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**Integrated Project  
on the corridor  
Netherlands/Belgium – Turkey/Greece**

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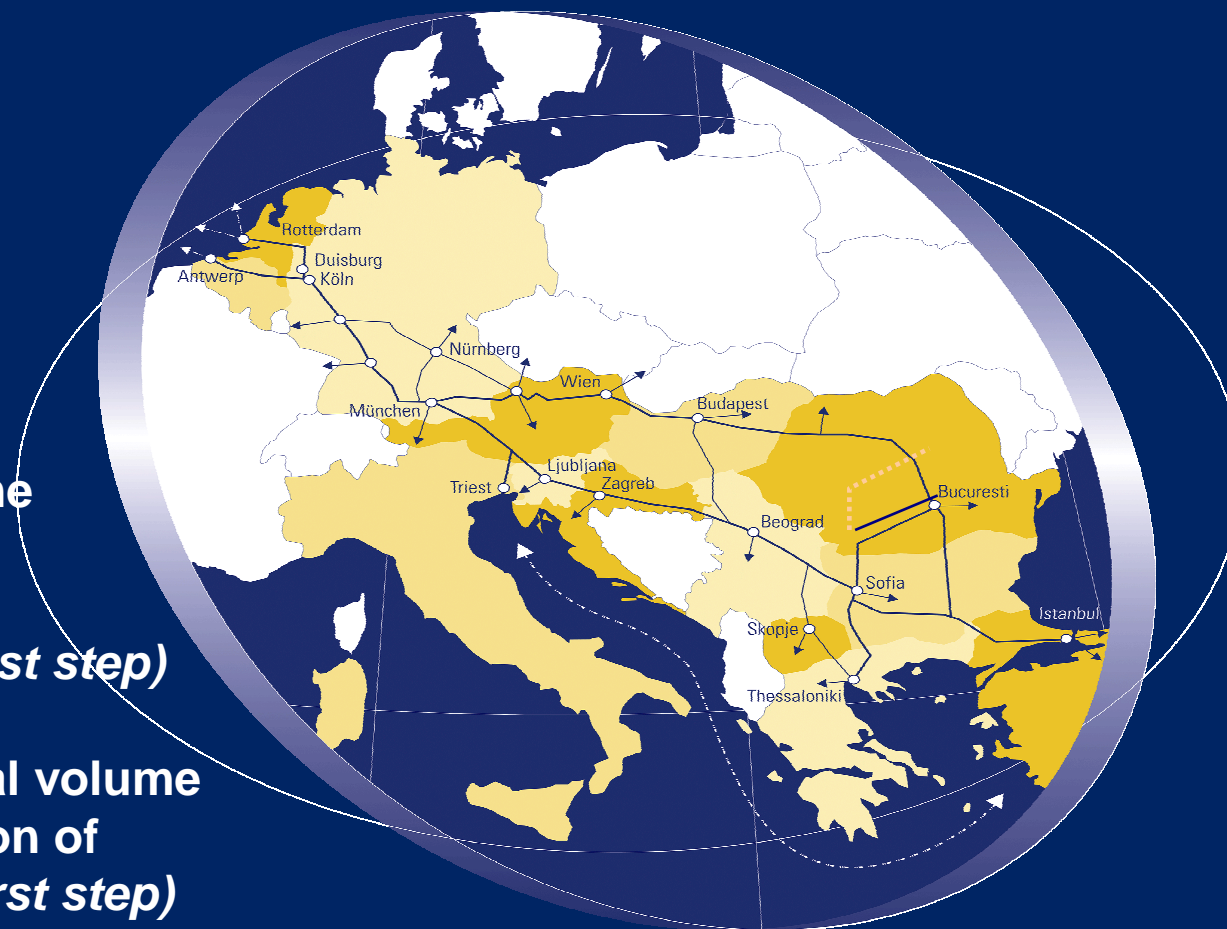


## Overview CREAM



➤ Reduction of transit time between Central Europe and Turkey/Greece minus 15-20 % (first step)

➤ Generation of additional volume for rail service in the region of at least 200 mio tonkm (first step)



- Gain the competitiveness
- Improve freight services

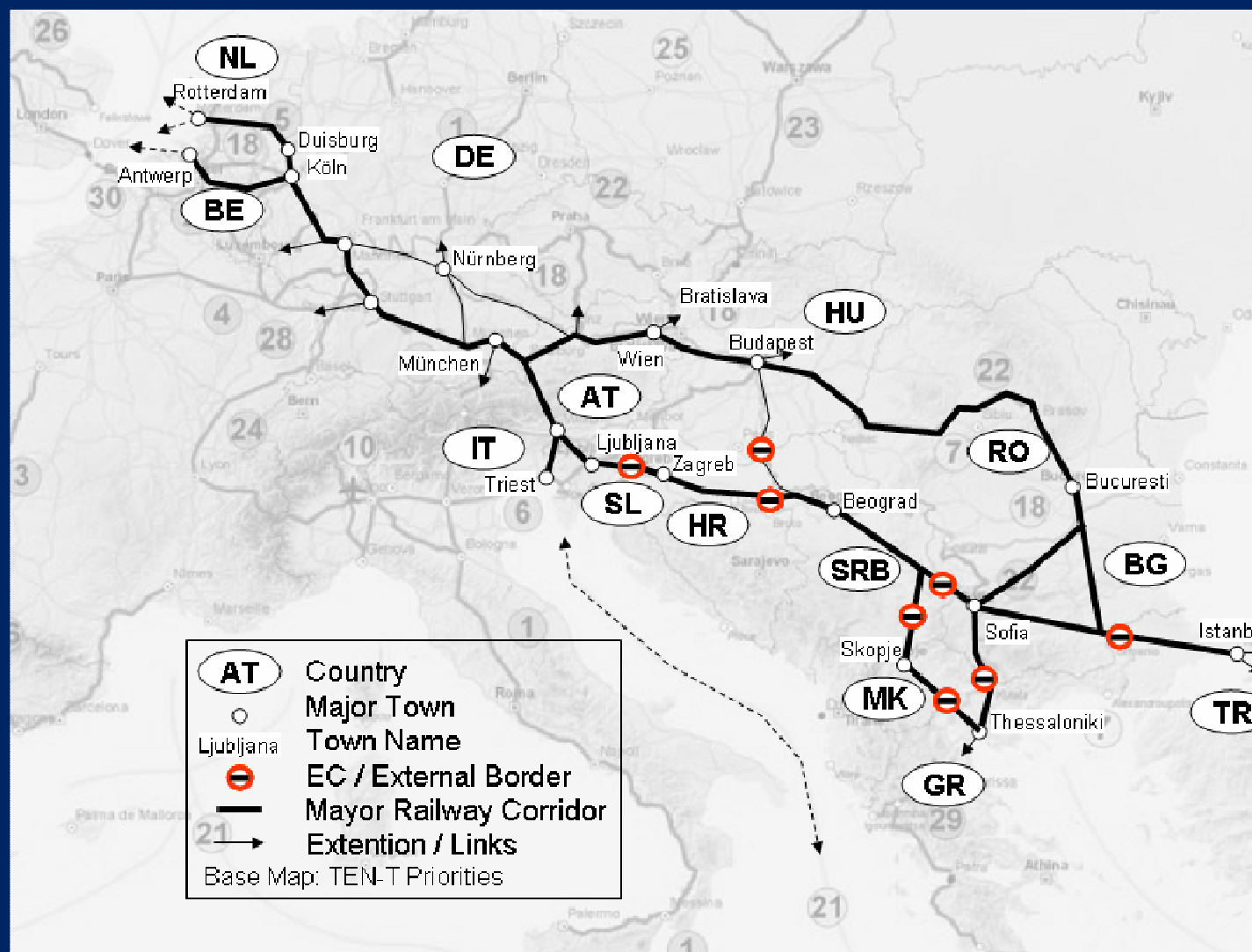


# Partners



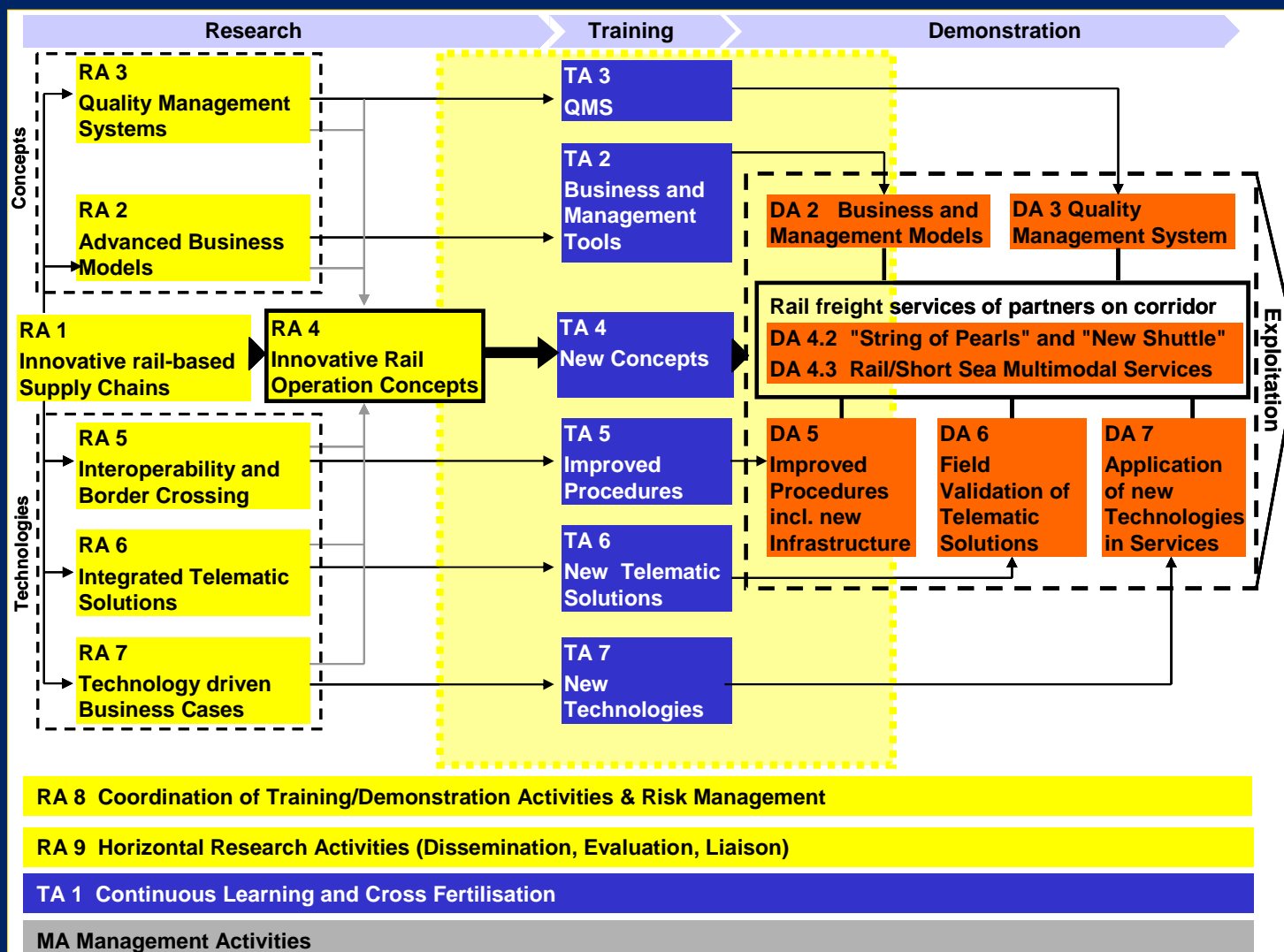


## Countries and Borders





# Project structure





## **Main targets for a common cooperation**

- **Shorten of transport time between Western Europe and TR / GR**
- **Growth on freight on the corridor**
- **Utilization of cooperative business models**
- **Creation of a common Quality Management System on the corridors to get**
  - **the same understanding of “logistic transport processes”**
  - **equal conditions of transport on the whole corridor**
  - **similar production quality**
- **Utilization of harmonized IT and Telematic systems**
- **Knowledge transfer (Best practice)**
- **Cooperation for interoperable operation**
- ➔ **High quality performance of all companies is the main prerequisite to be competitive against the road!**



## Two main approaches

### 1. Operative view:

Analysis of the current production system, searching for improvements and implementation of solutions within short time (< 3 years)

### 2. Strategic view:

Analysis of the market and evaluation of the necessities for infrastructure, rolling stock, technical support etc. for creating new services in cooperation within the next years



## Remarks

### Improved procedures on existing infrastructure

Besides smaller short term measures (e.g. border stations, terminals), **no infrastructure** extensions are included in this project

Advanced effectiveness and competitiveness will be achieved by:

- New Telematic systems
- Improvement and coordination of operational procedures
- New concepts for rail freight services





## CREAM UPDATE



**Opportunity for involved partners (€)**

**Project really needs continuous support to implement the proposed innovative procedures from all actors:**

- **Market**
- **Rail**
- **Government**
- **Infrastructure**

**Harmonization is essential for success**

- **transferability of good practices at borders**
- **mutual recognition of checks**
- **encourage synergies between operational stops and admin checks**
- **not everything needs to be done at borders**



## Dissemination

### Public Promotion Platform

[www.cream-project.eu](http://www.cream-project.eu)  
online since 10.01.2007

- Publication of official results
- Promotion of new offers/services based on the CREAM work
- Information's for customers about the improvement of services in future
- Information of potential NEW customers about the interesting offers
- Possibility for customers (old/new) to provide input about their requirements, wishes, intentions for the future and to give comments to the already achieved results

**Customer-driven Rail-freight services on a European mega-corridor based on Advanced business and operating Models**

Initiated by important stakeholders of the railway business the CREAM-Project has been set up to respond to the increasing demand for rail-based logistic systems. Within the framework of the project customer-driven Rail-freight services shall be developed and offered on a European mega-corridor. This transport corridor has got an entire length of about 3.150 km and draws a bow between Western and Central Europe and the Balkan states towards Turkey/Greece.

The CREAM-Project, which will be coordinated by HaCon, contains a number of technological and operational activities, which have been identified by the stakeholders, that are active in the corridor as there are Infrastructure Managers, Railway Undertakings, Intermodal Operators or Customers. These activities are primarily based on the corridor analysis and Corridor Action Plan, adopted in the framework of the TREND-Project (Towards new Rail freight quality and concepts in the European Network in respect to market Demand), which has been funded by the European Commission within the 6th Framework Program as a Coordination Action. The Project Summary will give an overview on the activities, which will be performed within CREAM.

CREAM will lead to an increase in rail freight transport on this important East-West freight corridor and thereby contribute to the EU transport policy goals. The project is funded by the European Commission as an Integrated Project within the 6th Framework Program.

**News**  
Sep. 2006  
CREAM will start officially in January 2007 with 25 Partners operating on the transport corridor: Netherlands/Belgium - Turkey/Greece [more](#)  
May 2006  
The CREAM Consortium has been invited for further negotiations [more](#)  
Dec 2005  
The CREAM Proposal has been submitted to the European Commission [more](#)

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your attention!**

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