

Re-opening Public Transport Nijmegen - Kleve

Feasibility study for the re-introduction of cross-border rail public transport between Nijmegen, Kleve and Weeze Airport (Project Sintropher, Interreg)



Feasibility studies, infrastructure

Client: ProRail
Partner: Mott MacDonald

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Euregio Rhine-Waal

Excerpt from the German rail atlas



Incoming track at Nijmegen

Pictures from site visit April 2010

Heyendaal stop



Groesbeek station early 20th century



Kranenburg, rail-cycle draine station



Kleve station

In the framework of the Interreg project Sintropher (*Sustainable Integrated Tram-Based Transport Options for Peripheral European Regions*) and mandated by the Dutch network operator ProRail TTK together with Mott MacDonald (NL) studies the possibility of a re-introduction of rail passenger transport between Nijmegen and Kleve.

Within the Euregio Rhine-Waal there are already strong links in the sectors health, education and shopping between the two centres Nijmegen and Kleve; these are to be improved also on the level of public transport.

Since 1991 there has been neither goods nor passenger rail transport on the non-electrified single track line between Nijmegen and Kleve (formerly part of the rail connection from Amsterdam to Klagenfurt). A rail-cycle draine between Kranenburg and Groesbeek/Kleve has now become a tourist attraction on part of the line.

With Lot2 the TTK-Motts-Team carries out the technical part of the study; Lot1 comprises the topics related to transport planning and economics.

The study is to show if and in which form a re-introduction of rail public transport is possible. To this end a number of variants are analysed:

- Extension of the regional rail line Düsseldorf-Kleve to Nijmegen,
- Tramtrain between Kleve and Nijmegen with the possibility of connecting to the planned City-Tram in Nijmegen,
- Tramtrain-connection Nijmegen – Kleve and onward to the regional airport at Weeze.

TTK undertakes the following parts:

- Infrastructure planning,
- Operational planning,
- Summary of German and Dutch laws and regulations concerning railway and Tram/Tramtrain,
- Strategic support to ProRail.