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# NEW APPROACHES FOR FINANCING OF SOPHISTICATED RAILWAY INVESTMENTS

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# EIB Transport Lending Policy Relevant Aspects – Rail

- Funding railways [...] will continue to be a priority, as these are intrinsically the most promising in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions per transport unit
- Lending to sound projects in rail [...] will be prioritised, even when they are neither TENs nor located in assisted areas.
  Efforts will be made to enhance lending to these sectors
- Eligibility categories: TEN-T, economic and social cohesion; external mandates; and environment, i.e. supporting sustainable transport solutions is always applicable for rail projects
- Urban rail: same eligibility and policy as above



# EIB Transport Lending Policy Some Additional Comments

- EIB Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) takes account of externalities
  - CO2 emissions are systematically computed
  - For certain projects, other external costs and benefits are also internalised in the CBA analysis:
    - Environmental: Energy Efficiency Balance Sheet, noise, congestion, overcrowding
    - **Social**: insertion in the urban context, social mixity improvement,
    - **Technical**: intermodality + interchange improvements
- Railway projects can take a variety of forms:
  - Rehabilitation or upgrading of existing rail infrastructure including stations, electrification, re-signalling...
  - **Freight facilities**, including intermodal terminals
  - New lines, including High-Speed Rail
  - Rolling Stock both conventional and High-Speed, both freight and passengers, both for incumbent operators (RUs) and new entrants

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## **EIB Rail Financing**

### Key figures 2008-2012

Total Rail Financing: €35.7bn

EU: → Railways Mainlines and Rolling stock: €18.1bn
→ Urban Rail: €16.6bn
Partners countries: €980 million

### Stations Financing: some key projects

As part of an urban development scheme

Prague Main Station; Budapest-Keleti Station and its interchange with Metro line 4;

Madrid Chamartin and Atocha Terminal Stations and their tunnel interlink, etc.

### As part of a railway network

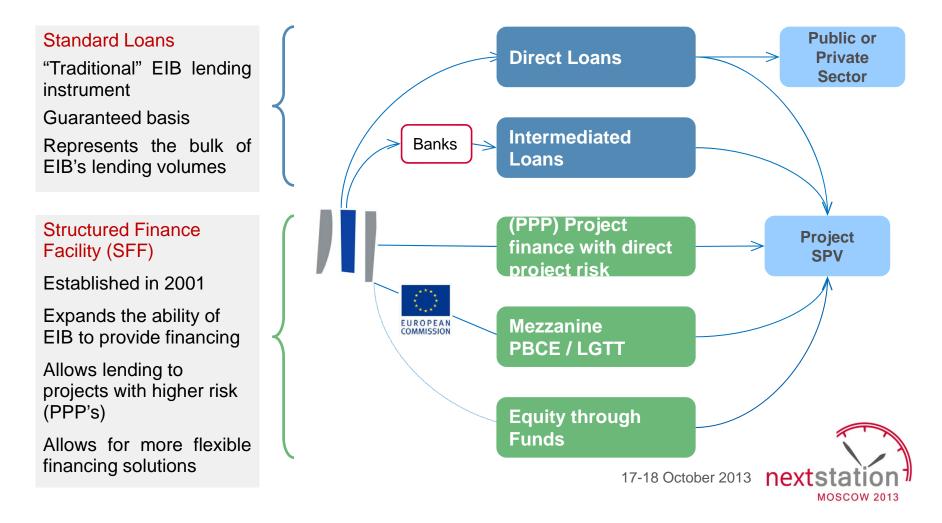
Warsaw-Gdansk & Krakow-Rzeszow corridors; Prag-Linz & Prag-Plzen-Nurnberg corridors; New HSLs such as those in France (Tours-Bordeaux or Bretagne-Pays de Loire)

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### **EIB Financing Instruments**

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• A wide and flexible portfolio of financing instruments for TEN projects



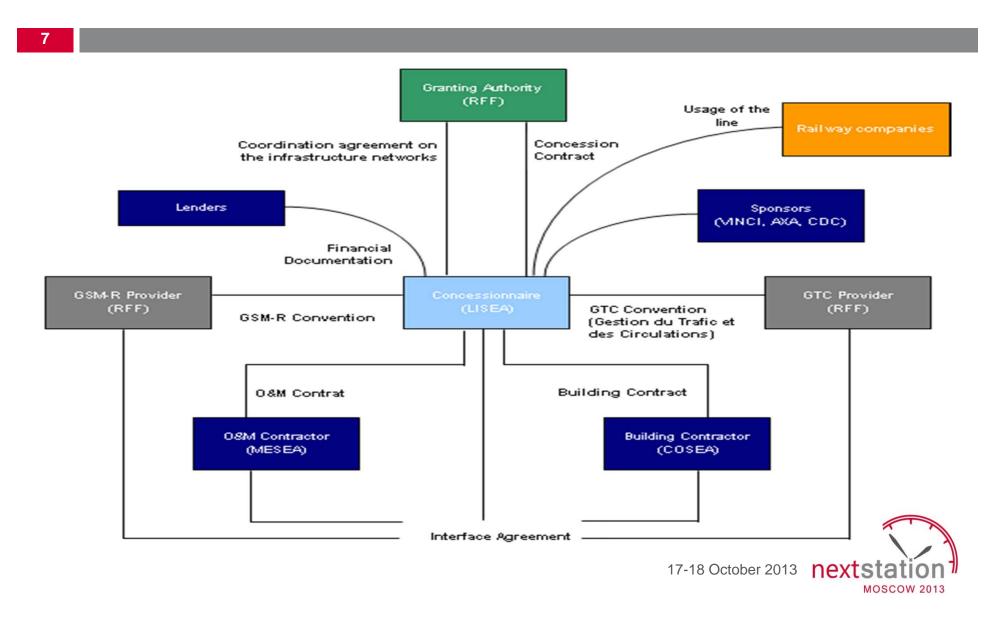
# HSL-SEA (Tours-Bordeaux France)

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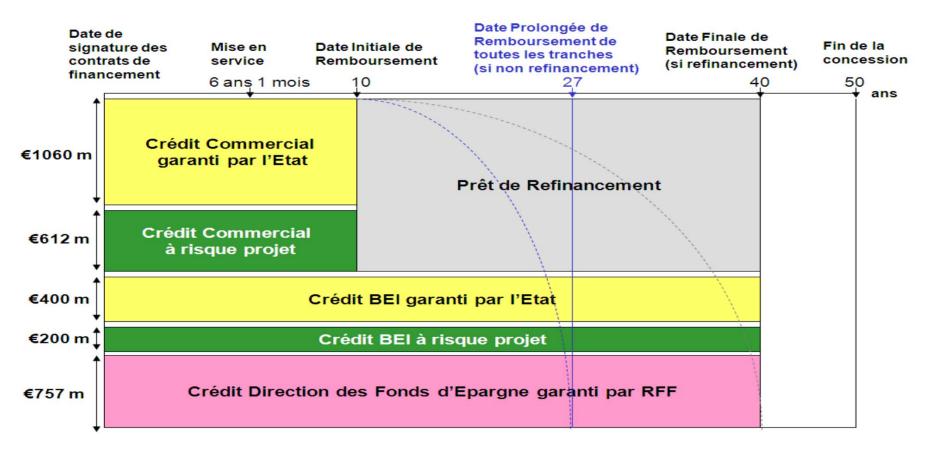
- □ Total project costs €8.5bn
  - €3.1bn of bank finance, of which €1.2bn provided by EIB
  - €775m of equity finance, of which €390m provided by EIB
- Strong involvement of the French State directly guaranteeing 80% of the project's senior debt
- **9 commercial banks** alongside EIB & CDC to provide funding
- EIB financing for the HSL SEA Tours Bordeaux comprises the following products:
  - Risk-sharing instruments
    - €200m: SFF project finance (completion + traffic risks)
    - €200m: LGTT guarantee for supplementary bridge finance during the rang-up period
  - Secured loans split into
    - €400m: Senior debt, fully backed by a French State guarantee
    - €387.5m: Equity Bridge Loan, fully guaranteed by securities
  - Indirect EIB equity participation through the intervention of Meridiam (€140m) as part of the shareholders



### **HSL-SEA: Contractual Structure**



### **HSL-SEA:** Financial Structure



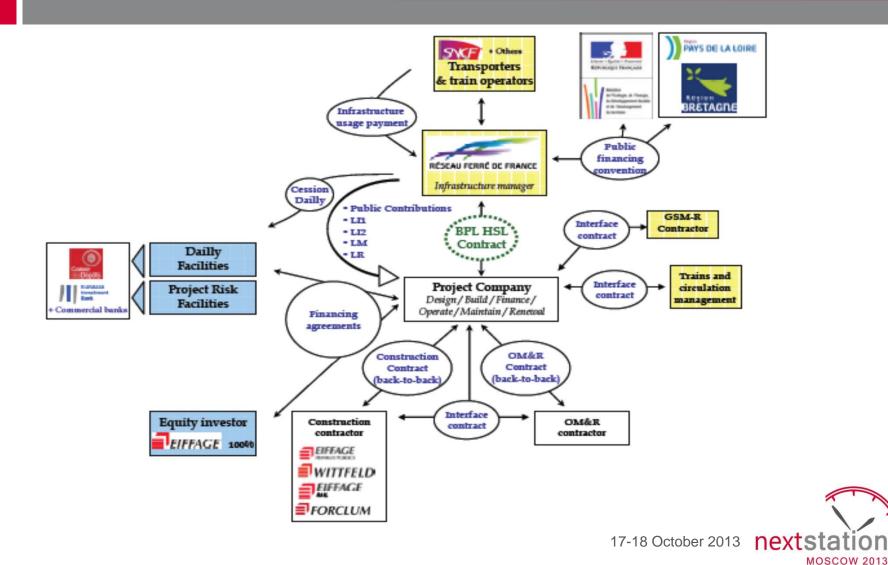


HSL-BPL (Bretagne-Pays de Loire – France) The project & its financing

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- Total cost: €3,012m
- □ Public sector contribution: €1,851m (61.5%)
- □ Equity: €129m
- Financing: 1st phase
  - Commercial LT Facility: €223m (25 years)
  - Commercial MT Facility: €808m (6 years)
- Financing: 2nd phase
- Long term Refinancing of commercial MT Facility by:
  - EIB Facility: €553m (25 years)
  - CDC Facility: €255m (19 years)
- □ EIB Long Term refinancing of Region Bretagne: €300m

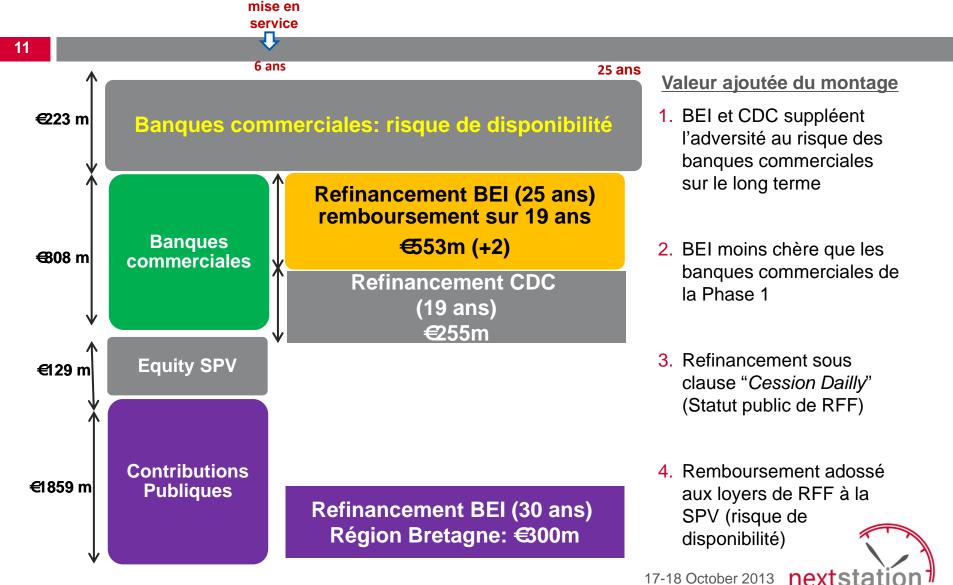
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### **HSL-BPL: Contractual Structure**



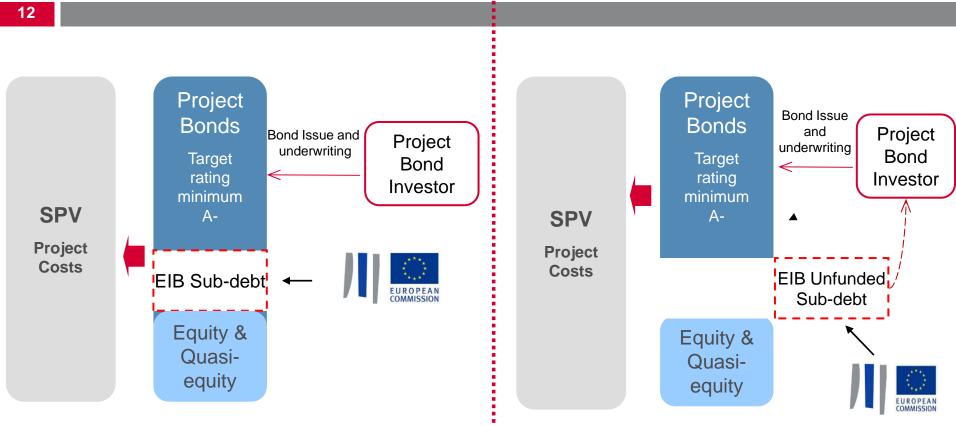
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## **HSL-BPL:** Financial Structure



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### The «Project Bonds» Concept





EIB Sub-debt participation can be combined with different types funding sources (bonds and other senior loans)

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EIB Unfunded Sub-debt participation can be flexibly used and structured in order to ensure target rating

- Covers funding shortfalls during construction
- Comes on top of a fully funded structure
- <u>Revolving capacity</u>, available until the end of the project

### Conclusions

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- EIB transport policy is driven by EU policy, including for rail
- □ EIB lending for mainline and urban rail projects represented more than half of EIB transport lending in 2008-2012: €35.7/€65 billion
- Rail financing has been and continues to be a priority but projects must be sound
- There are several EIB financing options, now to be enhanced with Project Bonds
- Main added value of EIB's involvement: Catalytic effect over private finance



## ... thank you for your attention



