

INITIATIVE DEUTSCH-POLNISCHER SCHIENENPERSONENVERKEHR

„KolejDEPL“ **- Initiative for German-Polish rail passenger transport**

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Outline:

- **Why did we start?**
- **Who are we?**
- **What do we want?**
 - general goals
 - plans for 2016



Why did we start?

- 2015: Low point of German-Polish passenger rail
- 12/2014 Suspension of EuroCity “Wawel” Berlin – Wroclaw
 - 03/2015 Suspension of “Dresden – Wroclaw – Express”
 - 09/2015 Suspension of InterRegioEkspres Frankfurt (Oder) - Poznan



Farewell to the „Dresden-Wroclaw-Express“ - Flashmob in Dresden, 28 February 2015



Spontaneous action of Germans
and Poles
→ Idea of creating a cross-border
initiative for better passenger rail

Photos: K. Knippschild



Who we are – members and partners

- Initiative (yet) without legal status
- Group of German and Polish volunteers (Dresden, Wroclaw, Berlin, Frankfurt(Oder))
- Partners supporting our goals and special activities



Partners



Sāsiedzi e.V.



Polonia-Dresden e.V.



Deutsche
Sozial-Kulturelle
Gesellschaft in Breslau
Niemieckie Towarzystwo
Kulturalno-Społeczne
we Wrocławiu



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LABE/ODRA



Regionale Planungsgemeinschaft
Oderland-Spre



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Dresden



VCD
Verkehrsclub
Deutschland

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fundacja

ProKolej



Fahrgastverband
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Magdeburg

Regionalverband Wirtschaft Stadt



IHK

Berlin



What do we want – goals

- Better accessibility of metropolises and regional centres within the German-Polish border area
- Re-establishment of suspended connections (esp. Berlin – Wrocław, Dresden – Wrocław)



Cross-border rail services DE-PL (2012)

pairs of trains/
24h

Source: IHK Berlin-
Brandenburg 2013



What do we want – goals

- Better framework conditions for cross-border rail, e.g.
 - Financial solutions for long-distance rail transport
 - Reducing rail's discrimination concerning charges for the utilisation of infrastructure (compared to road traffic)
- Infrastructure modernisation (electrification, second tracks)



Some promising improvements...

- Re-establishment of recently suspended connections:
 - Dresden – Wrocław: 12/2015
 - Berlin – Wrocław:
special trains to the
European Capital of Culture Wrocław,
on weekends, 04-09(?) /2016





Some promising improvements...

- New regional connections:
 - Görlitz – Jelenia Góra: 12/2015
 - Berlin – Gorzów Wlkp. – Krzyż: 03/2016
 - Berlin – Frankfurt (O.) – Zielona Góra: 04/2016





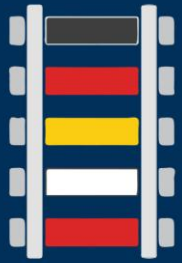
Outlook for 2016

- Participation in the consultations on the German Federal Transport Plan (April/ May 2016)
- Lobbying activities concerning the next German-Polish Summit on Rail (autumn?)



General outlook

- Achieving a legal status reflecting our binational character
- Increasing and stabilizing our network:
 - new partner organizations
 - local groups in different cities
 - lobbying contacts on the regional, national and European level



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