

Improving the NSMED rail freight Corridor together!





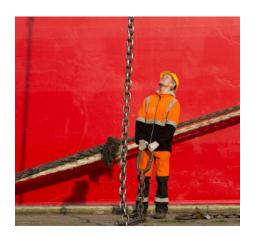
## Strong cross-border region of Ghent – ZSP

#### Port area of 9,300 hectares

- 4700 hectares Port of Ghent
- 4600 hectares Zeeland Seaports

#### 8500 seagoing vessels/year

- 2900 seagoing vessels in Port of Ghent
- 5800 seagoing vessels in Zeeland Seaports



#### Number 10 port area in HLH-range in tonnage

- 26.5 mio ton (maritime) and 20.1 mio ton (inland shipping)- Port of Ghent
- 33 mio ton (maritime) and 31.5 mio ton (inland shipping)- Zeeland Seaports

#### 13 billion Euro in added value

- 7.5 billion in Port of Ghent
- → Highest added value and number of jobs per tonne of all Belgian ports
- 5 billion in Zeeland Seaports
- → Highest added value per job of all Dutch ports

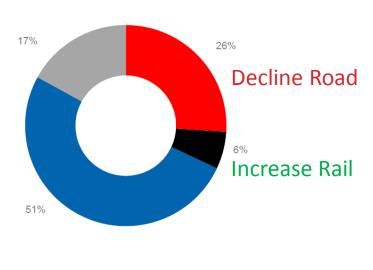




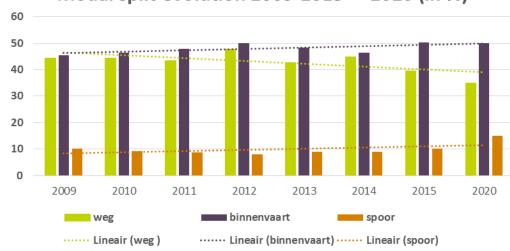
### Making the modal split more sustainable

- Rail transport Zeeland Seaports; 2,2 mln tonnes
- Rail transport Port of Ghent; 4 mln tonnes

#### **Zeeland Seaports**



Ghent
Modal split evolution 2009-2015 -> 2020 (in %)









## Rail strategy Ghent- ZSP

### Cross border rail

**Cooperation** between Ghent and Zeeland Seaports on rail issues on this gateway to the NSMED Corridor:

- 6,2 million tonnes rail transport
- +/- 20 rail users
- 2 countries, 2 infra-managers and 2 port authorities

#### **Ambition**: to optimise rail connections:

- Solve multiple bottlenecks
- Solve missing link on right bank (KGT)
- Rail length → EU standard: 750 m. shunting station Ghent-Zeehaven (currently 580 m.)
- Increase reliability
- marketing: common rail map





# **Ghent-Terneuzen rail connection (KGT)**

### A missing link

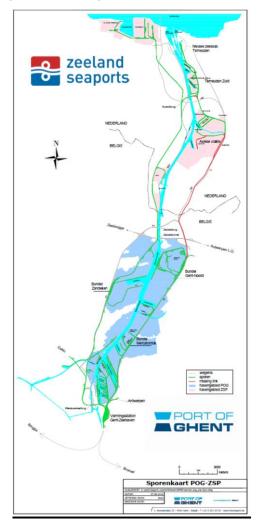
Making this gateway to the NSMED Corridor 'future proof':

- New Lock Terneuzen
- Seine Nord project

Road connection adapted, but:

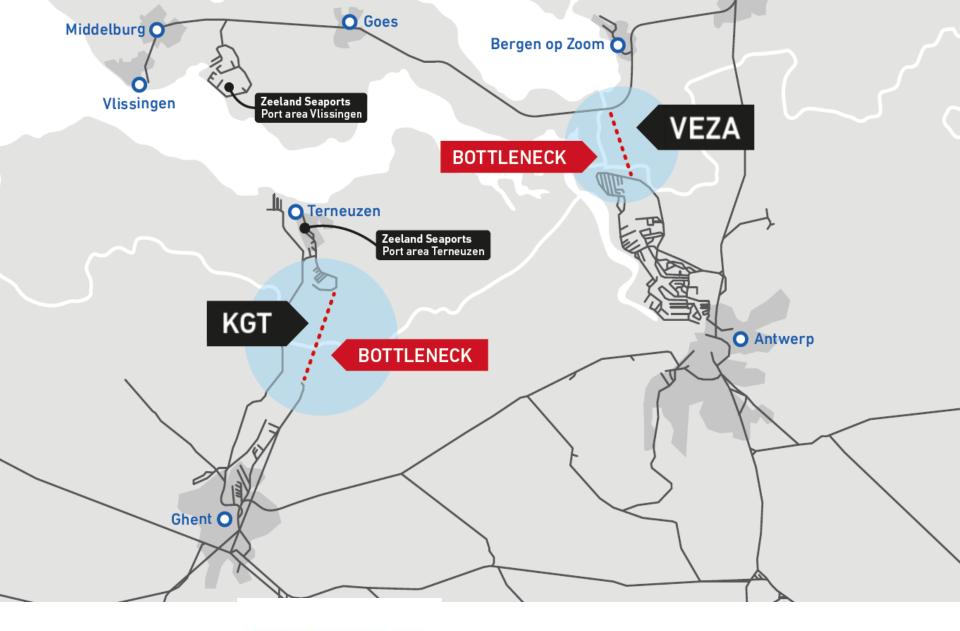
Missing rail connection Ghent-Terneuzen (east bank):

- In 'Work Programme Seaports' of Dutch Ministry
- Positive Benefit-Cost Analysis
- CEO Prorail: positive
- Redundancy increases reliability
- Benefits for companies: (optimal) conditions to flourish













### Improving the NSMED Corridor together!

### Strong cross border rail connections

#### **Expectations RFC2**

- Support for our ambitions (infrastructural and strategic-cooperation)
- Improving knowledge
- Concrete questions from terminals
- Building a network

economic growth and increasing safety, sustainability and modal shift



