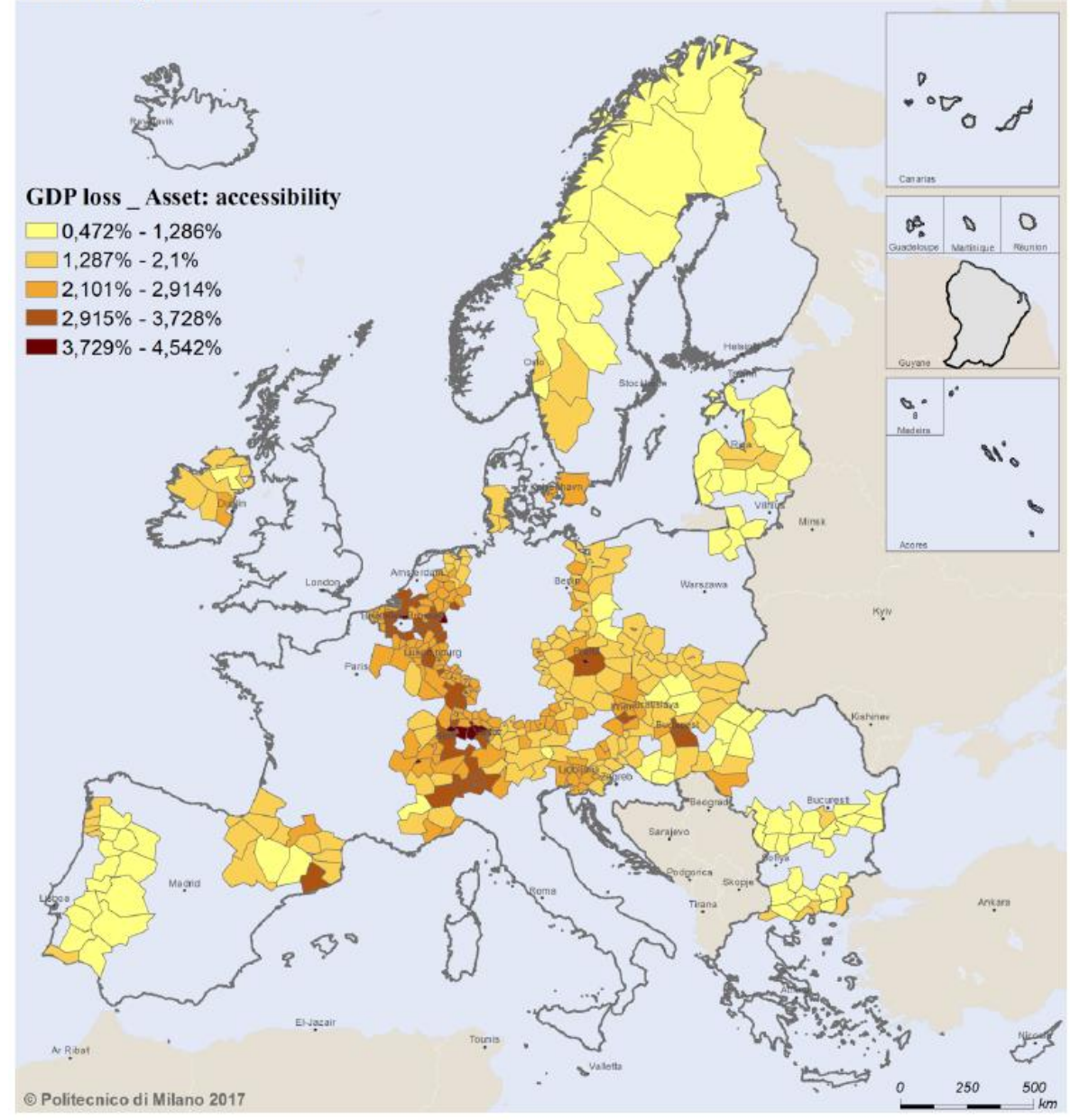


Europe Urban potential of functional border regions

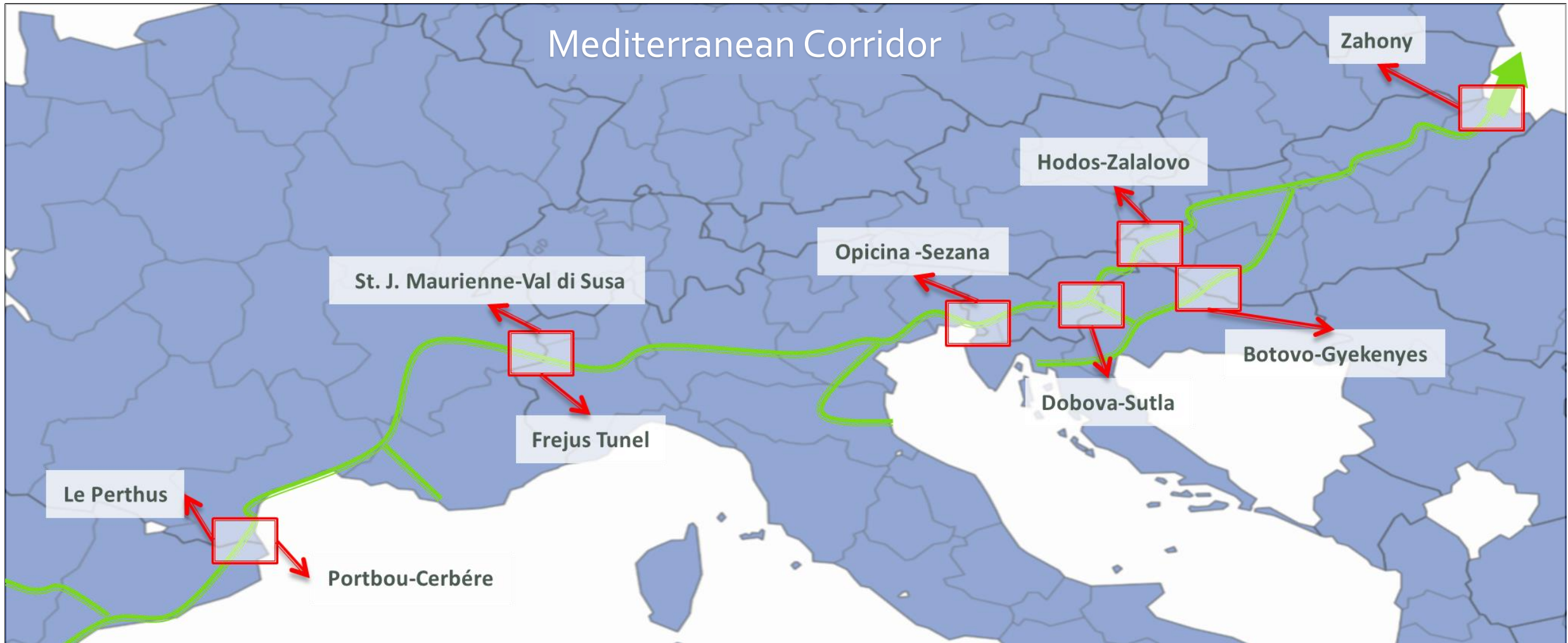


Sohn & Stambolic, 2015

Figure 13. Percentage GDP loss in European land border regions due to the suboptimal use of accessibility at NUTS3 level



Mediterranean Corridor



- East-West orientation
- 3.500 km
- 6 Member States
- Crossing 7 cross-border sections
- Geographical and socioeconomic regional diversity
- Coexisting of cooperation and conflict dynamics

Main obstacles for seamless rail transport (Services)



- ✓ Long distance trains
- ✓ Regional & Local Cross-Border Services



- ✓ Multimodal transport
- ✓ Rolling highways



Inadequate Time Schedule
Lack of capacity / Slot



High cost for short & medium distance



Uncompetitive Prices & Offers
VS low cost transports



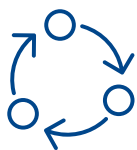
Traffic restrictions by night



Lack of integrated
booking platform



Cross-border rolling stock:
expensive and scarce



Regional & Local
Transport not integrated
No Cross-Border PSO



Lack of freight digital platform for
businesses (not just for logistic)

Towards a systemic approach: Cross-Border Integrated Transport Strategy (CBITS)

 **Corridor Approach to promote Territorial Cohesion & Cooperation**

 Cross-Border region: specific and special territorial unit



Common Cross-Border Transport Fund

Cross-Border *Ecobonus*

Integrated Ticketing and fares

Involving national, regional, local and cross-border agents
(Euroregions, Eurocities, EGTCs, etc.)

Smart specialization for Logistic & intermodal terminals

Time Schedules Coordination

Night freight trains

New HS Regional Trains

Guaranteed cross-border services/ PSO / Slot

Cross-Border Cost-Benefit Analysis

To better plan new services and infrastructural projects

European Cooperation Mechanism (ECBM)

To solve administrative, legal and technical obstacles

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Strengthen coordination TEN-T - INTERRG

More efficient use of EU Funds

Corridor Approach aligned to top-priority sectors



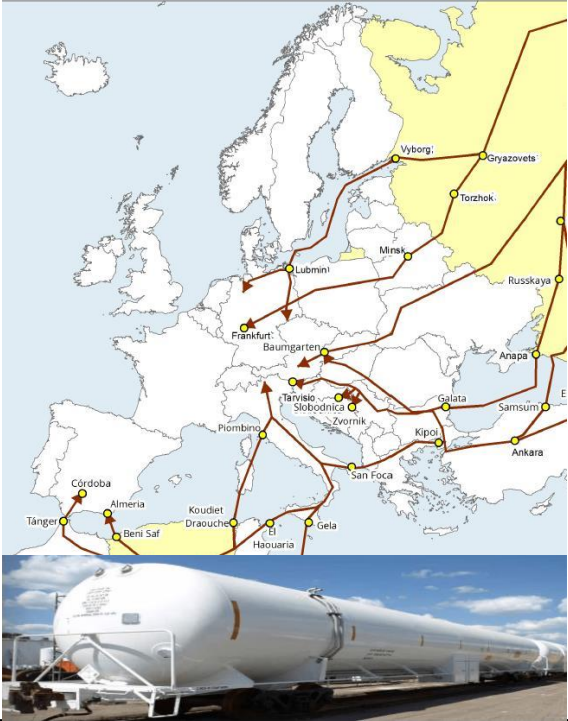
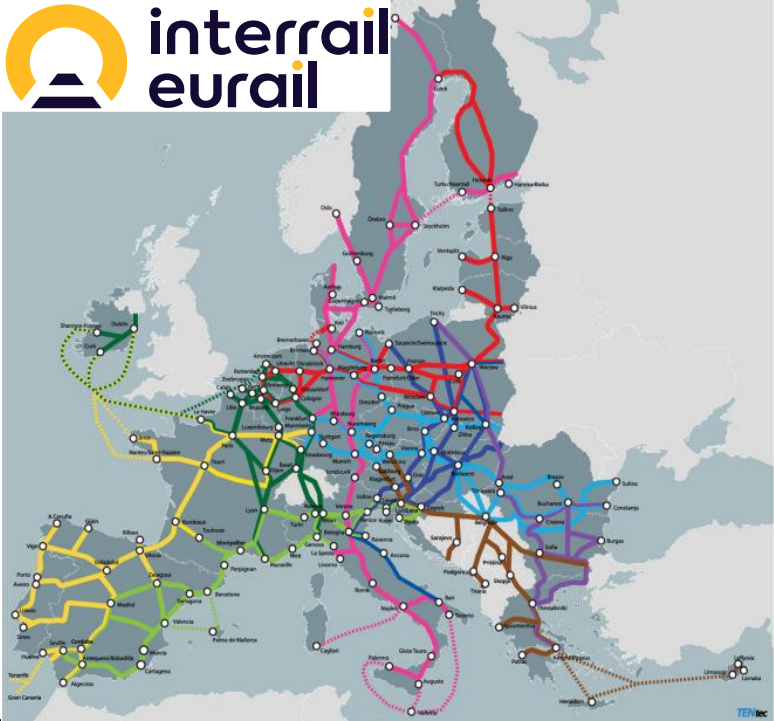
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