

Rail in The Netherlands

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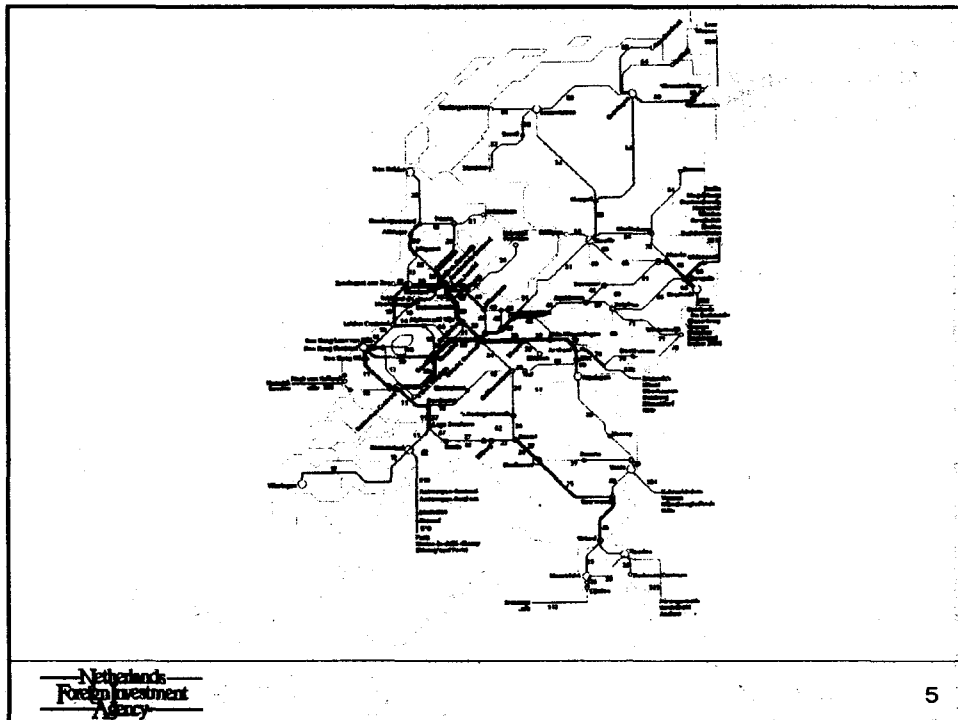
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- **Current Railroad Infrastructure**
- **Passenger Transportation**
- **Cargo Transport**
- **Infrastructural Works**



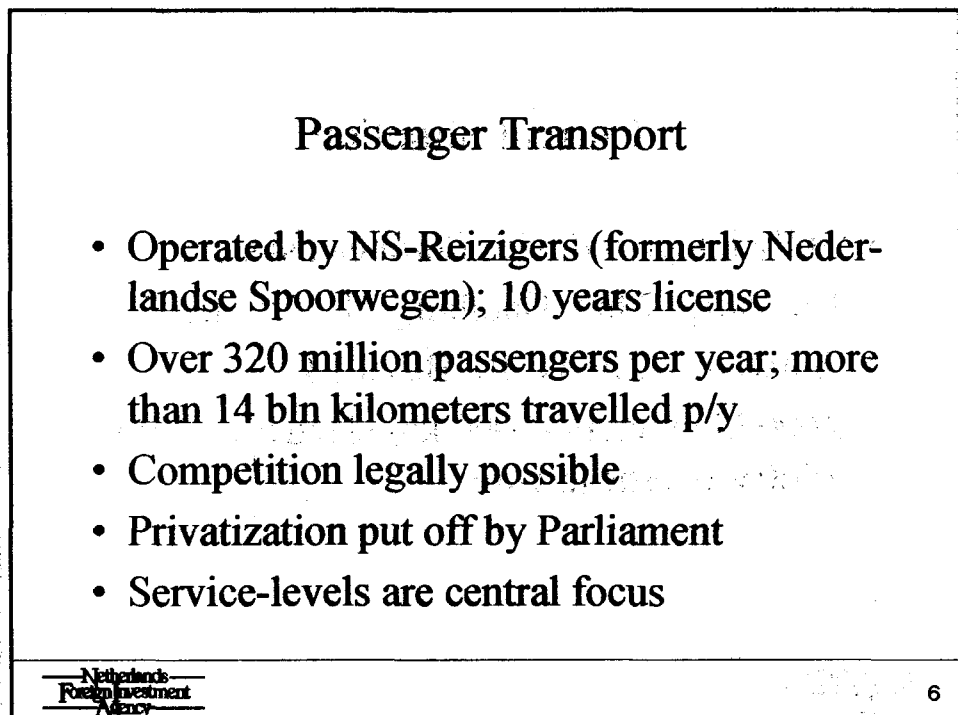
Current Situation

- Fully integrated with European system
- Duisburg: 7 hrs; Hamburg 21; Dresden 30
- Antwerp: 3; Paris: 10; Basel 14
- 2600 kilometers--2000 km electrified with 1500V overhead wire.



Passenger Transport

- Operated by NS-Reizigers (formerly Nederlandse Spoorwegen); 10 years license
- Over 320 million passengers per year; more than 14 bln kilometers travelled p/y
- Competition legally possible
- Privatization put off by Parliament
- Service-levels are central focus



Cargo Transport

- 2001 international cargo: 21.5 mln ton
- 3418 mln cargo-ton-kilometers
- 2000 domestic cargo: 5.2 mln ton
- 945 mln cargo-ton-kilometers
- Other modes of transportation

Infrastructural Works

- HSL-High Velocity Train; connection with French TGV network; completed 2006; 5 bln EURO
- Betuwe-line; new cargo line to German industrial mainland; 4.5 bln EUR; 2006
- Reduce time, increase volumes
- Heated discussion in parliament, press and public