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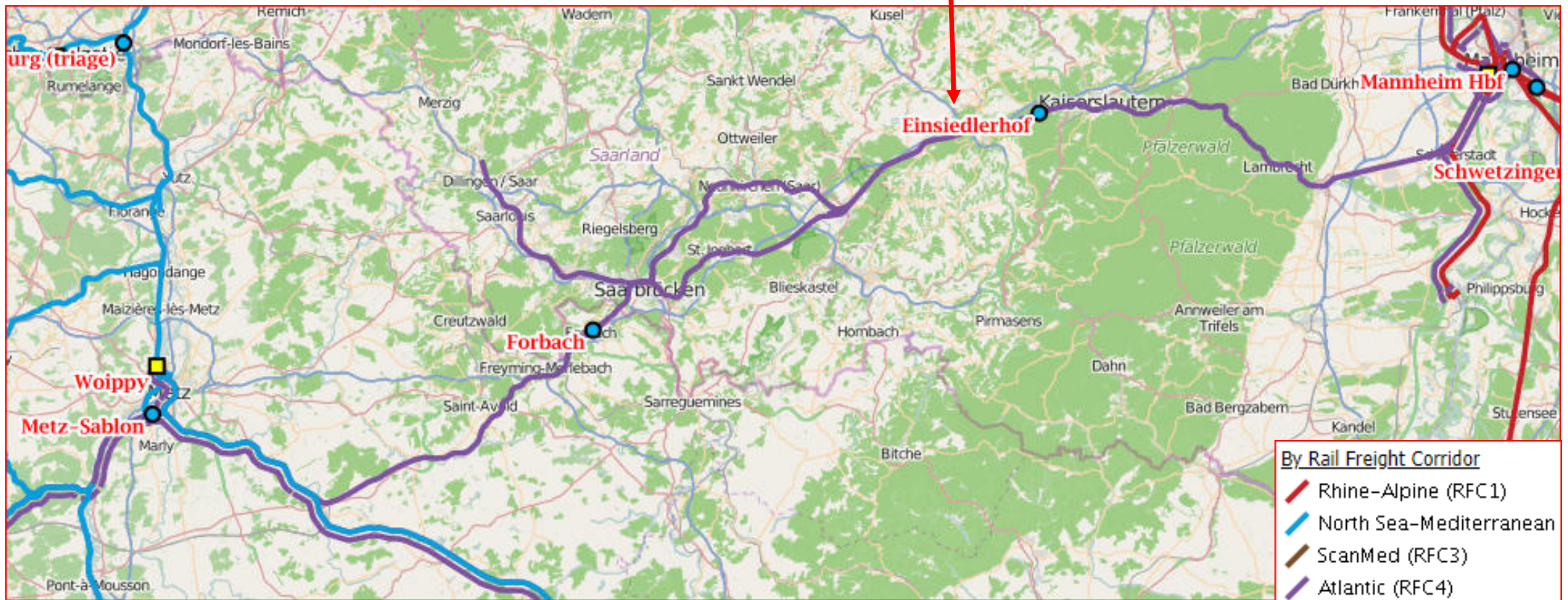
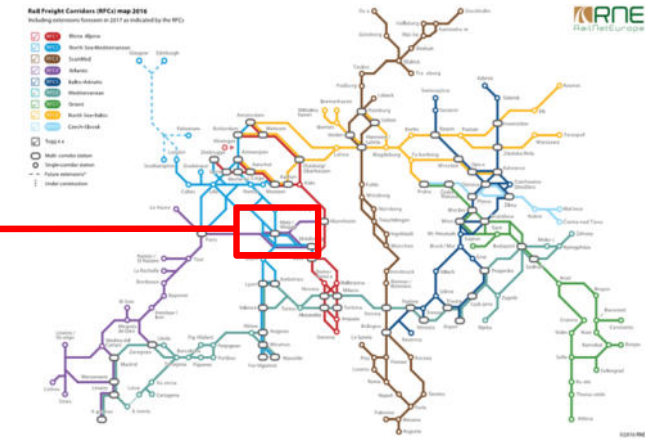
FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ERTMS DEPLOYMENT ON WOIPPY – MANNHEIM SECTION

OBJECTIVE AND CONTEXT

This study focus on the cross-border section

Woippy – Mannheim.

For Rail Freight Corridors, ERTMS deployment is a compliance criteria by 2030 in EU regulation.



Please note that the study was started with the information that ETCS Level 1 shall be implemented on the French section of Herry – FR/DE border. All the analysis and business case in this report were made under this precondition

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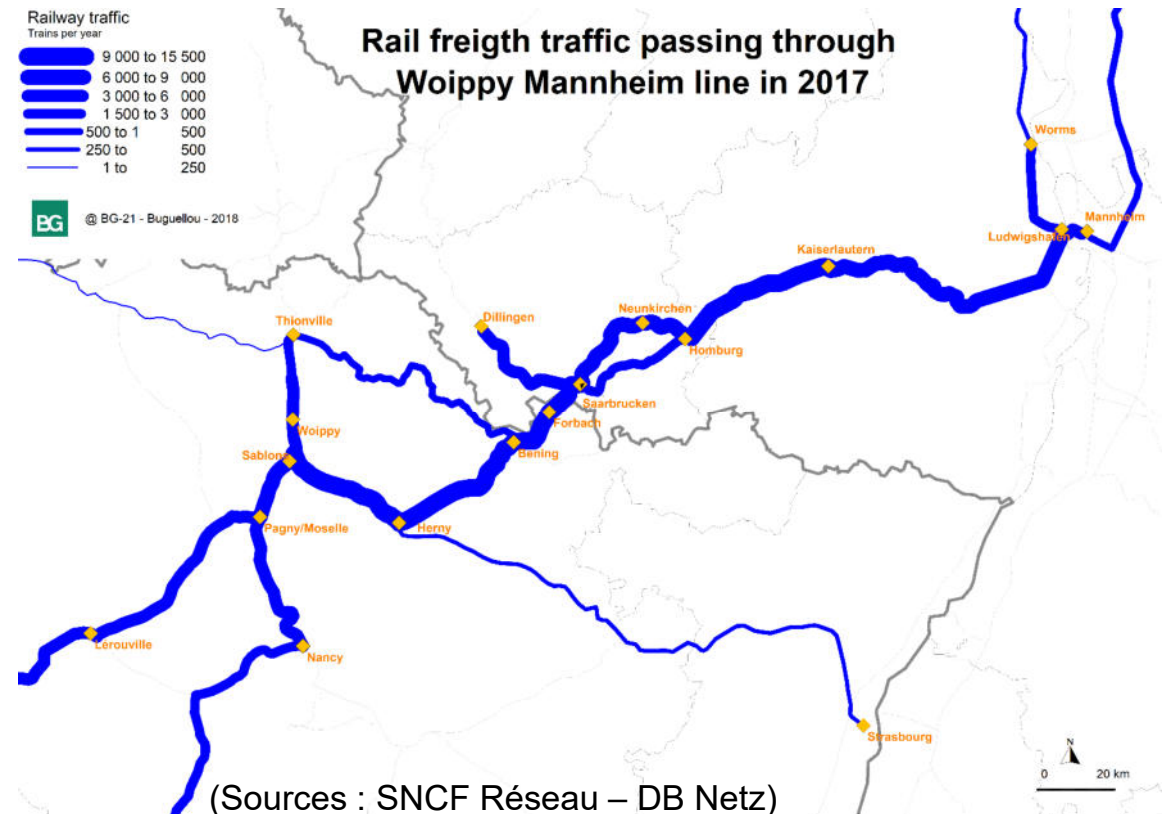
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TRAFFIC DATA - FREIGHT

- The **annual freight traffic** at the border is close to **15 000 trains**
- A large part of traffic using Woippy-Mannheim line is **regional border traffic**:
 - 30% of traffic is generated in Metz Area in France
 - Dillingen & Saarbrücken represent 30% of traffic In Germany
- Circulations are separated in two routes in Germany with the **Neunkirchen route (80%)** and the **POS Nord route (20%)**
- Two major routes converge to Saarbrücken:
 - from **Atlantic Corridor**
 - from **Mediterranean Corridor**



Zoom on the Woippy
– Mannheim area



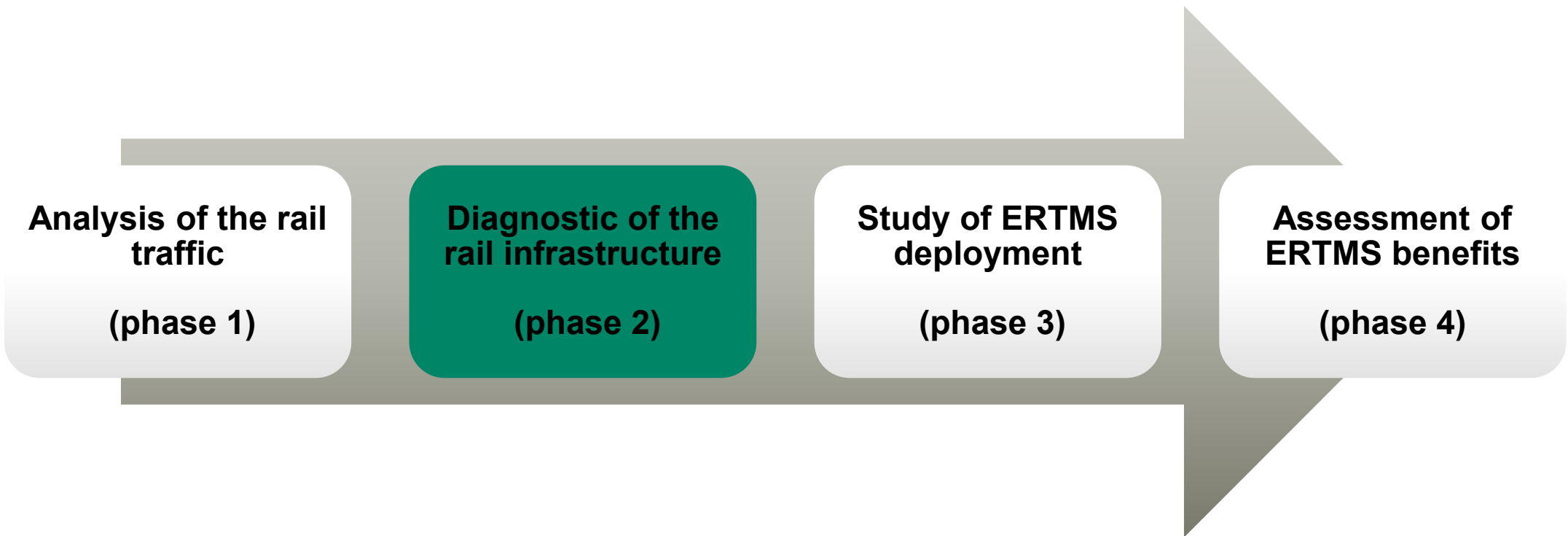
TRAFFIC DATA - PASSENGER

- Regarding passenger traffic, there are 3 classes of traffic, border traffic, regional circulation and international traffic
- The **passenger traffic** is over **24.000 trains** per year with a major part of border and regional relations (89%) and international HST (11%)

Relation	January 2018	July 2018
Metz <> Forbach	961	848
Metz <> Saarbrücken	135	210
Shuttle Forbach <> Saarbrücken	860	790
International HST	235	235
TOTAL	2191	2083

(Source SNCF-R)

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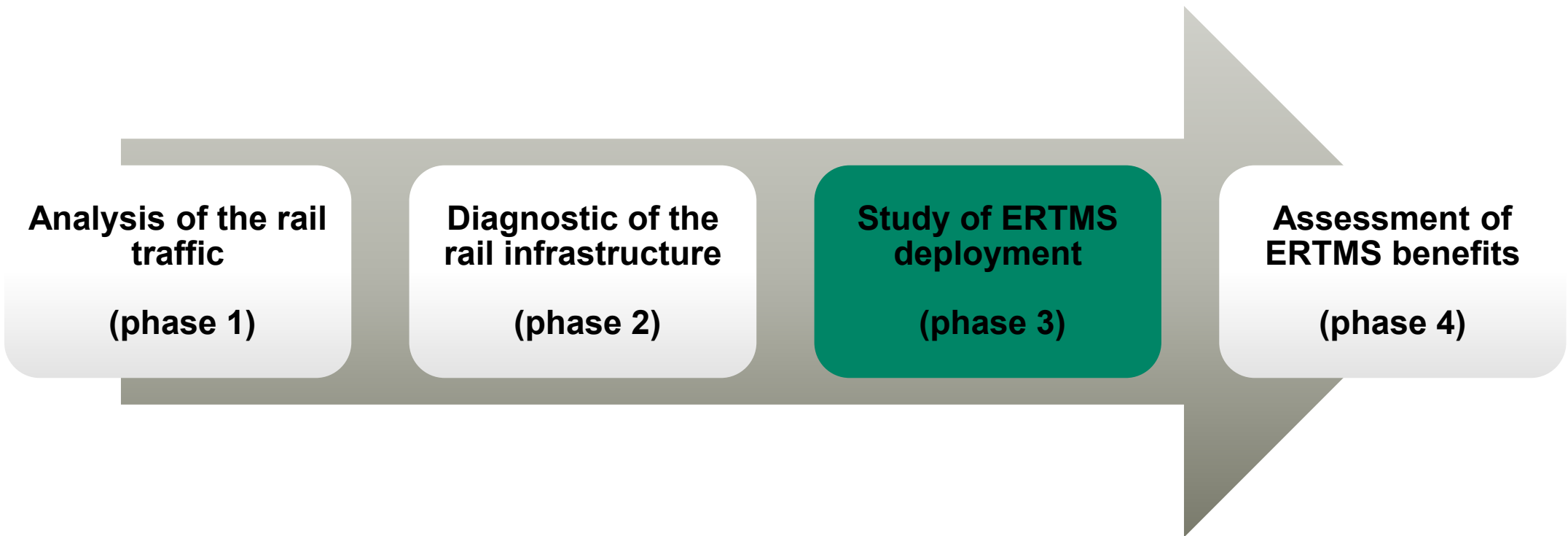
INFRASTRUCTURE DIAGNOSIS

Infrastructure on both part of the border for the corridor section Woippy – Mannheim is in good quality, and maintenance or renewal programs are done to maintain the infrastructure in proper conditions.

On interoperability issues for infrastructure, two subjects could be noticed on :

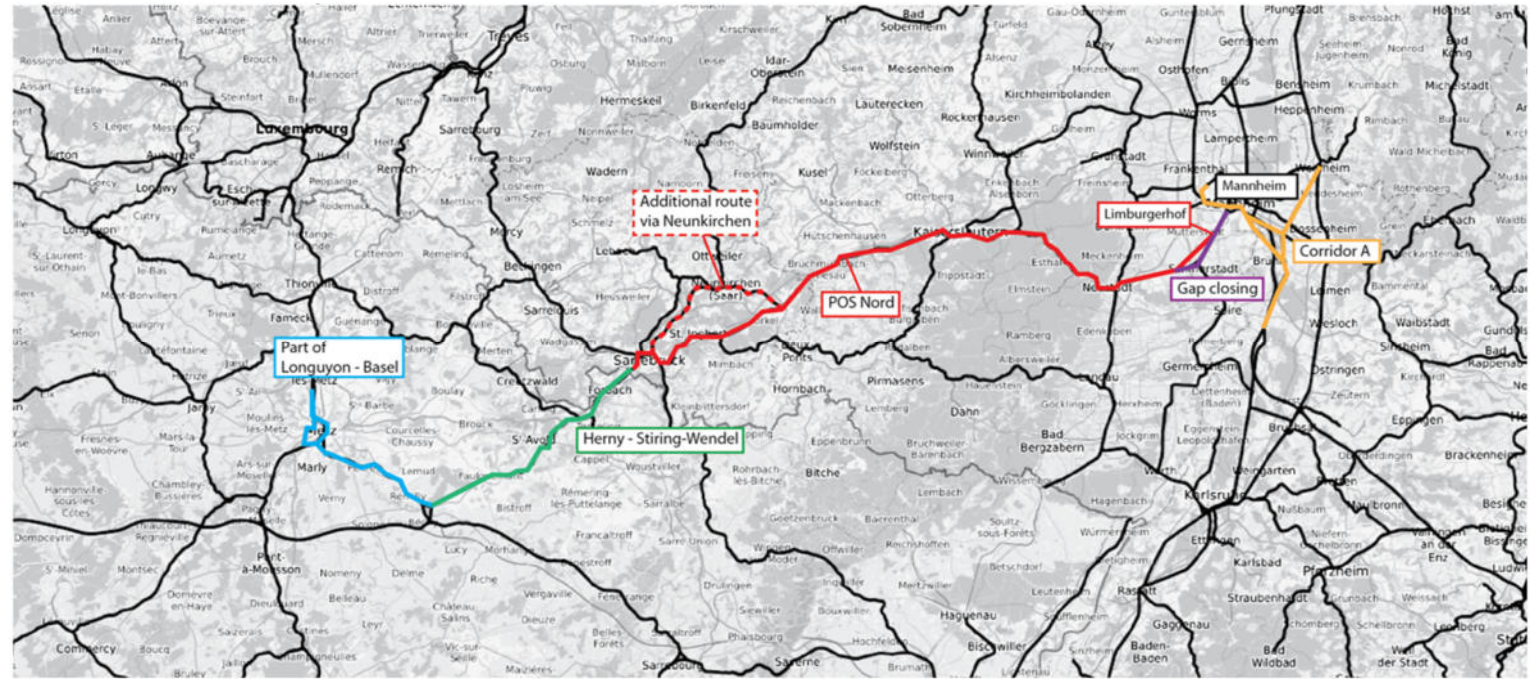
- **Signalling:** currently the **KVB** is implemented on French side, and **PZB** on the German side. On both side ERTMS deployment would be the future standard, but the implementation timeline is differently and according to the national strategy.
- **Electrification:** German and France have different voltage, but currently all operators manage the traffic with tri-voltage locomotives.

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ERTMS DEPLOYMENT

On the Woippy-Mannheim corridor section currently several projects are under implementation or planned



SNCF Réseau intends to install ERTMS level 2 instead of level 1 in FR. This leads to a late implementation date (~2030).

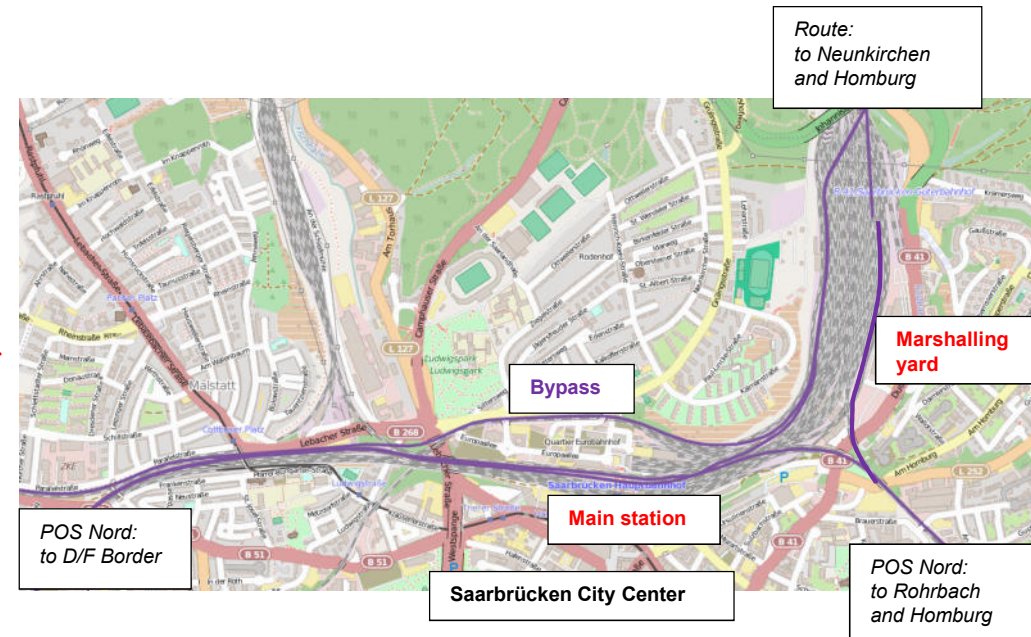
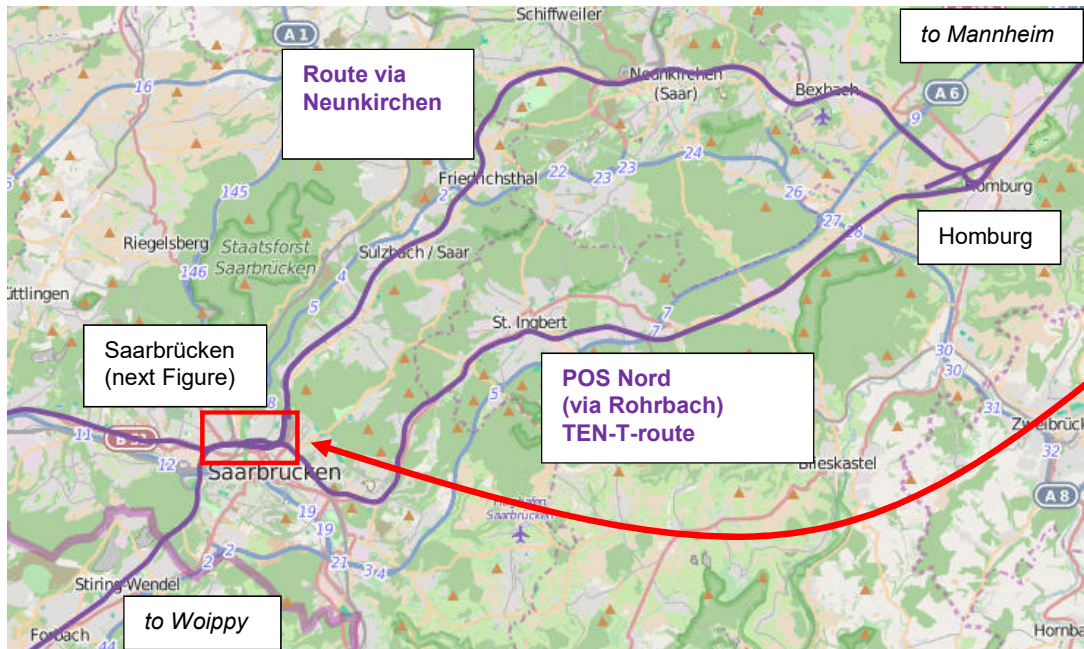


The main route for freight trains is not part of the TEN-T corridor. Hence, no ETCS equipment is planned.



Projects	Length (Km)	ERTMS level	SRS	Status	Opening date	Cost estimation
FR 1 Woippy – Herry	31	Level 1	2.3.0 .D	Under deployment	2022	
2 Herry – Stiring-Wendel	44	Level 1 or potentially Level 2	2.3.0 .D	In preliminary study	Not Communicated	≈ 18 M€ (SNCF)
GE 3 Saarbrücken – Limburgerhof	126	Level 2	3.4.0	Design phase	2023	
4 Limburgerhof – Ludwigshafen	16	Level 1 Limited Supervision	3.4.0	Design phase	2023	
5 Ludwigshafen – Mannheim node	7	Level 1 Limited Supervision	3.4.0	Design phase	2023	
6 Additional route via Neunkirchen	37	No ETCS	-	No plan	No date	≈ 12 M€ (first indicative estimation)

PROBLEM WITH RFC MAINLINE VIA NEUNKIRCHEN



- The most of the freight traffic (at least 80 %) is **oriented towards the route via Neunkirchen** because it goes across Saarbrücken Marshalling Yard and it enables to bypass the Saarbrücken Main Station.
- **The route via Saarbrücken Main Station face several relevant constraints :**
 - Infrastructure with only two tracks available for freight with intermodal freight gauge P/C 400 but with maximum length restriction of 409 and 475 meters
 - Capacity in the Saarbrücken Main Station due to the important passenger train traffic
 - Additional shunting in the marshalling yard (change of locomotive from front to rear of the train)
 - In the neighborhood of this line the people are very sensitive about noise within the Saarbrücken
- The Neunkirchen route belongs to the Rail Freight Corridor Atlantic but not to the Core Network Corridor Atlantic and thus, it is not considered as a line to be equipped with ERTMS in the European Deployment Plan.

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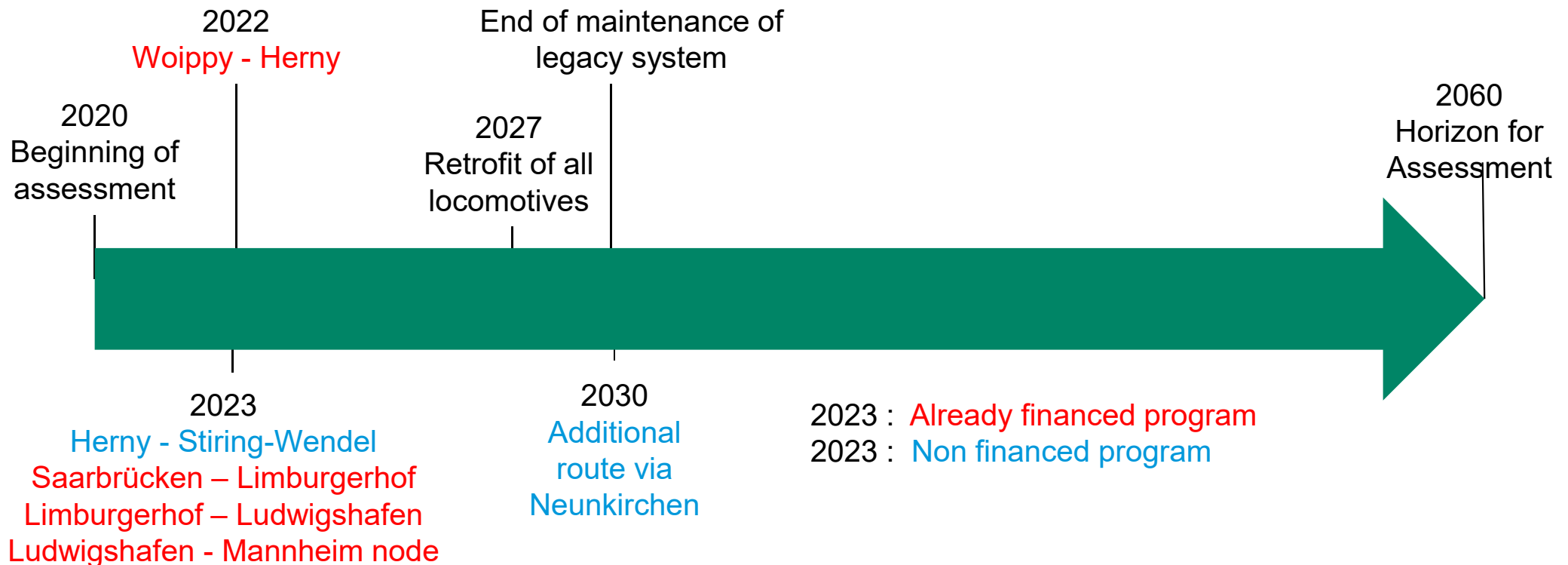
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BUSINESS CASE

Methodology

Consistent with the general principles of the report "Business case on the 9 core network corridor for deployment of ERTMS" (EY/INECO), but applied and adapted to a specific sub-section of a corridor the Woippy-Mannheim section of the Atlantic corridor (investment, maintenance cost, number of locomotives, schedule of deployment...)

Time scale of the business case



RESULTS FOR CENTRAL SCENARIO

IRR = 6% & Cost recovering in 2040

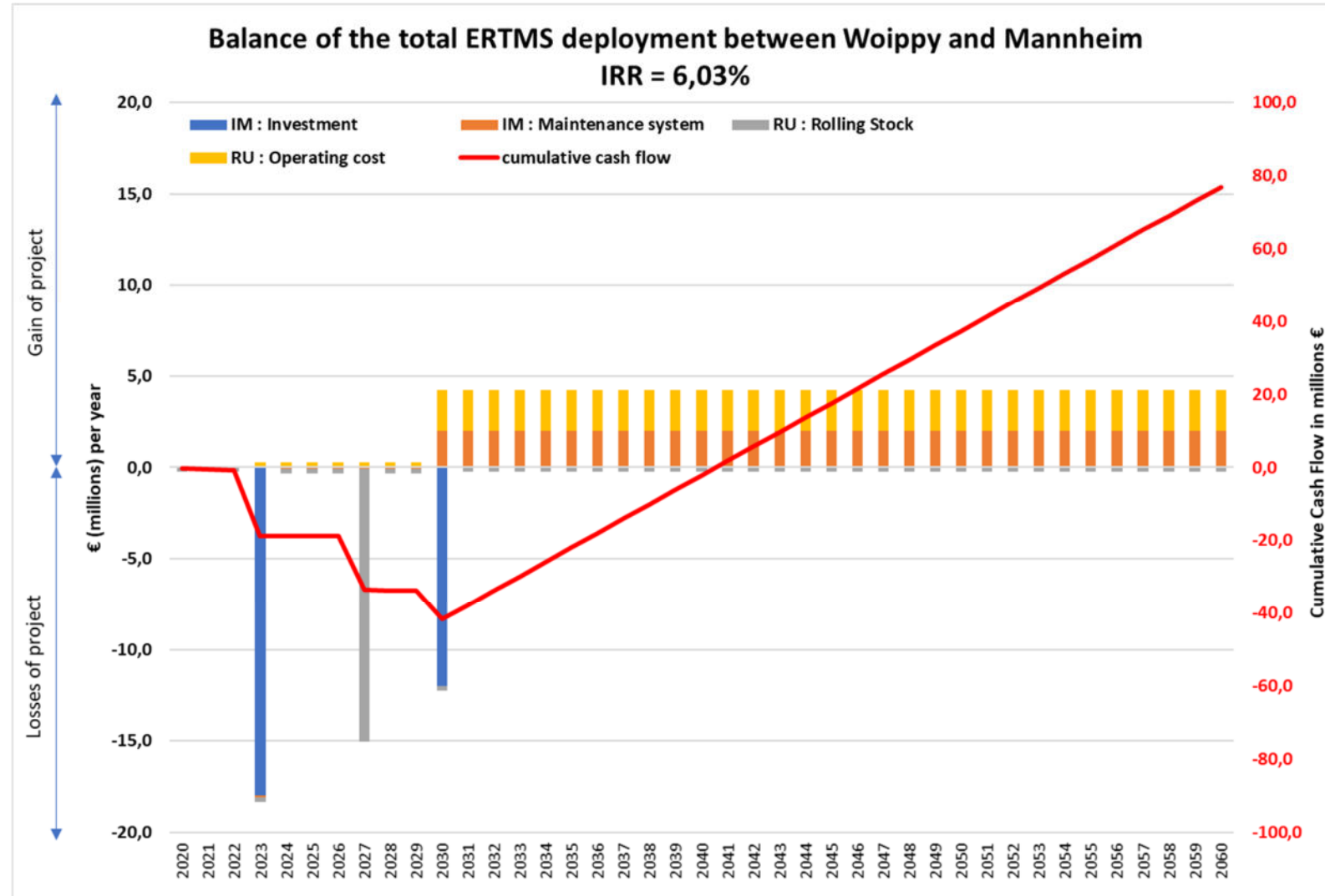
IM = infrastructure manager

RU = Railway undertakings

The negative cash flow at the beginning due to investment costs and retrofitting costs in 2027.

After 2030, gains are growing due to two factors related to :

- The infrastructure maintenance, the legacy system (on top of ERTMS level 2) being abandoned with ERTMS continuity.
- The lower level of operating transport cost for the railway undertaking.





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- The IRR for the deployment scenario is slightly above 6% can be considered as an **"acceptable" rate of return**, which means that the investments for ERTMS deployment completion are justified from an economic point of view, with hypothesis which do not take into account grants EU should provide.
- **Issue 1:** Business case for freight trains will only work if the main line for rail freight trains via Neunkirchen will be equipped with ERTMS.
- **Issue 2:** Business case for all trains will only work if France implements the missing section Herry – FR/DE border.



THANK YOU