

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

AND

THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS

The Ministry of Infrastructure of the Republic of Poland (MI) represented by the State Secretary and the Ministry for Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands (MIN IenW) represented by the State Secretary further referred to as “the signatories”,

Desiring to develop cooperation in the field of transport and infrastructure,

Have come to the following arrangements:

1. The signatories will maintain and enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of transport and infrastructure with the aim of developing and exchanging solutions to common challenges, minimizing the duplication of efforts.
2. The signatories have identified the following main areas of common interest:
 - (1) Improving rail transport and infrastructure;
 - (2) The development of rail freight shuttle services between Poland and the Netherlands, focusing on policy implications;
 - (3) The development of rail freight transportation on the corridors between EU and Far East;
 - (4) EU cooperation in the field of railways including international passenger transport;
 - (5) Innovations in the Railway Sector;
 - (6) Best practices of High Speed Railway (HSR) lines construction and effective maintenance;

(7) High-frequency HSR traffic organization, including scenarios with Rail and Airports integration.

3. Cooperation will take the form of one or more of the following methods:

- exchange of information;
- jointly organised workshops and seminars with stakeholders;
- common studies and projects;
- organizing high level and experts meetings.

4. The methods of cooperation in each of the areas identified under paragraph 2 will be carried out in the distinct bi-annual working programmes annexed to this Memorandum.

5. A Joint Committee of Directors provides input and momentum for the further development of the cooperation, coordinate and steer the activities as stated in the annexes. The mandate is renewable.

- a. The Joint Committee of Directors is composed of a set of high ranking officials responsible for the areas identified in the Memorandum;
- b. The Joint Committee of Directors will meet at least on an annual basis, alternately in Poland and the Netherlands, or digitally ;
- c. If urgent issues call for immediate action, extra meetings of the Committee may be convened;
- d. Intersessionally, between the Joint Committee meetings of Directors, the Annexes may be amended by mutual consent by way of an exchange of letters;
- e. Meetings of the Joint Committee of Directors are chaired by a representative elected by the participants of the Joint Committee. All decisions will be taken by mutual consent.

6. Cooperation may also include an exchange or a secondment of officials. The Joint Committee of Directors will establish the terms for this as additional Annex which will address objectives, selection, financial aspects, tasks and working conditions for these officials.

7. Any dispute arising from either the implementation or interpretation of this Memorandum and its working programmes will be resolved through consultation between the signatories.

8. This Memorandum replaces the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Minister of Infrastructure of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management of the Netherlands of 2010.
9. This Memorandum will come into effect upon signature and will expire 5 years later.
10. This Memorandum may be amended at any earlier time, on the basis of mutual written arrangements of both signatories.
11. This Memorandum may be terminated by either signatory giving one month's notice to the other signatory.
12. This Memorandum does not create any rights or obligations under international law. The MoC does not include any financial or legal obligation for any Party.
13. This MoC is applicable for the period 2021- 2026.

Signed in, on 2021

Ministry of Infrastructure
of the Republic of Poland

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State Secretary

14/12/2021

Ministry of Infrastructure
and Water Management
of the Netherlands

11/11/2021

State Secretary

ANNEX I

„Improving rail transport and infrastructure“

Work programme for the period 2021-2022.

The Annex covers [in accordance with paragraph 2 point (1) and paragraph 4] the following detailed issues of cooperation:

- (1) Rail transport policy and legislation;
- (2) Rail passenger transport development;
- (3) Improvement of rail freight operations and logistic chains;
- (4) Facilitation of international east-west rail transit (with particular emphasis on transit to and from China);
- (5) EU transport legislation and its implementation;
- (6) Exchange of information with rail market sector on ongoing developments;
- (7) Innovations in the rail sector.