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Night Travelling in Europe by Rail
TRAKO 2021

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European Passengers' Federation EPF

The voice of European Public Transport users since 2002

Promoting passengers' interests on the European level

Umbrella for 37 member organisations in 21 countries

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Covering all modes of transport:

at local, national and international level

by rail , road, waterborne and air

Participating in expert groups:

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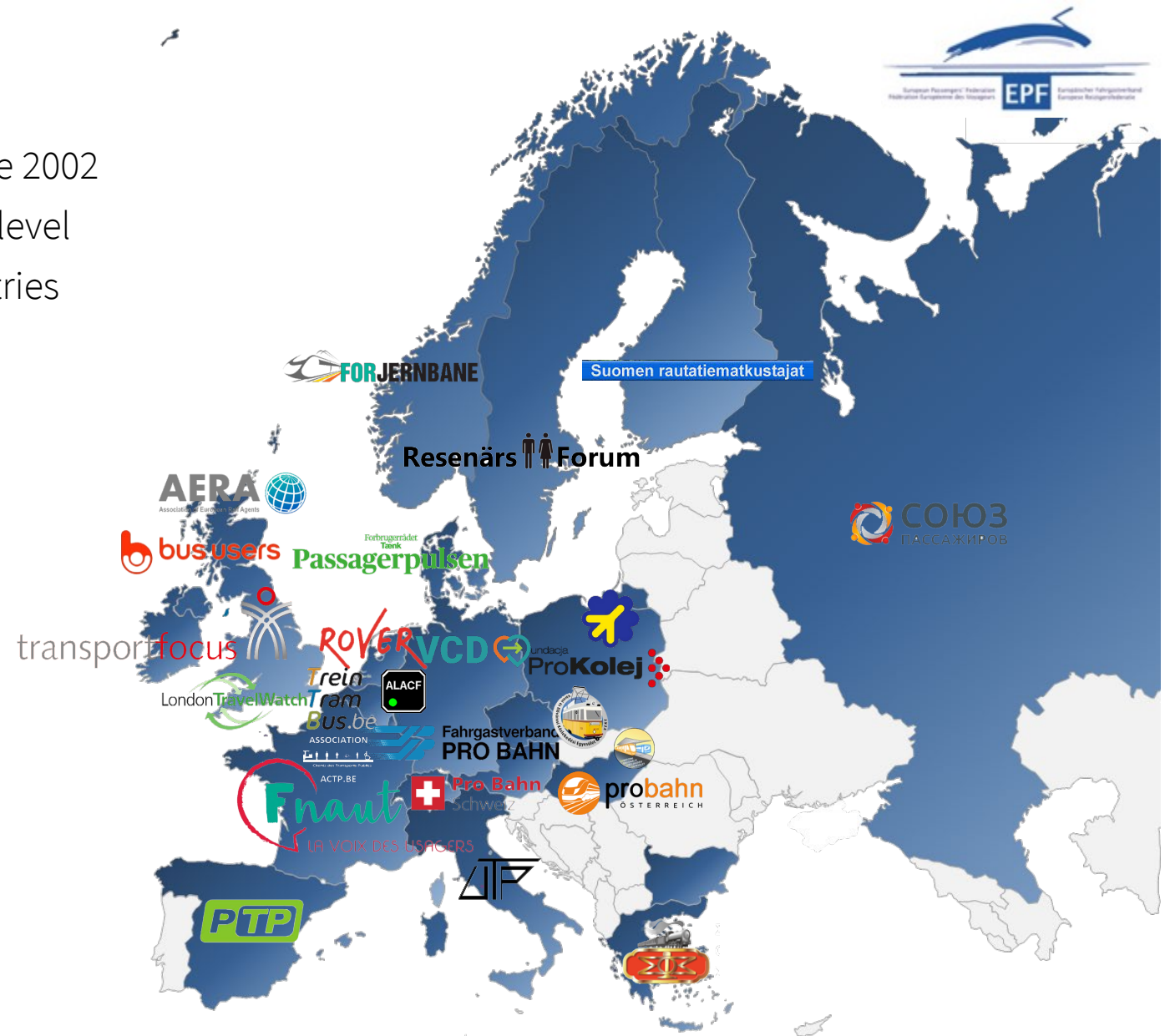
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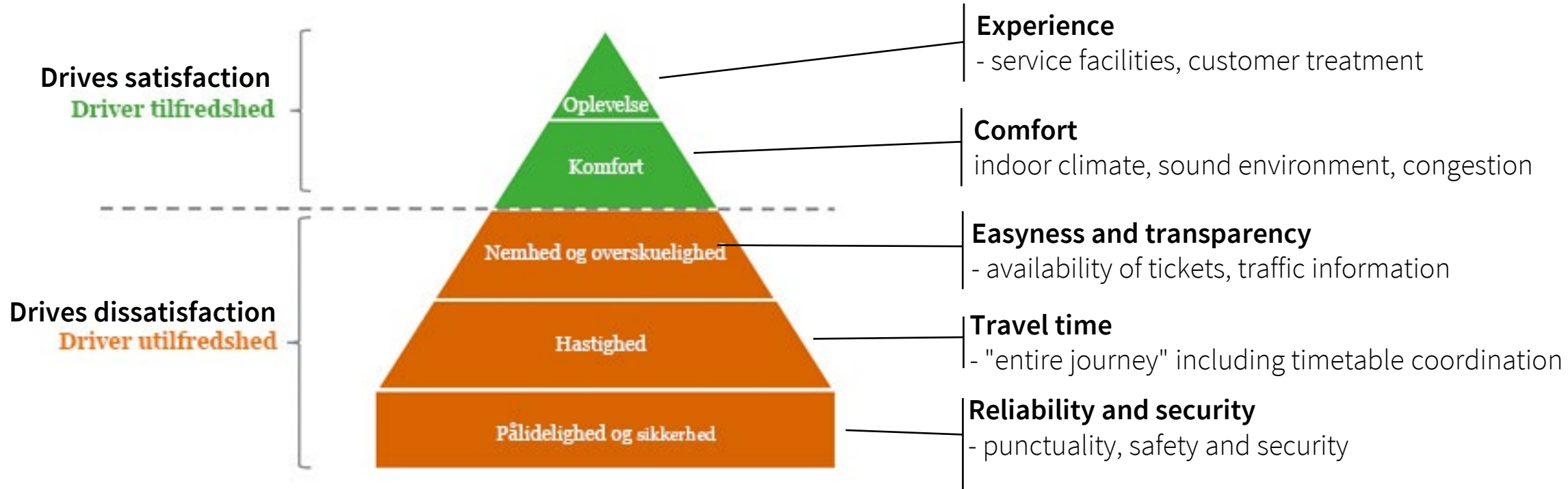
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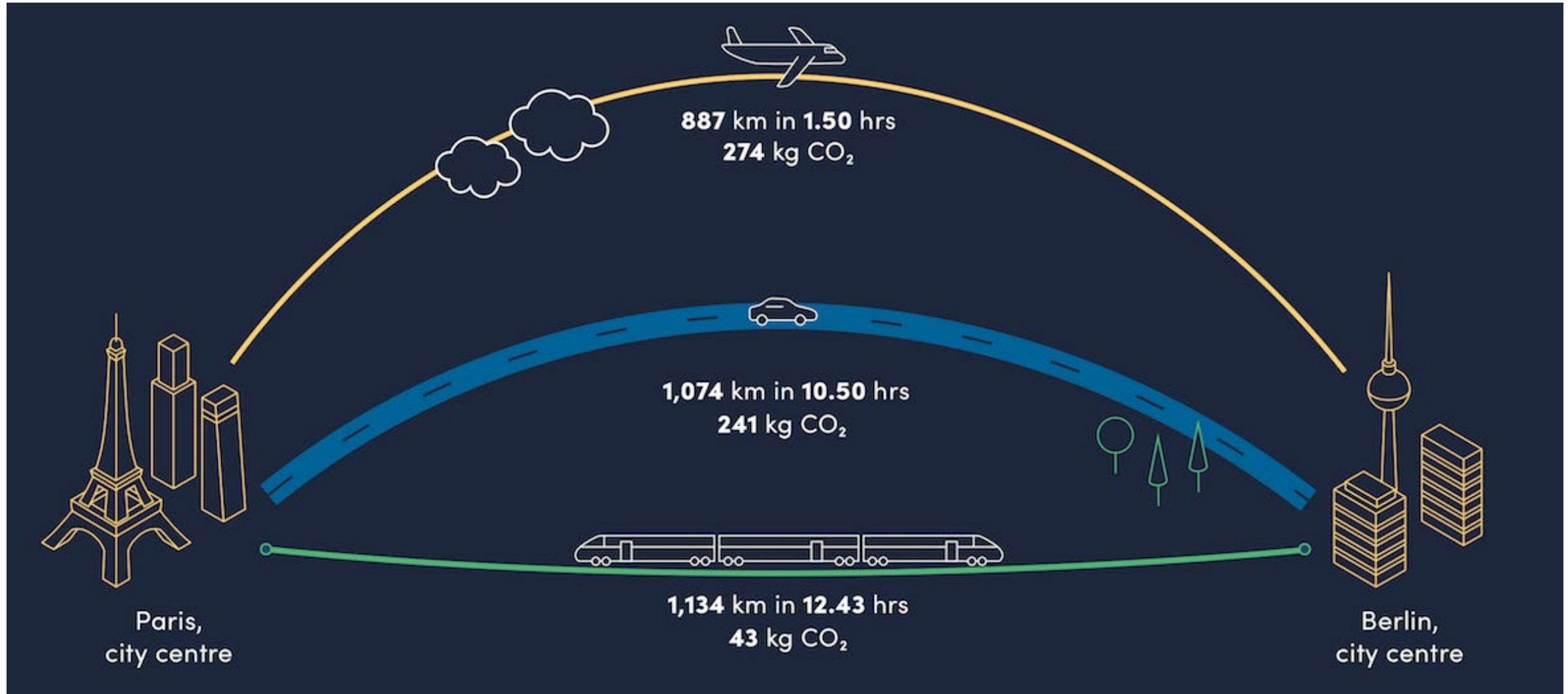
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Passengers hierarchy of needs



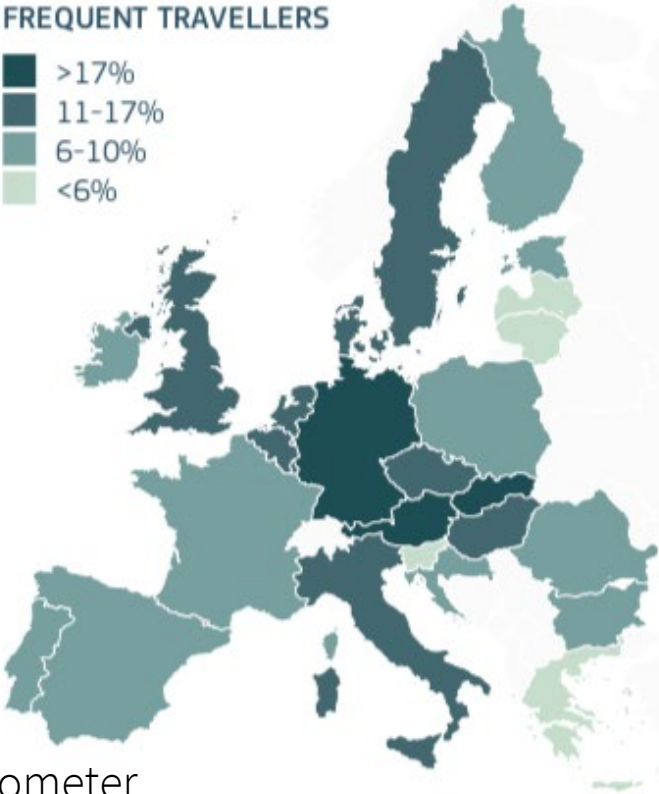
Facilitate for sustainable long distance travel



Europeans have little experience of international train travel



FREQUENT TRAVELLERS



**78% NEVER MAKE
INTERNATIONAL TRIPS
BY RAIL**

Europeans use rail most frequently
for suburban trips

WEEKLY RAIL TRIPS

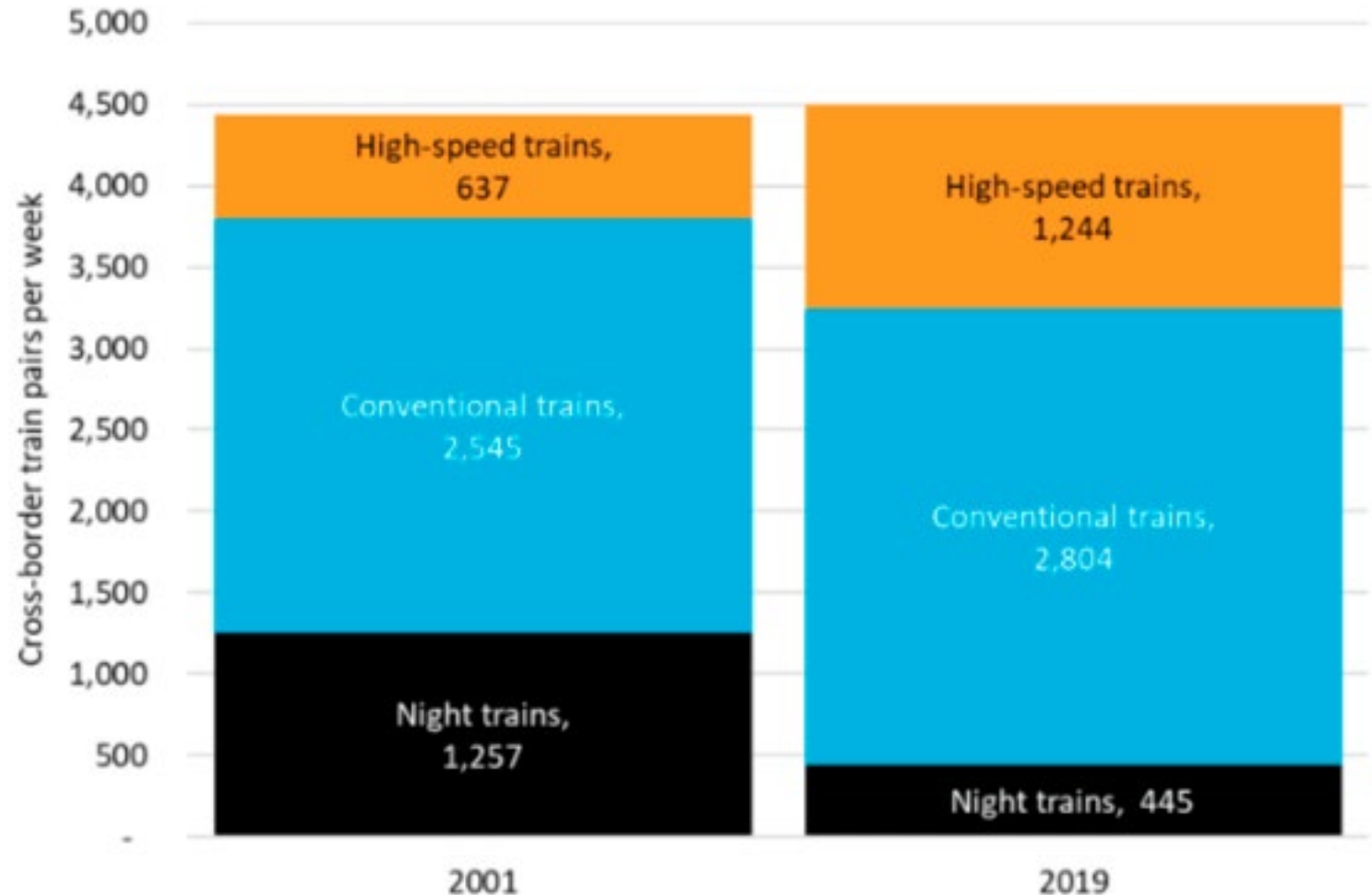


Long distance cross-border trains have barely increased in 20 years

Night train services	-65%
High-speed services	+95%
Seasonal services	+37%

3% of services was 2019
operated by 'new entrants'

Long-distance cross-border train pairs per week, 2001 and 2019



Source: EC/Steer 2021

Night train network has decreased

Night train routes -70 %



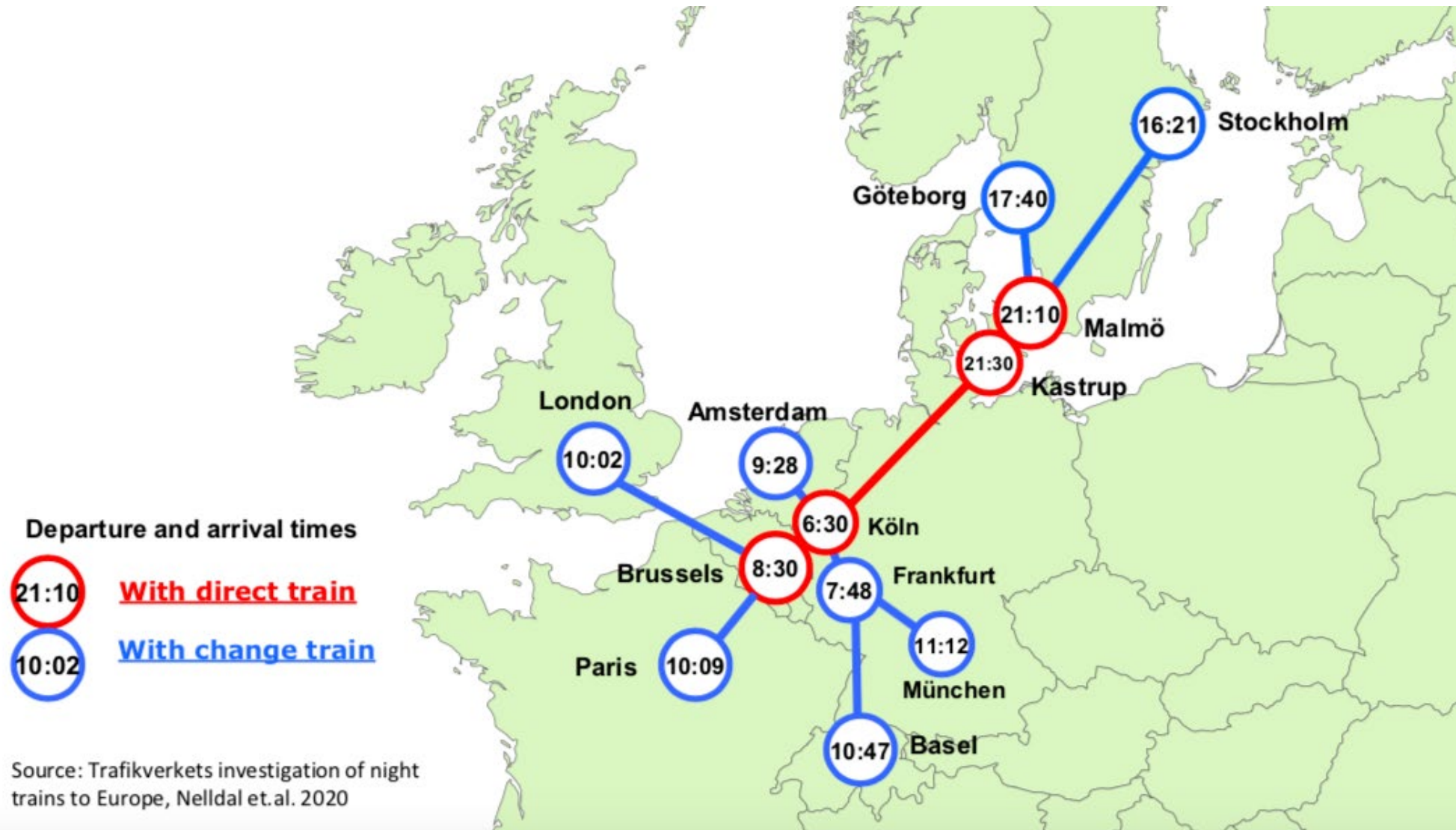
Source: Oui au Train de Nuit

Current night train network



Source: EP EFA 2021

Night trains have a great potential for bridging long distances



Source: Trafikverkets investigation of night trains to Europe, Nelldal et.al. 2020

Customer satisfaction generally high

Night trains offer:

- Privacy
- Room for luggage
- City to city
- Adventure
- Relaxing

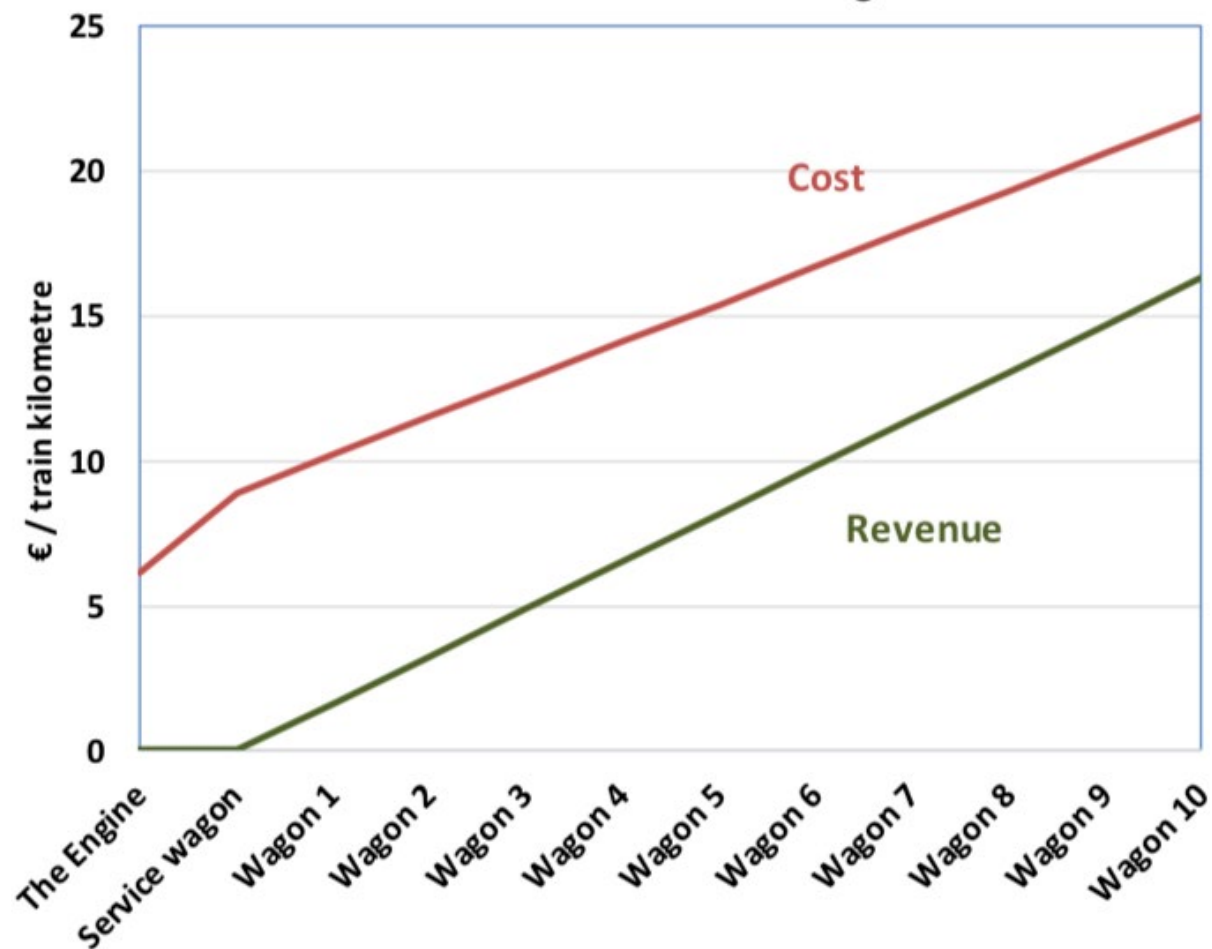
However higher demands on:

- More privacy
- More comfortable beds
- Own shower/WC
- Quieter
- Less vibrations

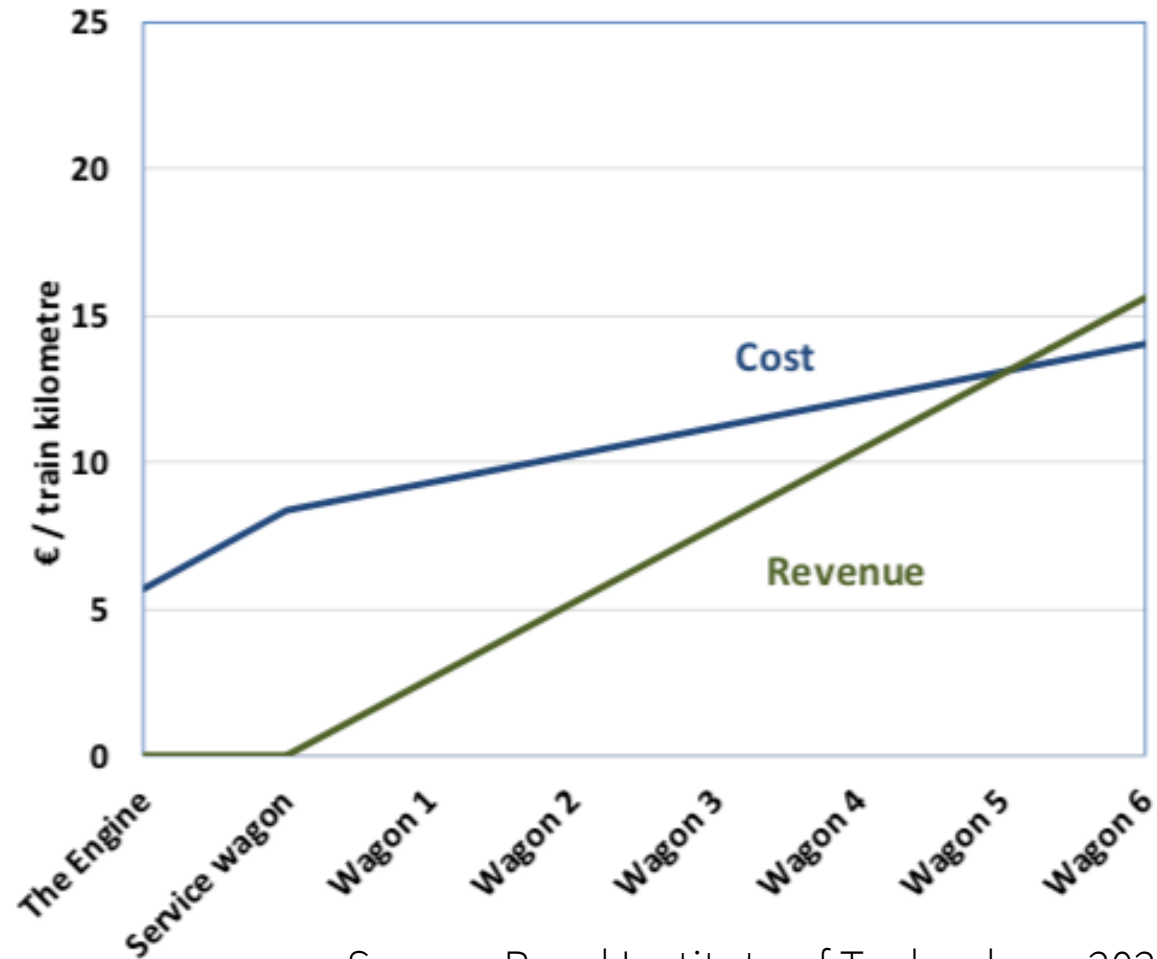


Operational costs and revenues

Night train
occupancy rate 50%

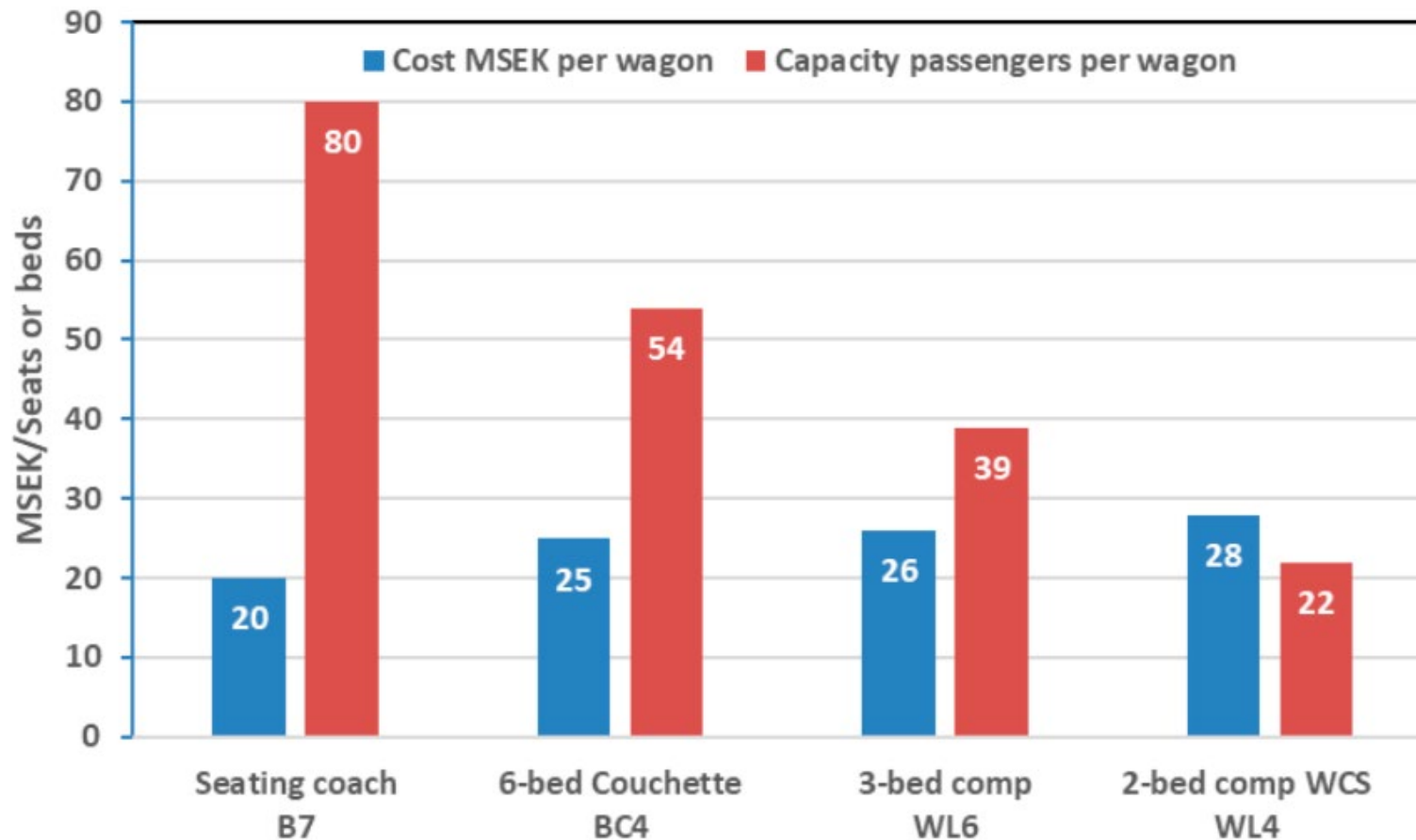


Day train
occupancy rate 65%



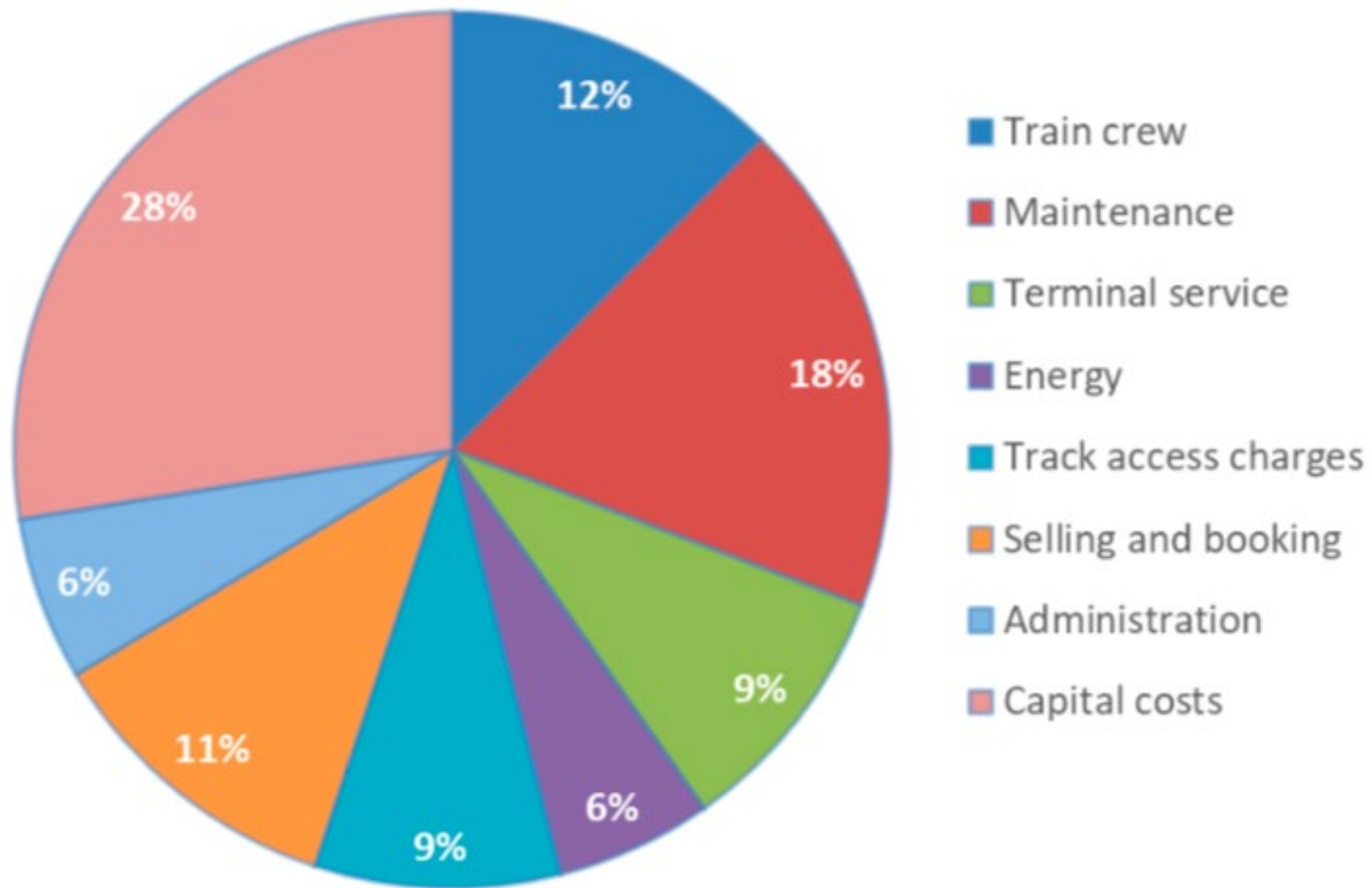
Source: Royal Institute of Technology, 2021

Night train wagon costs and capacity



Source: Royal Institute of Technology, 2021

Cost structure for night train operations



Source: Royal Institute of Technology, 2021

Revitalization factors



**Infrastructure
charges**



**Infrastructure
capacity
allocation**



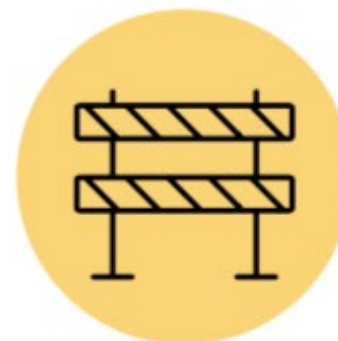
Rolling stock



**Rights for
connecting
passengers
and ticketing**



**Cross-border
Public Service
Obligations
(PSOs)**



**Other
obstacles**

EPF Night Train Position Paper



- 1) Improve unfair market conditions between transport modes
 - Put an end to aviation's tax exemptions
 - Simplify the operation of international rail services
- 2) Initial support to get started
 - Smart subsidies can facilitate start-up
 - Offer a commonly owned night train carriage pool
- 3) Enable regulations for price comparison of rail ticketing
- 4) Different levels of comfort classes should be offered

Thank you for your attention!

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