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The Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Belges (SNCB) - a Public Limited Liability Company – was established in 1926 and operates the Belgian railway network. The company is the main employer and investor in the country and it is active in numerous sectors of activity:

- > passenger transport in Belgium*
- > international travel*
- > freight transport*
- > logistics*

With its 41,800 workers, SNCB intends to take up the mobility challenge with a high-performance and environmentally friendly transport alternative offering an ideal complementarity with the other modes of transport.



3,454 km of railway lines

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With its 3,454 km of lines, 2,701 of which electrified, SNCB is one of the densest and most modern railway networks in Europe.

In 2001, it was dotted with 534 stations and stops.



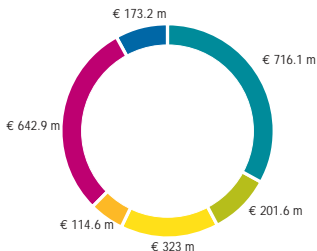
SNCB: a diversified company

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SNCB ensures public service obligations including the domestic transport of passengers as well as the maintenance and the management of the network. To play this part, SNCB receives an allowance of € 1 billion annually.

Besides those tasks, freight and international passenger activities fall within the scope of a market strategy aimed at profitability.

This is also true for the various subsidiaries of SNCB which spread their know-how to numerous countries for a wide range of activities such as high-speed line building, freight transport, telecommunications, etc.



Turnover 2001

(in million euros)

- Domestic passenger transport
- International passenger transport
- Full-Load traffic (B-Cargo)
- ABX Logistics Belgium
- Infrastructure management
- Miscellaneous

Total: € 2 171.4 million



Passenger transport

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SNCB plays a major part in passenger transport in Belgium.
In 2001, it ran more than 3,500 trains a day, thus transporting an average of 750,000 passengers.

In 2001:

- > 160.3 million passengers transported
(146.5 million passengers on domestic services and 13.8 million passengers on international services)
- > 8,038 million passenger-km* by train in 2001
- > turnover: € 917.7 million (361.3 of which being State subsidies)
- > transport capacity: 247,000 seats

Fleet, at present:

- > domestic service :
 - 680 power units
 - 1,197 coaches
 - 61 railcars
- > international service :
 - 326 classic coaches
 - 128 trailers for Eurostar and Thalys together
 - 60 couchette coaches
 - 6 sleepers



* Unit for measuring. It stands for the transport of one passenger over one kilometre.

Transport of goods

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Freight transport demand should have increased by 35 % in 2010. To meet this demand, SNCB intends offering its customers a tailor-made service both in conventional and combined transport (train + road).

In 2001:

- > 57 million tonnes freight, conveyed with full-load wagons
- > 7,080 million tonnes-km* by full-load wagons
- > turnover: € 323 million

Fleet, at present:

- > 15,190 wagons belonging to SNCB
- > 4,101 privately-owned wagons
- > 1,129 rented wagons
- > 2,010 letted wagons



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Logistic sector



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Through its subsidiary ABX Logistics, SNCB provides a whole range of services - haulage, air- and sea freight, as well as logistics - in a vast number of countries.

It ranks among the leading companies operating in this field.

SNCB results

2001

- > operating income: € 3,634.8 million
- > operating charges: € 3,596.7 million
- > operating results: € 38.1 million
- > financial results: € - 57.2 million
- > current results: € - 19.1 million
- > exceptional results: € - 158.4 million
- > overall results: € - 177.5 million
- > investments: € 1,225 million

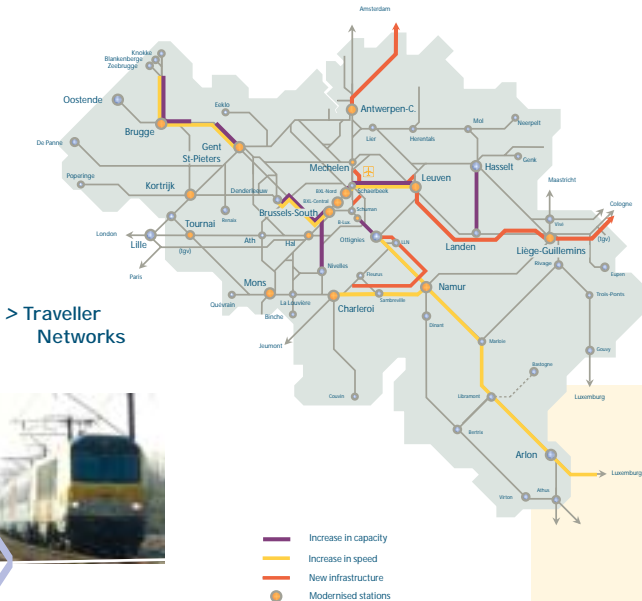


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Investment plan 2001 - 2012

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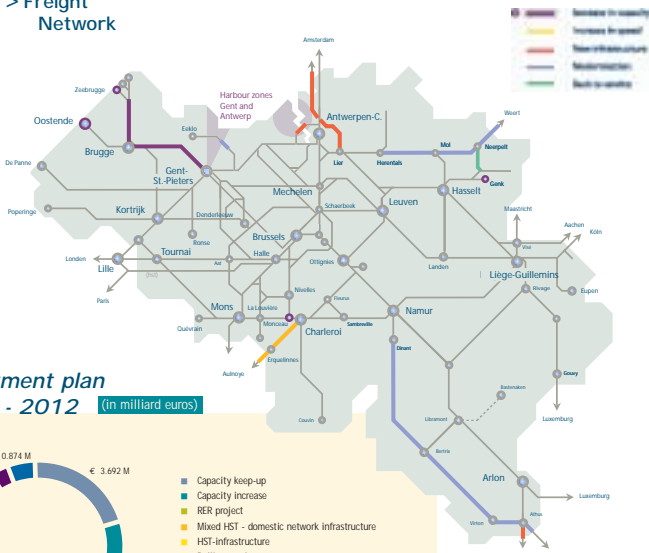
In the next 12 years, SNCB will invest € 17.7 milliard in the modernisation and development of its network and the renovation of its stations. These efforts should bring about an increase by 50% in the number of passengers by 2010.



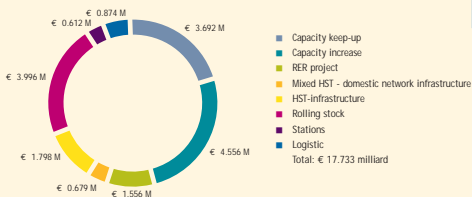
Six priorities:

- Modernisation of the main traveller and freight lines
- Purchase of rolling stock
- Development of infrastructure around Brussels-National airport
- Improvement of access and equipment in harbour areas
- Implementation of the RER network (regional express railroad) in and around Brussels
- Completion of the HST project

> Freight Network



Investment plan 2001 - 2012 (in milliard euros)

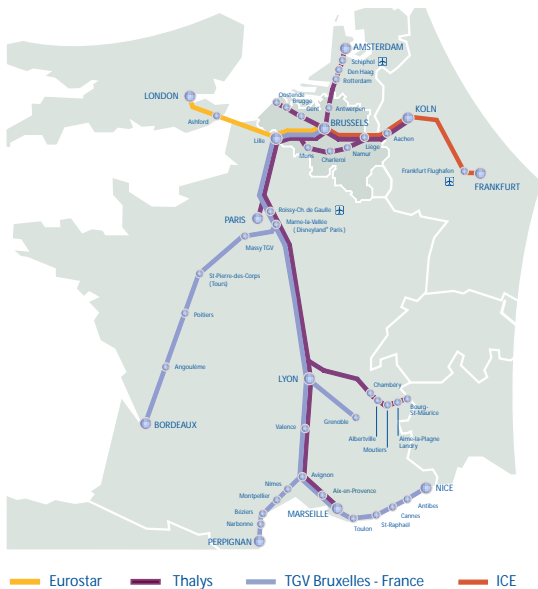


314 km of high speed lines

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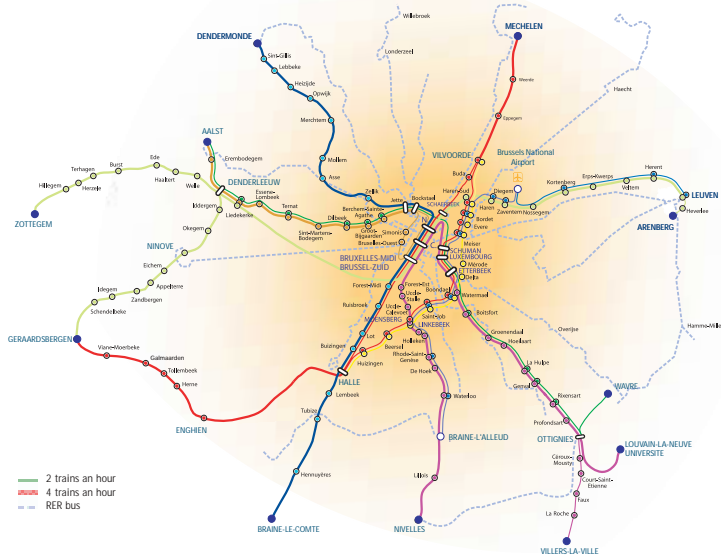


Since the beginning of the nineties, SNCB has been building up a 314-km high-speed line network on which trains will run at 300 km/h. This will make Belgium one of the main links of the European high-speed network.



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and its surroundings

The implementation of this project requires to extend the capacity in such a way that trains stopping frequently and through trains can coexist. New trains will be commissioned in order to increase the number of seats.



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