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## **Briefing on rail procurement and infrastructure projects planned in Croatia.**

Croatia is not a party to either the Cape Town Convention or the Aircraft Protocol.

### **Investment Pipeline:**

- Croatia intends to invest approximately EUR 3.5 billion in railway infrastructure by 2030
- In particular, the Zagreb-Rijeka railway line will be expanded and upgraded. The project was awarded to the Strabag group based in Austria.

### **Airport Connectivity:**

- Zagreb plans an airport link by train. The urban area's airport is located 10km south of the city centre in the small city of Velika Gorica, the sixth largest in the country. Currently, only buses and taxis exist for visitors.
- At the moment, the project is at its earliest planning stages.

### **Night Train:**

- A relatively recent addition to Croatia's rail portfolio is the night train route connecting Munich and Zagreb. The route is very popular and is typically fully booked during holiday rushes.
- Zagreb is also connected to Zurich and Stuttgart via night train.
- Additional routes are being explored to connect Zagreb to other Central European capitals, as well as several Italian cities and potentially even Paris.

### **Freight Expansion:**

- Freight has also been showing some expansion. Croatian port operator Adriatic Gate Container Terminal, part of Philippine port operator ICTSI Group, said that a new regular train connection has been launched from the port of Rijeka to the Container Terminal Enns CTE in northern Austria.
- Further freight connections which have been consolidated in the last few years include routes connecting Croatia to Serbia, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Rijeka is growing in its importance as a logistics hub for Eastern and Central Europe.

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