

Project "Competitive Framework and Market Conditions in European Night Train Traffic" launched

The German Center for Rail Traffic Research at the Federal Railway Authority (DZSF) has awarded the project "Competitive Framework and Market Conditions in European Night Train Traffic" in a tender procedure.

The project was awarded to a consortium consisting of Railistics GmbH, SSP Consult Beratende Ingenieure GmbH and INNOFACT AG.

The overall project, which will run for 36 months, is divided into six work packages (WP) focusing on individual topics.

The overall objective of the project "Competitive Framework and Market Conditions in European Night Train Traffic" is the development of sustainable measures to reduce market entry barriers and increase the attractiveness of night train traffic. The establishment of a demand-oriented night train service on a European level can only succeed if market entry and participation are possible without access barriers and if an economic operation can be carried out.

WP 1 will identify the current night train offers in Europe and stakeholders, as well as former offers. WP 2 will use the research from WP 1 to develop a detailed assessment of the competitive framework for night train operations and the factors necessary for successful operation. In WP 3 cross-sector interviews will be conducted with representatives of each stakeholder groups to further identify and prioritize necessary factors.

The results of this research will be used to develop targeted measures in WP 4. These measures will be categorized into legal, operational, infrastructural, organizational, and political solutions. Furthermore, the measures will be categorized according to the stakeholder groups that are significantly affected.

WP 5 will assess the feasibility and potential effectiveness of the measures developed in WP 4. This assessment will be used to develop a final catalogue of measures with concrete recommendations for the further development and optimization of the European night train market in WP 6.

The project results will serve as a basis for policy advice on the further development of the European night train market.

To provide high quality results, research institutes, industry associations and operational stakeholders will be intensively involved throughout the project. In addition to the survey of players in the night train and tourism market, regular workshops and information events will be held throughout the project.

Regular updates will be available on the project website of the German Center for Rail Traffic Research:

https://www.dzsf.bund.de/SharedDocs/Standardartikel/DZSF/Projekte/Projekt_134_Nachtzuege.html

Information about the upcoming workshops and information events will be provided in advance.

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