

Public discussion

»Prellbock Altona« and »Back on Track«

Night Trains for Future – The Future of Night Trains

18.10.2019 19h Rathaus Altona

Kollegiensaal, 22765 Hamburg, Platz der Republik 1

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Fridays for Future

Night trains, not planes Altona station instead of HAM airport

In the 1990s, it was still possible to travel directly from Altona to Vienna, Munich, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Paris, Brussels, Venice, Milan, Verona, Warsaw, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Minsk and Moscow by night train (sitting, sleeping or couchette car). Today, only Vienna, Innsbruck and Munich as well as (only on some days) Verona are left. For routes that used to be easily covered by train, you now have to fly if you don't want to travel by car.

Our 10 reasons why night trains are so important for climate-friendly travel:

Night trains ...

- ... **protect the environment** – they can be operated 100% with green electricity. Especially at night, there is an abundance of electricity from wind power.
- ... **are comfortable and allow environmentally friendly travel** for the small and large purse (seat car, couchette car or sleeping car).
- ... **can replace many extremely polluting short- and medium-haul flights.**
- ... **can be entered until immediately before departure without waiting** at the gate.
- ... **depart in the middle of the city.** There is no need for a long journey to an airport.
- ... **also connect destinations that do not have an airport**, e.g. Lüneburg with Freiburg, Göttingen with Linz on the Danube.
- ... **save one or two holiday days**, because outward and return journeys take place overnight. Your holiday begins in Altona on your doorstep.
- ... **are well suited for long-distance commuters**, of whom there are more and more in Germany.
- ... **can take bicycles with them** – an important element in a climate-friendly travel chain.
- ... **are family-friendly.** There are sleeper and couchette compartments for the whole family. And in many night trains the car is piggybacked.





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Our station remains where it is!

At the European level, there are now countless initiatives to promote the development of night train services. Prellbock supports this movement. **Together with the European night train initiative “Back on Track”, Prellbock invites you to a discussion event on 18 October.**

Back on Track and Prellbock demand from Deutsche Bahn and Hamburg politicians:

- ▶▶ Resumption of night train traffic by Deutsche Bahn in cooperation with other European railway companies.
- ▶▶ The Altona terminus station must become a centre of European night train traffic alongside Vienna and Zurich.
- ▶▶ Modernisation of the Altona railway station including the motorail loading facility.
- ▶▶ Further use of the infrastructure of the Langenfelde depot for the maintenance of night trains.
- ▶▶ Creation of special offers for tourists arriving by night train. E.g. combination offers incl. day tickets for the HVV local public transport.

Night trains must become an integral part of the »transport change«.
Our station must remain where it is!
Modernize it – on the spot and now!

Back on Track organizes its European annual conference on 19-20.10.2019 in Hamburg;

see <https://back-on-track.eu/meeting-in-hamburg-october-2019/>

Prellbock will inform about the importance of the Altona station for international rail traffic on Sunday from 9.00 to 10.30. Participation is free of charge - please register at:

<https://back-on-track.eu/meeting-in-hamburg-october-2019/#form>



DB AG and the Federal Railway Authority are likely to continue to seek legal action against saving Altona station. Prellbock NGO therefore ask you to support the defense of Altona station with your donation (tax-deductible donation receipts are available; please check if your country accepts this).

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