



New challenges for railway authorities of the Western Balkans

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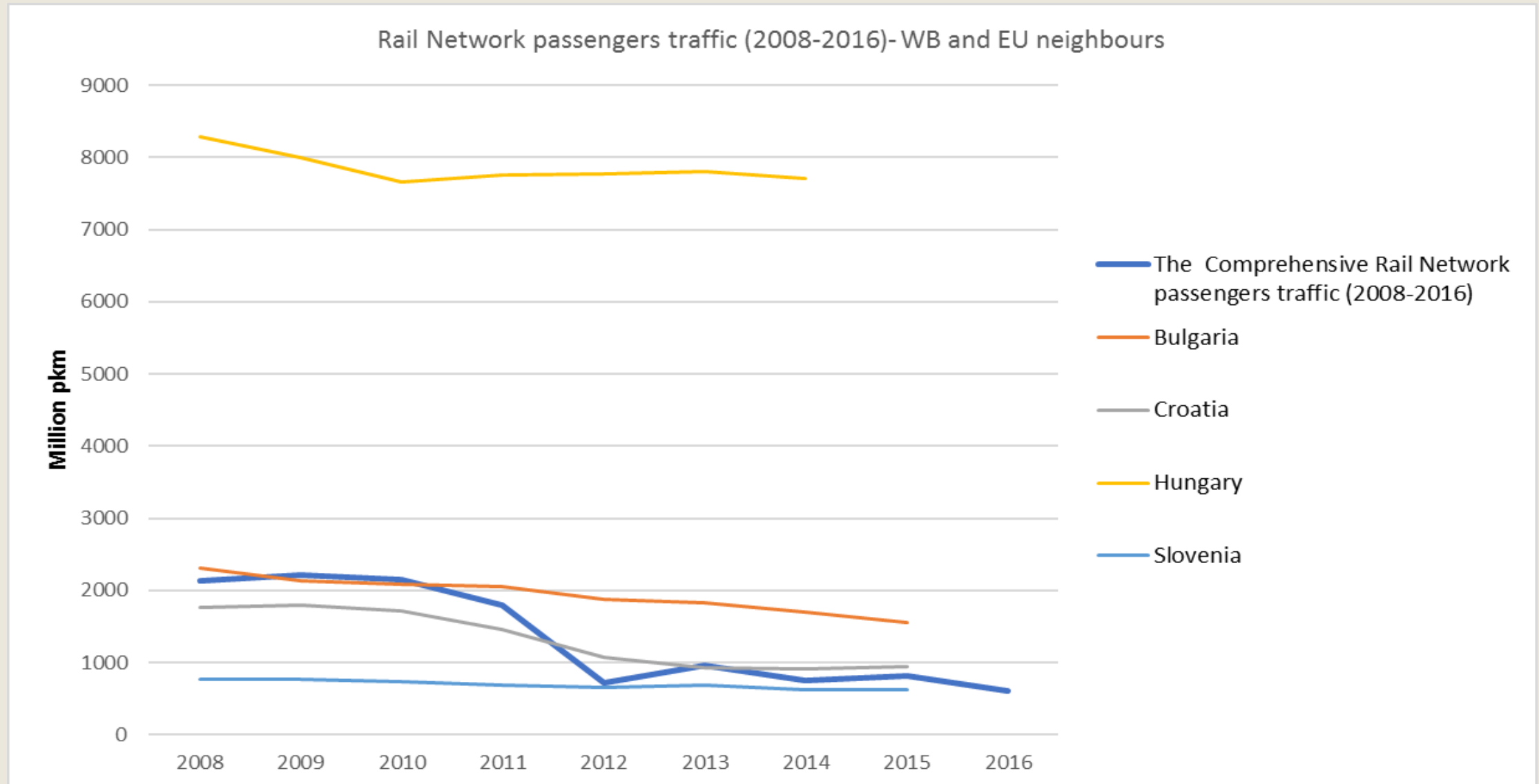
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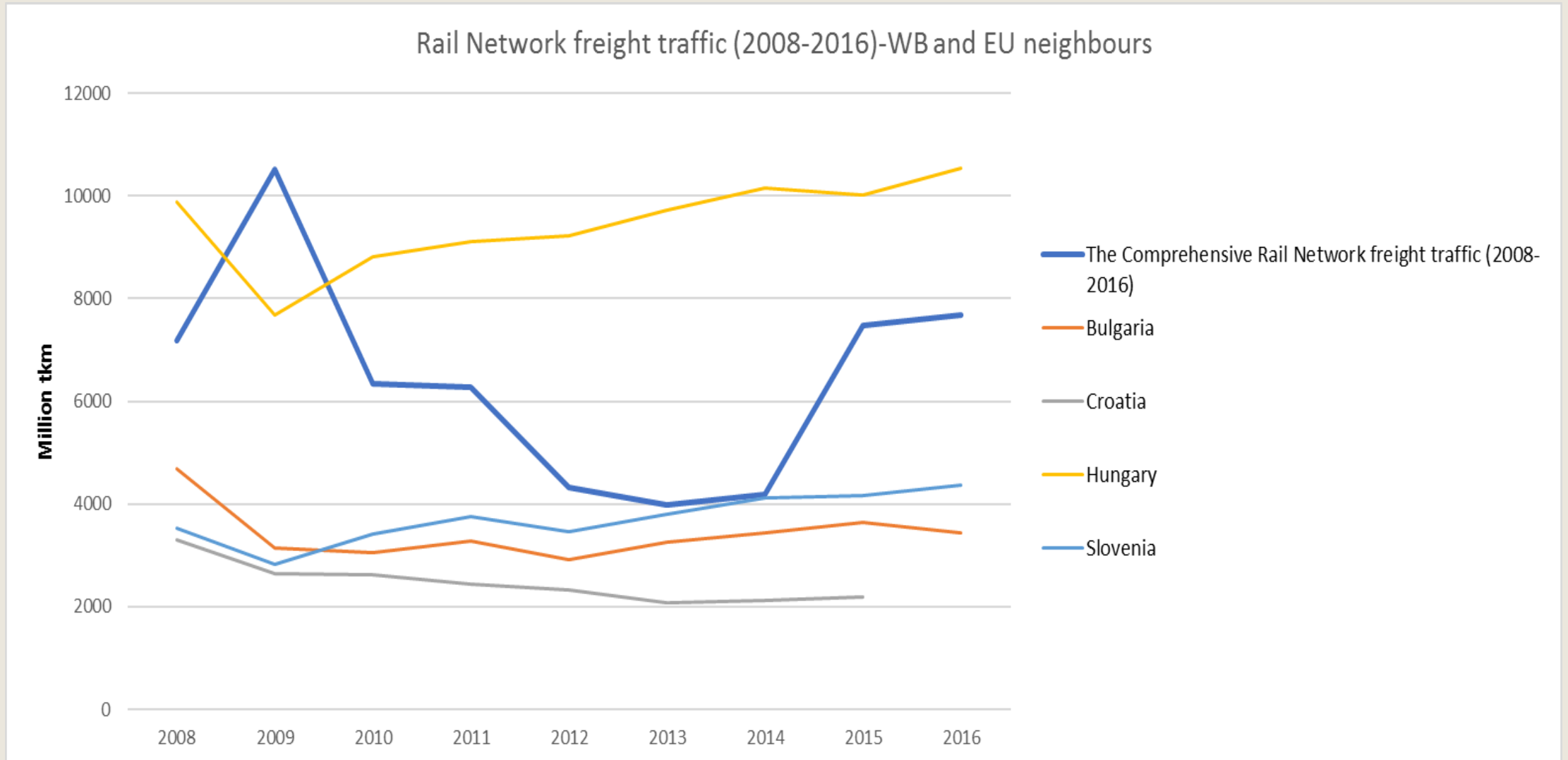
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➤ Condition

Lengths of sections in "very poor", "poor" and "medium" condition on the entire TEN-T C&CNWB (in kilometers)

	"Very poor"	"Poor"	"Medium"	TOTAL	% of network
Rails	914	841	375	2,130	56%
Sleepers & Fastenings	1,112	138	130	1,380	36%
Ballast	1,793	168	75	2,035	53%

2. Identified gaps and recommendations

Alignment of the legislation with the EU acquis

- Transposition of the recast of the 1st railway package and 4th railway package as well establishment of single railway area should be given very high priority
- Transposition (on good track) and implementation (slow) of the EU rail acquis
- Restructuring is ongoing in all national rail companies

2. Identified gaps and recommendations

- Operational aspects
 - Financing gap
 - Investment gap for financing is 4.6 billion euros..
 - Operational constrains
 - Long duration of project preparation
 - Efficiency of using EU funds (IPA, WBIF, CEF)
 - Efficiency of using loans
 - Competitiveness

2. Identified gaps and recommendations

- Bottlenecks

- Alignment with TEN-T standards

- Electrification, 78% of the OEM Corridor and 74% of the MED Corridor are compliant.
- Axle load (22,5 t), 87% OEM Corridor and 77% MED Corridor.
- 45% of the OEM Corridor and 12% of the MED Corridor are compliant in terms of maximum operating speed.
- These results clearly indicate that a large percentage of the problems that the railway network in the region faces, are due to lack of proper maintenance.

2. Identified gaps and recommendations

- Bottlenecks

- Lack of coordination between the operators or infrastructure managers

- Long term strategies, business plans and network statements.
- Maintenance plans.

- Interoperability issues

- Region needs to implement EU standards.
- Infrastructure planning and construction.
- Deployment of new systems (e.g ERTMS).
- BC and IT systems
- Mutual recognition of driver licences.

3. How Transport Community could help

- Accelerating the process of EU acquis transposition
- Through TCT structures facilitated process of implementation of legislation and project preparation
- Through TCT structures enhanced possibilities for national capacity building and knowledge sharing, which should decrease needed time for project duration and preparation
- Creation of single Western Balkans railway area which would bring to higher railway competitiveness
- Rail freight Corridors
- Through Connectivity agenda, WBIF and Core Corridor mechanisms more streamlined investments in the railway sector

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