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Map of Corridor VI
Corridor VI – main route: Gdańsk – Warszawa – Katowice – Žilina with branches to Břeclav / Brno

Importance:

- main transport axle linking Poland with Czech Republic and Slovakia;
- one from main elements of transport axle linking Northern and Southern Europe;
- linkage at the North – South axle Baltic Sea with Black Sea through Corridor IV and Adriatic Sea through Corridor.

Main parts of the Corridor VI will be completed by:
road – 2012, rail - 2015
Corridor VI

Corridors I, IV, V – connection in the N-S axis

Corridors II, III – connection in the W-E axis
I. Projects within PETC VI
No.23 – rail axle Gdańsk – Warsaw-Brno/Bratislava – Vienna;
No.25 – motorway axle Gdańsk – Brno/Bratislava – Vienna;

II. Projects linking with PETC VI in the North direction
No.27 – Rail Baltica Warsaw – Kaunas – Riga – Tallinn – Helsinki;

III. Projects linking with PETC VI in the South direction
No.6 – rail axle Lyon – Trieste – Divaca/Koper – Ljubljana – Budapest – granica H/UA;
Polish section: Bielsko-Biała – Żywiec – Zwardoń – the S-69 national road, length: 50,6 km

I stage: Żywiec – Zwardoń (28,8 km):
• single carriageway expressway 16,7 km,
• dual carriageway expressway 1,3 km, Zwardoń – Myto (cross-border section) – completed in 2005,
• strengthening of pavement of existing road in section Przybędza – Milówka (10,8 km),
• construction works are carried on – final completion is planned in 2008.

II stage: Bielsko-Biała – Żywiec (21,8 km):
• dual carriageway expressway,
• preparatory works are carried on,
• construction works are planned in 2007 – 2009.

III stage: subsection Przybędza – Milówka (10,8 km):
• single carriageway expressway with tunnel (10,8 km),
• preparatory works are carried on,
• the most difficult stage,
• construction works are planned in 2009 - 2011.
Opening for traffic the S-69 single carriageway expressway in Polish section of Corridor VI (Żywiec – Zwardoń).
Newly opened section of the S-69 national road in Polish section of Corridor VI (Żywiciel – Zwardoń) running through an estacade along the Soła river.
Slovak section:
Žilina – Svrčinovec – Skalite
– the D-3 motorway,
length: 58 km

• priority: Svrčinovec – Skalite
– state border SK/PL (15,3 km), planned completion in 2011,
• planned completion of the whole section in full profile – until 2014.

Foto: road Corridor VI close to the crossing by the Polish – Slovak state border.
TWO BRANCHES:

I. Bielsko-Biała – Cieszyn – the S-1 expressway
   *(Polish section)*,
   Česky Těšín – Bělotin – the R-48 expressway
   *(Czech section)*,

II. Sośnica – Gorzyczki – the A-1 motorway
    *(Polish section)*,
    Věřňovice – Ostrava – Bělotin – Lipnik nad Bečvou – Brno – the D-47 and D-1 motorway
    *(Czech section)*.
FIRST BRANCH

**Polish section: Bielsko-Biała – Cieszyn**
– the S-1 expressway, length: 33,9 km (with the Grodziec Śląski and Skoczów by-pass).
Sections in operation:
• Bielsko-Biała – Jasienica – 11 km,
• Skoczów – Cieszyn – 6,7 km,
• the Cieszyn by-pass – 5,7 km.
Section in construction: 10,5 km, will be completed in 2007.

**Czech section: Česky Těšín – Bělotin**
– the R-48 expressway, length: 74,6 km.
Sections in operation:
• Česky Těšín – Žukov – 3,2 km,
• Dobra – Frydek-Mistek – 5,6 km.
Sections in construction: 18,8 km, will be completed in 2007.
    Remaining sections of total length 47 km are in preparation, planned completion in 2010.
SECOND BRANCH

Polish section:
1. Sośnica – Gorzyczki
   - the A-1 motorway, length: 47.8 km,
     Preparatory works are under way. Construction works are planned in 2007 – 2010.

Czech section:
1. Věřňovice – Ostrava – Bělotín – Lipník nad Bečvou
   - the D-47 motorway, length 80.2 km,
   - section in construction: 44.3 km,
   - sections in preparation: 35.9 km.
2. Lipník nad Bečvou – Brno
   - the D-1 motorway, length 97.9 km,
   - section in operation: Vrchoslavice – Brno, 59.5 km,
   - section in construction: Lipník nad Bečvou – Vrchoslavice, 38.4 km.
Whole Czech section is planned to be completed in 2010.
Road Corridor VI – Polish section,
Construction of the S-1 expressway in section Bielsko-Biała – Cieszyn
(state of art: V 2006)
Road Corridor VI – Czech section. 
Construction of the R-48 expressway section Česky Těšín - Bělotín (state of art: V 2006)
Construction of the D-47 motorway in Czech section of road Corridor VI (estacade at Bělotin)
Total length of rail lines in Corridor VI – 1813 km.
The aim of works – modernisation of existing rail lines according to the AGC/AGTC technical parametres, enabling achievement of the following speed:
• passenger trains up to 160 km/h,
• freight trains up to 120 km/h.

**Polish section – 1559 km**
Two branches:
2. **The C-E 65 line**: Gdynia – Bydgoszcz – Tarnowskie Góry – Pszczyna,
   - planned begining of modernisation after 2009, planned completon during the EU budgetary period 2013 – 2020.
Czech section:

The E 65 line: Petrovice u Karvine – Ostrava – Břeclav, 202 km
- modernisation works completed in 2004,
- modernisation works of rail nodes: Ostrava, Přerov, Břeclav – completion planned in 2013.

Slovak section: Skalite – Čadca – Žilina, 52 km
completed modernisation works enabling achievement of the following speed in respective sections:
- 120 km/h – Žilina – Čadca (dual-track line),
- 100 km/h – Čadca – Skalite (single-track line),
- 70 km/h – Skalite – SK/PL state border (single-track line).
TWO STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2006

• 1 – 2. 06. 2006 GRAZ (Austria),

• 13. 11. 2006 OSTRAVA (Czech Republic).
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<td>Updating questionnaire on infrastructure, substructure, traffic and transport along the PETC VI for further years, analysis of data received from PETC VI Member Countries</td>
<td>First half of 2007</td>
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<td>Once a year (for the Corridor Chairmen meetings)</td>
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<td>Common inspection of the cross-border Polish – Slovak road section of PETC VI</td>
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<td>Common inspection of the cross-border Polish-Slovak rail section of PETC VI</td>
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## Working Program of the Secretariat of the Steering Committee for the Pan-European Transport Corridor VI in 2007

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BALTIC-ADRIATIC CORRIDOR (RAIL AND ROAD)
The Baltic – Adriatic Corridor

- always played key role in transport development at the North – South axis,
- Baltic – Adriatic Corridor – spatial integration along Eastern edge of Western Europe (in general),
- contribution to Europe growing together again beyond the old borders,
- new impulses for economic, social and political stability,
- improved access to ports from landlocked regions,
- improved hinterland connection.
The initiative of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology of Austria supported by Ministries responsible for transport in Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Italy.

12 October 2006 – Ministers responsible for transport in Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Italy signed in Luxemburg a Letter of Intent concerning development of transport corridor Baltic – Adriatic during the EU Council of Ministers of Transport.


The Corridor includes all relevant transport modes and intermodal interconnection points, including ancillary installations such as signalling, installations necessary for traffic management, access roads, border crossing stations, service stations, freight and passenger terminals, warehouses, etc.
The aims of co-operation according to the Letter of Intent

• development of main and ancillary infrastructures on the multimodal Baltic – Adriatic Corridor,

• development of the Corridor include maintenance, reconstruction, rehabilitation, upgrading and new construction of main and ancillary infrastructures, as well as its operation and use with a view to fostering the most efficient and environmentally friendly transport modes (infrastructure and services),

• support the adoption of the Corridor as European priority project in the framework of the next revision of the TEN-T guidelines by extension towards the South – West of the existing priority projects No. 23 (rail) and 25 (road),

• defining the prerequisites for the most efficient use of funds and know-how from public and private sources.

Coordination of the co-operation will be provided by the Steering Committee of Corridor VI.
Thank you for your attention.

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