



# Ticket to Health

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## The Ems-Friesenbrücke Railway Bridge

December 3rd, 2015 the cargo vessel Emsmoon allided into the railway bridge across the river Ems. Due to the sheer force of the collision the bridge is considered to be total loss. The accident has proven to have made a huge impact on the railway line services. Therefore, rail replacement bus services are currently in operation. DB Netz is committed to a quick restoration of the bridge. The current research projects on the Wunderline are progressing unabated. DB Netz shall include the Province of Groningen in coming developments.

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## About the Wunderline

The Wunderline represents borderless connection between the Northern Netherlands and Northern Germany, or in other words: a major international region within Europe. Economical, societal as well as cultural collaboration are key in this context.



Improving the quality of the railway line between the cities of Groningen and Bremen will provide a comfortable, fast as well as international railway connection. This shall bring both regions closer to each other. Thus the Wunderline shall act as a major incentive for cross-border collaboration, development and exchange.

## The project

The Wunderline offers a stronger connection between the cities of Groningen en Bremen. Shorter travelling time and more comfort attract more passengers. Not only the passengers themselves, but also the touristic, social, cultural and economic sectors of both Germany as well as the Netherlands shall benefit from these improvements.

The province of Groningen, IHK für Ostfriesland und Papenburg, AG-Ems, Groningen Seaports and Landkreis Leer have all combined forces to improve the quality of the existing railway connection.

The Wunderline connects and brings people together

## 2015-2018 Research on:

-  Timetabling and infrastructure measures
-  Transport value of passenger transport
-  Potential of freight transport
-  Environmental impact



## Funding

For the Wunderline project a European €8.3 million CEF-T-subsidy was granted for research during the period 2015-2018. This subsidy grant - a major financial impulse for this project - is supported by both German as well as Dutch governmental authorities and companies. These funds are allocated for the following research projects: the development of time tabling and railway infrastructure variants as well as the

implementation of a cost-benefit analysis. Based on the results of these research projects the Dutch and German political decision makers will ultimately cast their final verdict whether the Wunderline actually will, and if so how it should be realised. The Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment (€17 million) and the province of Groningen (€85 million) have jointly reserved a total of €102 million for its realisation phase.

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