

## **Deutsche Bahn's Global Decarbonization Strategies** Focus on Rail Transportation in Germany

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**13 million** passengers a day on trains and buses in Europe

**11 TWh** per year of traction energy provided by DB Energy

23,000 trains a day

21,000 miles and 25,000 bridges and 740 tunnels on DB's railway network

> 8,600 locomotives and multiple units

**341 ICE high speed trains** 

On weekdays over **1 million tons of** goods by rail in Europe

## 330,000 employees

worldwide

"Deutsche Bahn" is German for "German Railway"

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5,700 stations

in Germany

26,000 buses in Europe

74 maintenance facilities

in Germany

### **Deutsche Bahn** | A global company with key business in Germany





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## **Deutsche Bahn** | With its eight business units DB Group is active in all segments of the transport market





Passenger transport: Domestic and European mobility services

#### > DB Long-Distance

Long-distance passenger transport<sup>1</sup>

**DB Regional** Regional and local passenger transport (Germany)

#### > DB Arriva

Regional and local passenger transport (Europe)<sup>2</sup>



Transport and logistics: Intelligent logistics services via land, air, and sea

- DB Cargo
   European rail freight transport
- DB Schenker
   Global freight forwarding and logistics services



Infrastructure: Efficient and future-oriented rail infrastructure in Germany

- > DB Netze Track Rail network
- > DB Netze Stations Passenger stations
- DB Netze Energy Traction energy and stationery energy supply

(1) Within Germany as well as cross-border traffic. (2) In the UK, with CrossCountry also long-distance passenger transport.

### Transport in Europe | Greenhouse gas emission of the different modes of transport





- Greenhouse gas emission in the transportation sector still rising in Europe
- Rail transport lowest specific greenhouse gas emission
- Rail freight transport share 19% in Germany
- High competitiveness in high-speed rail

## No other form of motorized transport is as eco-friendly as rail

The lowest specific greenhouse gas emissions:

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Modal Split in Germany for railway in **freight** transport

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Market share of passenger high-speed trains Berlin-Munich (360 mi)

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### **Starting Point** | DB's climate goals and framework

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(1) CO2-equivalents

## **Starting Point | Three** main fields of activities and two packages of measures contribute towards climate neutrality at DB in 2040

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(1) 2020 approx. 16 Mio. t  $CO_2e$  due to the CoVid-Pandemic, 2019 20 Mio. t  $CO_2e$ ; (2) incl. Bus transports and fleet vehicles

(3) Science Based Target initiative

### **Starting Point | Our sustainability and environmental goals**

We have set ourselves ambitious targets

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## **Starting Point | 68 % of the network will be electrified in the future. Alternative propulsion systems and fuels are needed**

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- Regional traffic: 50%
- Cargo transport: 25%
- Railway construction: 22,5%
- Long distance traffic: 2,5%

#### Fleet prognosis

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#### Fleet

- Currently approx. 3000 diesel rail vehicles with a consumption of approx. 250 million liters of diesel p.a. at DB. Yet further diesel vehicles will be delivered.
- Current estimation: Approx. 50% of the diesel rail fleet can be converted to etraction or battery-electric traction by 2040.
- Approx. 40% combustion vehicles still in use in 2040 (approx. 800 1000 vehicles, because e.g. no technical alternatives available)
- Long vehicle life cycle of 30+ years normally

#### **Technological alternatives to Diesel**

- 1 Wayside-Electric
- 2 Battery: Batterie-electric
- 3 Hydrogen:H2 Fuel Cell
- 2 Battery: Diesel-Hybrid
- 4 Alt. Fuels

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### Alternative fuels as a short-term solution | What is HVO?

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- HVO stands for "Hydrotreated vegetable oils" aka renewable diesel
- HVO is a second-generation biofuel (NOT biodiesel !)
- HVO complies DIN EN 15940 for "synthetic fuels"

#### Main advantages and properties of HVO

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| (e)                             | The use of HVO saves up to 90% CO <sub>2</sub> e <sup>1</sup> compared to fossil diesel   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 2                               | For production of HVO, only biological <b>residues and waste materials</b> are used as raw materials – No plate tank discussion. HVO is furthermore palm oil-free! DB has set highest procurement standards to assure the use of the "greenest" HVO |  |
| ( <sup>6)</sup> ( <sup>6)</sup> | "Drop-In" fuel - Engine compatibility proven through several tests!<br>Several engine manufacturers approved the use of HVO   |  |
|                                 | Diesel fleets can continue to operate without costly retrofitting or hybridization. Solution for applications where battery or fuel cell technology is not an alternative   |  |
| Pj                              | Migration of refueling infrastructure comparatively simple and inexpensive +30 cents/liter additional costs compared to fossil diesel   |  |
| J                               | Short-/middle- term switch from fossil diesel to HVO possible   |  |

(1) CO2-equivalents

# Alternative fuels | Alternative fuels are currently being introduced in various DB business units on the basis of aTL trials

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- DB is playing a pioneering role in Europe with the trials on the advanced TrainLab
- After the successful tests by TecLab, HVO is currently being rolled out in the business units
  - DB Long-Distance: entire fleet of the Sylt Shuttle
  - DB Cargo: Approval of entire fleet in Germany
  - DB Regional: Conversion of two networks, further networks planned
- DB will use 17 Mio. litres of HVO in 2023

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## **Fuel Cell** The H2goesRail joint funding project brings renewable hydrogen onto the rails with DB Regio

workshop

**Passenger service and maintenance** 

The service will operate for one year in DB

passenger service. Train will be serviced in DB

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#### **Mireo Plus H**

units.

#### SIEMENS

The multiple unit will refuel quickly with green hydrogen for its passenger service and will be powered by the new highperformance hydrogen drive.

Workshop infrastructure

The workshop will be upgraded so it

can maintain hydrogen multiple

#### Fast refuelling

DB The train will be refuelled from the tank trailer using a new process, roughly comparable to the refuelling time of diesel multiple unit.

#### Hydrogen supplies

Vireo Plus H

**SIEMENS** 

**DB** 

The green hydrogen will be produced using 100% DB renewable energy by means of electrolysis and will be stored in a tank trailer. The mobile structure is an innovative fast refuelling station for further test projects.

## Battery | First Trains and locomotives with batteries have been ordered and will soon be put into service

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Winning of two tenders by DB Regio: a total of 58 BEMU<sup>1</sup>s with an approximate milage of 3,7 Mio. Miles/a starting 2024

 Construction of charging island systems by DB Energie and DB Netz after TecLab has carried out simulations

Order of **50 hybrid shunting locomotives** by DB Cargo

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(1) BEMU: Battery Electric Multiple Unit

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## Hydrogen Combustion | On the basis of feasibility studies, piloting of the use of hydrogen and ammonia engines is being prepared

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| • | $CO_2$ -free operation with minimal exhaust emissions (NO <sub>x</sub> ) |
|---|--|
|   | Equivalent power density and efficiency of diesel engines                |

- Advantages
  - high tolerance to low purity hydrogen in comparison to FC technology
  - Integration into existing vehicle concepts is simple and hybridization is not necessary

|                     | Hydrogen engine  | Ammonia engine  |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Feasibility studies | <ul> <li>First studies show no insurmountable obstacles</li> <li>There are still challenges to be solved in detail before prototyping and fleet implementation</li> <li>Same hydrogen infrastructure can be used as for fuel cell trains</li> <li>Manufacturers are already developing hydrogen combustion engines</li> <li>Currently limited range</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>First feasibility study is ongoing, no insurmountable obstacles have been identified until now</li> <li>Only minor engine modifications are required. However, extra safety equipment is required since ammonia is toxic</li> <li>With current technology, higher ranges can be achieved with ammonia in comparison to hydrogen due to a higher volumetric energy density</li> </ul> |
| Piloting            | <ul> <li>Preparing the upgrading of the MoW<sup>1</sup> vehicle</li> <li>Project start early 2023</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Preparing of engine rig tests with MoW vehicle engines</li> <li>Completion planned end 2022</li> </ul>   |

(1) MoW Maintenance of Way

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Diesel Exit | Outlook: Implementation of the diesel exit will be driven forward consequently

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| Wayside<br>electrification | • 68% until 2  | 2030  |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| Alter<br>Fu                | native<br>Jels | Entire DB fleet to be approved for use of HVO<br>Rollout of HVO to be continued<br>Next Step: Testing of E-Fuels on the advanced TrainLab                   |
|                            | HEMU           | <ul> <li>Further trials and testing in regular service</li> <li>Gradual replacement of vehicles at the end of their lifecycle</li> </ul>                    |
|                            | В              | <ul> <li>Further Trials and Testing in regular service</li> <li>Gradual replacement of vehicles at the end of their lifecycle</li> </ul>                    |
|                            |                | <ul> <li>H2 Combustion</li> <li>Research project with industry starting in 2023</li> <li>Possible solution for heavy haul traffic (e.g. ammonia)</li> </ul> |

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