



# Analysis of the limitations to intermodal transport development in Poland

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# Intermodal transport

is an activity of organising transport, using more than one mode of transport











container sea transport

sea terminal operations

rail transport (long distances) land terminal operations

road transport (short distance) customer delivery

## Pros and cons of intermodal transport

#### Rail transport

- Lower costs at long distances
- Longer transportation time but:
  - No traffic jams
  - Low accident risk
  - Low susceptibility to poor weather conditions
  - No working time limitsBetter punctuality
- Limited territorial accessibility (rail siding or transshipment terminal required)
- Lower flexibility
- Lower energy consuption rate (lower burden on the environment)

#### **Road transport**

- Higher costs at long distances
- Shorter transportation time but:
  - Traffic jam risk
    - Higher accident risk
    - Higher susceptibility to poor weather conditions
    - Driver working time limits
    - Worse punctuality
- Almost unlimited territorial accessibility (road network density, door-to-door deliveries)
- Higher flexibility
- Higher energy consuption rate (higher burden on the environment)

#### Selected entities in the intermodal transport environment

trucker customer

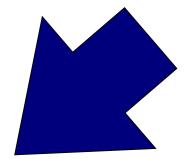
sea terminals

land terminals

forwarder carrier

tank operators

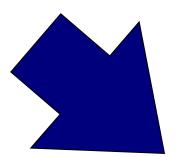
shipowner



intermodal transport oraganisers

infrastructure managers

**Ministry of Infrastructure** 







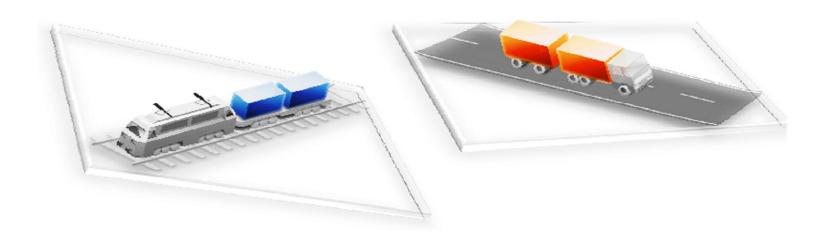
# Law/legislation

- no regulations in the Polish law that would standarise transport organisersqactivity, such as:
  - detailed regulations concerning the activity
  - □ detailed description of responsibility
  - □ detailed description of general and specific rights
- domesic and international intermodal waybill
- definition of basic terms
- understanding the specificity of intermodal transport



## Infrastructure

In 2009, Polish tracks were used by approx. 7 thousand trains each day, including slightly more than 100 intermodal trains. In Poland, the share of intermodal transport in overall rail transport has remained on an invariably low 2% level for years, while the European average has been constantly increasing and exceeded the level of ten-odd percent a long time ago.

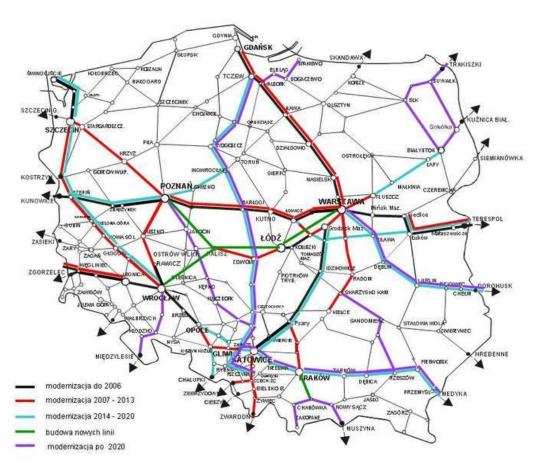




## Rail infrastructure

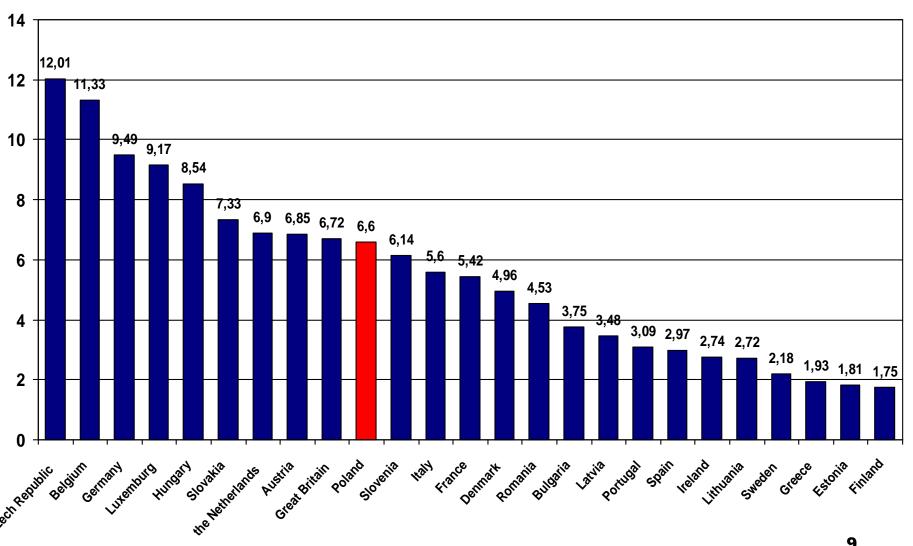
- The condition of more than 25% of the infrastructure is unsatisfactory
- Average traction train speed does not exceed 30 km/h
- More than 1000 km of railway lines are currently being modernised or rebuilt

# Polish rail network is one of the most extensive networks in Europe!!!





## Rail line density in the EU states in 2008 (km/km<sup>2</sup>)



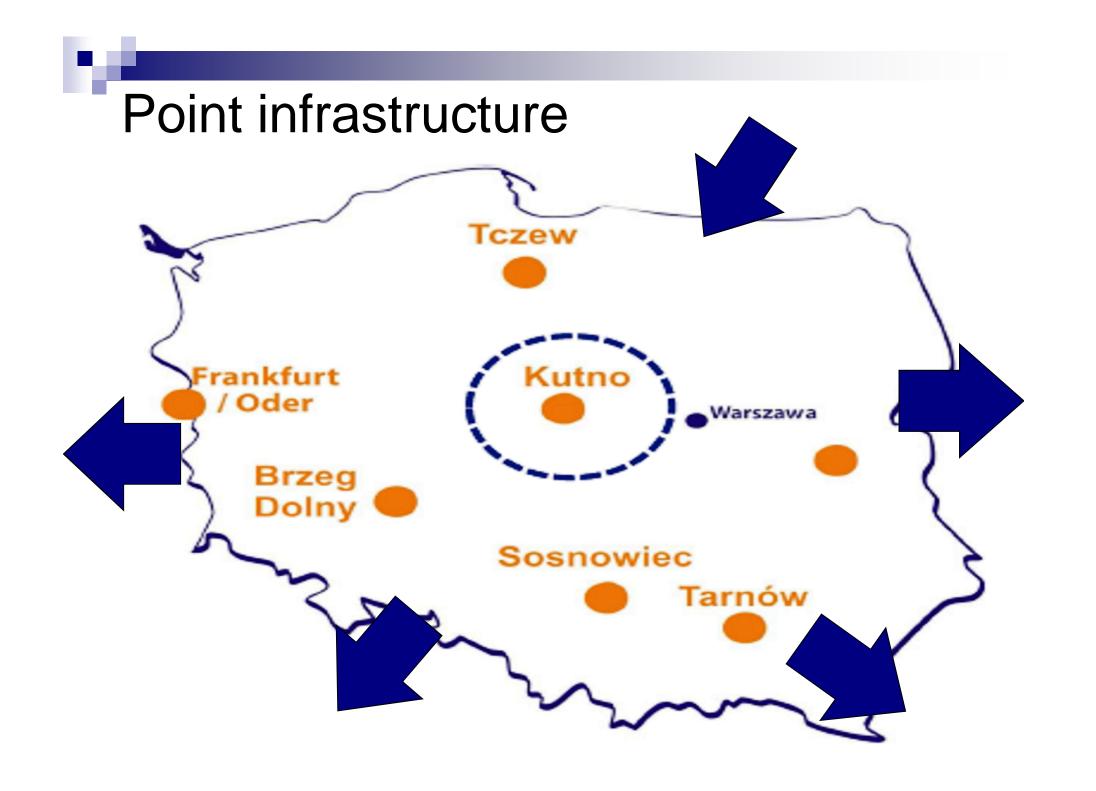
Source: Transport and Communication no. 4/2009

### Domestic land container terminals:

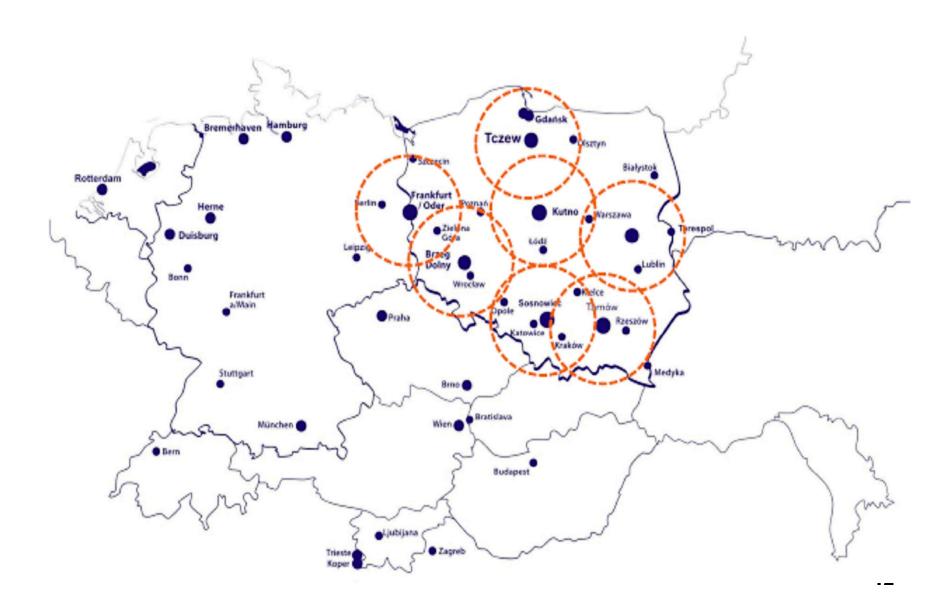
- No. of terminals: 20
- Average area: 2,5 ha
  - □ largest area: 8.4 ha
  - ☐ smallest area: 0.5 ha
- Estimated total annual loading capacity: about 1 600 000 TEU



Average area: 13,1 ha



# Point infrastructure



# PKP PLK access charges

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	km	Intermodal 2009		Tariff 2009		Intermodal 2010 (-25%)		Access charge increase per train	Access charge increase per TEU
connection		price PLN 5.44/km		price PLN 16.43/km		price PLN 12.32/km			
		price per run (in PLN)	price per TEU (56 TEU) (in PLN)	price per run (in PLN)	price per TEU (56 TEU) (in PLN)	price per run (in PLN)	price per TEU (56 TEU) (in PLN)	(in PLN)	(in PLN)
Gdynia GPF. Sÿawków	584	3 176.96	56.73	9 595.12	171.34	7 196.34	128.51	4 019.38	71.77
Gdynia GPF. Brzeg Dolny	503	2 736.32	48.86	8 264.29	141.58	6 198.22	110.68	3 461.90	61.82
Gdynia GPF. Krzewie	334	1 816.96	32.45	5 487.62	97.99	4 115.72	73.49	2 298.76	41.05

Average cost of using 1 km of the PKP PLK rail infrastructure

PLN 5.44

**PLN 16.43** 

PLN 12.32

intermodal 2009

tariff 2010

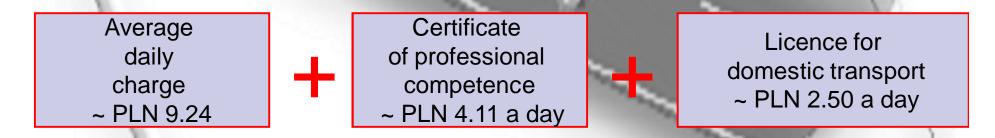
intermodal 2010 (-25%)

this shows the rise of rail infrastructure access charges by 127%

transport on the Gdynia Ë Sûawków route (tax / rail toll) costs more than PLN 340/40

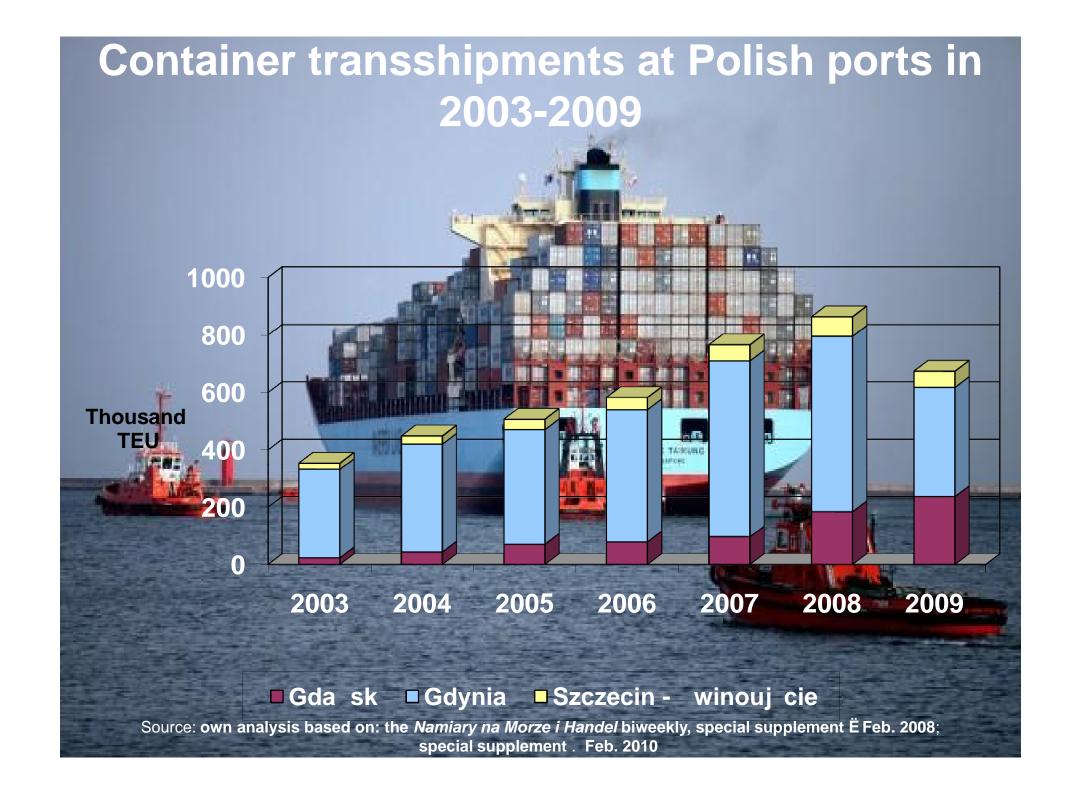
#### Infrastructure access charges for road carriers

	Charges in PLN									
Vehicle type	day		week		month		year			
	EURO vehicle class depending on exhaust gas emission limits									
	max EURO 3	min. EURO 4	max EURO 3	min. EURO 4	max EURO 3	min. EURO 4	max EURO 3	min. EURO 4		
Vehicles and vehicle units other than buses with DMC of at least 12t and 4 axles	46	46	189	160	580	522	3371	2782		



In domestic transport, the average cost equals ~ PLN 16 a day (without carriers liability insurance and excise duty on petrol)!

In international transport, the average cost equals ~ PLN 17 a day (plus road toll . no more than 20 eurocents per km)!





## Conclusions:

- No interest in the development of intermodal transport
- Lack of adequate legal regulations and transport policy supporting intermodal transport
- Sufficient density but poor quality of rail line and point infrastructure
- Too high rail infrastructure access charges for intermodal carriers
- Too low container supply at Polish sea ports

