

REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARKET PLAYER WORKING GROUP FOR PILOT ACTION #4 - THURINGIA

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1) Introduction

The AF describes this deliverable as follows: *“For each pilot a market player working group will be established. Subject to the regional setting of the pilot activity this assembly of public and private stakeholders relevant to rail freight transport will guide and support its implementation”.*

In this section, please briefly describe the activities to be carried out within each pilot action identifying the challenges it tackles.

In order to improve the competitiveness of rail freight transport, deficits in the infrastructure of the rail network in Thuringia have to be remedied.

The development of the railway infrastructure in Thuringia nearly stagnated in the last 15 years. From an overall length of 1598 kilometres in 2005 it decreased until 2017 to 1558 kilometres. Since 1994 even 41 lines have been closed with an overall length of 467 kilometres.

These missing connections mean that railway trains in the areas of these gaps have to take long detours to reach their destination. This makes freight transport by rail uneconomical. So it loses parts of transport share to road transport.

That is why we want to contribute to reactivating disused routes with our pilot action. One of these disused lines is the “Ohratalbahn” between Gotha and Graefenroda (Fig. 1).

There are currently activities to reactivate this route for passenger traffic. With our pilot action entitled “Development of a roadmap for the revitalization of disused routes for rail freight traffic using the example of the Ohratalbahn between Gotha and Graefenroda”, we want to create the basis for reactivating freight traffic on this line. This roadmap should also be applicable to the revitalization of other lines.



Figure 1: Disused and threatened railway lines in Thuringia

2) Stakeholder description

In this section, please identify the stakeholders involved in the pilot activity and participating in the market player working group filling in the chart below:

Name	Public / private	Category (eg.: local/regional/national public administration, railway infrastructure manager, industry, logistics operators, railway undertakings, etc.)	Reason for involving this stakeholder with respect to the pilot action	Expected contribution	Relevance for the pilot action (low/medium/high)
Lutz Hilger Kühne + Nagel KG	private	Regional manager of a big logistic company	International logistics company	Support about location and dimension of rail ports	high
Sascha Schlehahn Thüringen Forst	public	Regional forest administration	Biggest seller of round timber	Support how to deliver and store round timber	Medium
Tina Tietze DB Netze AG	private	Railway infrastructure manager	Biggest German railway infrastructure company	Support in the field of railway infrastructure	high



Jürgen Köhler Mercer Group	private	Logistics manager of a main customer	Big company in forest industry	Support about logistics	high
Ute Fischer, Granitwerk Fischer GmbH & Co. KG	private	industry	Experience in rail bulking	Support about rail bulking	low
Frank Gedat TFG Transfracht GmbH	private	Logistics operator	Big national container logistics company	Support about connecting regional and national and European railway lines	high
Astrid Dieckow DB Cargo AG	private	Logistics operator	Biggest German railway logistics company	Support about logistical networking	high
Deutsche Umschlaggesell- schaft Schiene- Straße mbh	private	Cargo handling manager	Biggest regional cargo handling point	Know-how about Container- Terminals	Medium
Pollmeier Massivholz GmbH	Private	Main customer	Big company in forest industry	Support about logistics	Medium
Rennsteigbahn mbH & Co. KG	Private	Railway undertaking	Regional railway undertaking	Know-how about railway- logistics	High
Thüringer Eisenbahn GmbH	Private	Railway undertaking	Regional railway undertaking	Know-how about railway- logistics	High
Zossen Rail GmbH	Private	Railway undertaking	Regional railway undertaking	Know-how about railway- logistics	High
TMIL - Department of Transport	Public	Ministry of Thuringia	Public Administration	Support about legal questions	High

3) Establishment of a Market Player Working Group

In this section, please describe when and how the Market Player Working Group was established, also attaching possible participants list, pictures, PPTs, etc.

A conference with all relevant stakeholders was planned and prepared für 25th of March 2020 in Erfurt, where we wanted to establish the Market Player Involvement Group" for our pilot action. Due to the "Corona lock down" in Thuringia we had to cancel this conference.

Instead, we conducted expert interviews by phone with the most important market players in our region. In these discussions, we were able to win the stakeholders listed above for working in our Market Player Working Group.

With their practical experience, they helped to identify serious obstacles and develop an effective pilot action.

And they will support us actively in our work on this pilot action.