

## **Janusz Poliński: Implementation of Rail Baltica Project in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia with Extension of the Line to Finland**

The article presents information on the implementation of the Rail Baltica construction project from Warsaw to Tallinn in which Polish, Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian railways have been involved. The 850 km line will allow trains to run at 200–250 km/h and freight trains 120 km/h. The line is scheduled to be launched in 2026. Finland seeing the need to extend the line to Helsinki has also joined the project. Currently, the most advanced construction and modernization work is carried out in Poland and Lithuania. Most project work has been completed in Latvia and Estonia, which allows infrastructure investments to start. Finland and Estonia are considering building a 90-kilometer tunnel under the Gulf of Finland. A preliminary study has already been carried out, specifying the cost of the project to be over EUR 15 billion and the duration of the investment for about 15 years.

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