

Recommendations

"The expanded terminal in Łosośna near Kuźnica has a great chance to become a major transshipment point operating freight between Russia (including the Kaliningrad Oblast), the Baltic countries, Belarus, Poland, and further west and south countries, as part of the connection between Pan-European corridors number I and number IX.

This terminal has an opportunity to develop into one of 4-5 dry ports in the Polish section of the EU border with countries situated to the east having broad-gauge railway network, and not planning changes in track width within decades.

The terminal may to some extent contribute to the slowdown in rising of the phenomenon of displacing cross-border rail transport by road transport which is more harmful to the environment.

This project is important to maintain the integrity of the transport network in Central and Eastern Europe.

It also has relevance for enhancing the competitiveness of Polish ports in the Gulf of Gdańsk (especially for the container terminal built in Gdynia) to operate the transit from Eastern Europe.

Other border crossings existing in Podlasie do not have such terrain and infrastructure to transform into intermodal logistics centers."

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