

Memorandum of Cooperation
between
the Ministry of Infrastructure of the Republic of Poland
and
the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic
on the development of transport links connecting
the Polish seaports and the Czech Republic

The Ministry of Infrastructure of the Republic of Poland and Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic

- recognising the need to further deepen economic exchange between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Poland;
- wishing to optimise the use of the constantly developing potential for economic cooperation and modernised transport infrastructure in both countries;
- noting the need to improve intermodal transport in the Central European region and to make greater use of the Polish sea ports in Szczecin, Świnoujście, Gdańsk and Gdynia in this context;
- emphasising the importance of international railways, roads, and inland waterways along the North-South axis connecting Polish sea ports with the regions and key economic centres in both countries in order to strengthen the development dynamics of the regions;
- supporting the development of intermodal transport by constantly creating favourable conditions for the construction, expansion, modernisation and effective operation of individual elements of infrastructure;
- taking care of the high quality of transport infrastructure, including border sections, in order to ensure the high competitiveness of logistics services in both countries;
- having regard to the key role of the access infrastructure to the network of transshipment terminals, both in Polish sea ports and in other major hubs and border crossings, in ensuring efficient modal shift of commodities and maintaining stable supply chains;
- following our close cooperation within the scope of “the Agreement between the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Transport and Maritime Economy of the Republic of Poland on cooperation in the preparation and implementation of the modernisation of railway lines included in the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC Agreement) and the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC Agreement)” and so called “Joint declaration on the development of combined transport” of V4 countries;

confirmed the need to continue the current bilateral cooperation in order to create a consistent transport network in accordance with the TEN-T provisions by

- improving international railway connections as a core mode of land intermodal transport within the framework of national and EU green goals through their constant modernisation and maintenance and ensuring high quality of infrastructure on international transport routes leading to Polish sea ports:
 - C-E65: Gdynia / Gdańsk (PL) – Zebrzydowice (PL) – Bohumín (CZ) – Břeclav (CZ);
 - C-E59 / C-E30: Świnoujście / Szczecin (PL) – Chałupki / Międzyzlesie (PL) – Bohumín (CZ) / Lichkov (CZ) – Praha (CZ);
- prioritising and accelerating the construction of cross-border road sections, and constantly maintaining and ensuring high quality of roads:
 - S3 – D11: Świnoujście / Szczecin (PL) – Lubawka (PL) – Královec (CZ) – Praha (CZ);
 - A1-D1: Gdynia / Gdańsk (PL) – Gorzyczki (PL) – Ostrava (CZ) – Praha (CZ);
- improving inland waterway connections by modernising the Oder river waterway through further development and navigability condition improvements:
 - Ostrava (CZ) – Bohumín (CZ), Chałupki (PL) – Kędzierzyn-Koźle (PL);
 - Kędzierzyn-Koźle (PL) – Szczecin / Świnoujście (PL);
- Supporting improvement of intermodal transport between the Republic of Poland and the Czech Republic, which contributes to increase in mutual trade exchange, while taking into account a significant contribution of the Polish ports, which also have container and ferry terminals handling long- and short-distance shipping connections, and upgraded railway and road network of the Czech Republic.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute any legal obligations and rights.

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into operation on the date of its signing by representatives of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Poland and the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic.

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