

ERTMS Implementation on the Czech Railway Network

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Rapid Implementation of ETCS is Necessary





Safety

- Now there is **no ATP** that actually supervises the driver speed, stop before the signal at danger
- Capacity problem vs. train safety device situation of other states
- Replacement of class B (only available on 25 % of the network, will not ensure the necessary safety)



Interoperability in Czechia and EU

Single system across the EU network → equipping vehicles with one on-board part that works everywhere, stable and robust system



Market opening

Emphasis on compatibility and common interface, delivery times, cost-effective solutions

Strategy of ERTMS Implementation in Czechia (1/111)



National Implementation Plan 2022 - 2040











High-Speed linesNew HSLs and Fast
Connections lines



TEN-T lines

Backbone and very busy main lines

Class B decommissioning

ETCS L1 LS

Secondary linesImportant and less busy lines



Regional lines with low traffic intensity

- L2 with lineside signals
- L2 with interlocking optimisation without signals – capacity reasons
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- Level 1 Limited Supervision
- LEU and controllable Eurobalises

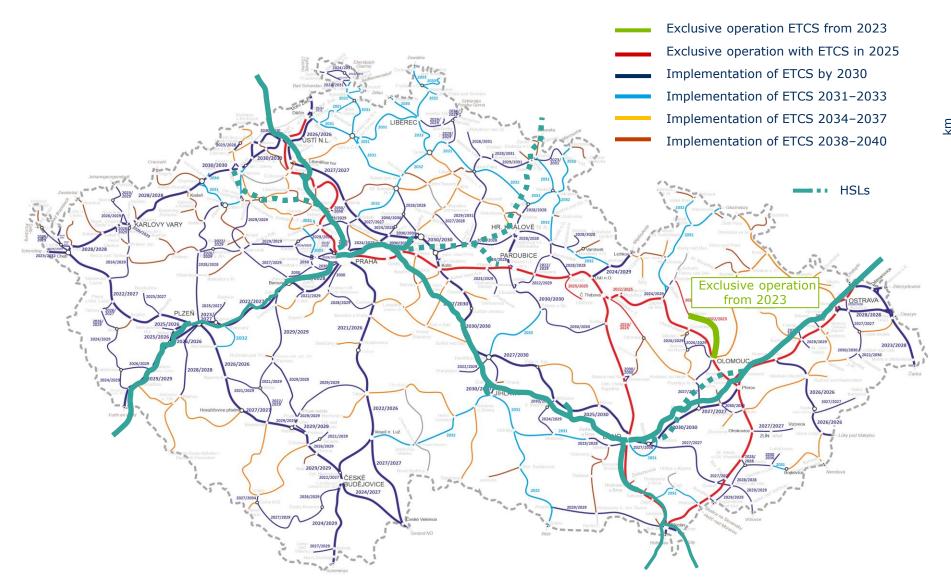
ETCS is the only target ATP system for all the Czech railway network

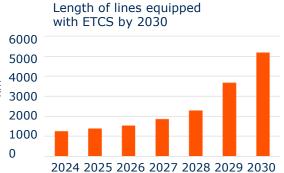
(user friendly, sustainable, economically viable)

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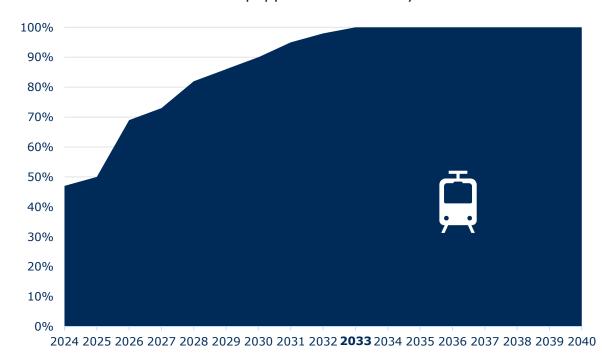
Strategy of ERTMS Implementation in Czechia (III/III)



National Implementation Plan 2022 - 2040

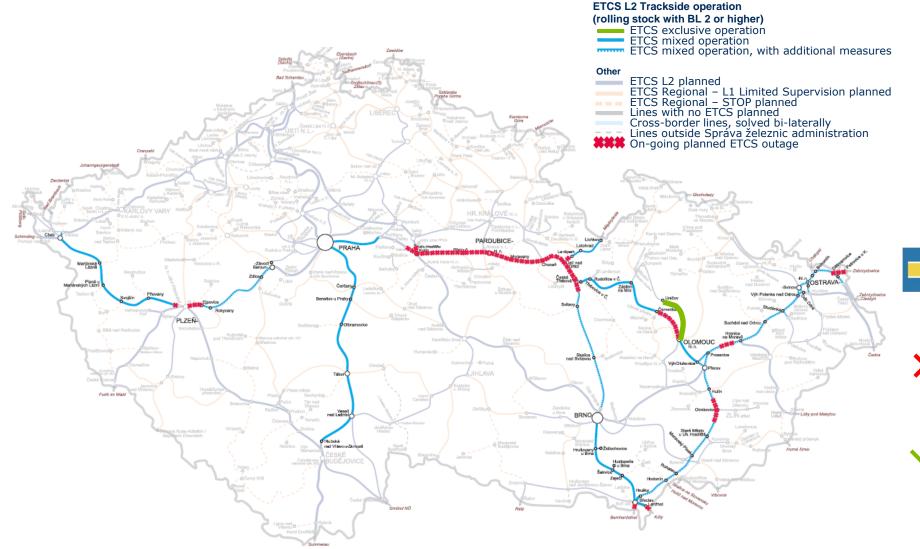
Lines equipped with ETCS by 2040 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 **2040**

Vehicles equipped with ETCS by 2040



The Reality in 2024





29 km of lines with exclusive operation ETCS

1 100 km of lines equipped with ETCS



First year of exclusive ETCS operation (Olomouc – Uničov)

Initial frequent outages and emergency stops of trains

→ non-communication of stationary and on-board parts

Now 100% reliability→ on-board part modification

Solution for Secondary Lines LEU + Controllable Eurobalises





Rapid solution of ATP implementation necessary



Crucial targets and requirements for Czech regional lines

- To avoid accidents caused by human factor (driver) → frontal collision of trains
- Applicability of the digital and technical solution in a very short time
- Solution MUST be compatible with OBU ETCS
- Technically **simplified and economically favorable** solution



Simple interlocking, LEU and Eurobalises



Solution based on ETCS L1 (Limited Supervision)

- **ETCS STOP** detection of undesirable passing Signal at Danger emergency brake + maximum speed supervision station/open line
- ETCS L1 Limited Supervision solution working with braking curves

The Czech Fleet Overview





More than **120 operators** in Czechia



High number of **different loco types** of small series (lower tens of locos in a serie in best cases)

The costs of protoypes are devided in small number of locos what results in very high costs for operators



Average age of the rolling stock is approximately 30 years

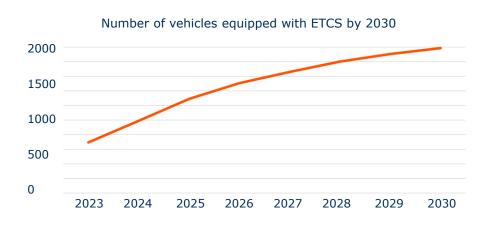


Vehicles to be retrofited

EV locos: from 90s and newer

Diesel locos: locos modernised after 2000

Units: from 90s and newer



Financing of on-board Eqipment





Subsidy schemes for railway undertakings

- Retrofit max. 337k € per vehicle (series)
- Retrofit max. 932k € per vehicle (prototype)
 - In case of projects supported in CEF 2: national cofinancing up to 337k € per vehicle
- Fitment max. 268k € per vehicle



Subsidies 2017–2024 (total amount)

- **320 mil.** € (1 338 vehicles supported, including not yet approved applications from 2024)
- ca 400 mil. € (own investment of RUs)



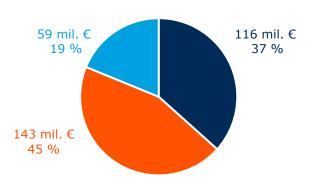
Sources

CEF 1 Cohesion fund National financing

OBU ETCS State of Play Including not yet Approved Subsidy Projects

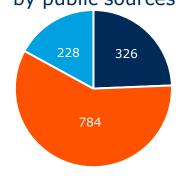






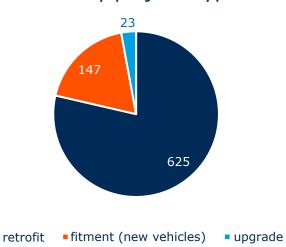
- Operation Programme Transport 2
- CEF
- National fund SFDI

Sorted by no. of vehicles by public sources



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Sorted by projects type



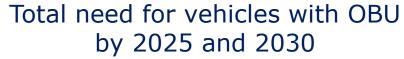
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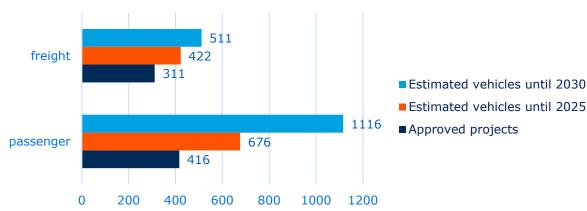


- Approved subsidy projects must fulfil given criteria
- Decision on what vehicles will be **retrofitted is fully on applicants**→ In the event of a high number of applications, priority is given to newer vehicles
 - From the begging **MoT** offer possibility to **subsidy both of projects** retrofit and fitment

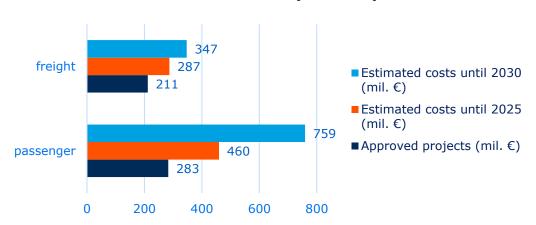
OBU ETCS State of Play Estimated need for OBUs and overal costs







Overal estimated costs for vehicles (mil. €)



Vehicles already equiped Q1/2023

	Retrofit	New instalation
Freight	187	91
Passenger	80	80

Czech Experience on ERTMS Implementation





Current Issues

- Instability and frequent TSI changes
- interoperability issues between ETCS versions and vehicles vs. infrastructure
- There is no emphasis on protecting the investments of RUs and IM
- Uncentralised management of ERTMS on EU level
- No clear requirements for operation in emergency situations → natural disasters, conflicts
- The communication system (FRMCS) must be developer soon and then remain stable
- No cost efficient solution for non-TEN-T lines
- Very costly and lengthy approval process

Way Forward





Draft Measures

- Stability of financing, including partial compensation for necessary upgrades
- Creation of a **strong programme manager >** e.g. strengthening the role of the EU coordinator
- Guarantee of at least 15 years of **BL4 stability**
- Methodology of **operation in emergency situations** → is not just about CCS bute role of the railway
- Enabling ETCS light → lines not on the TEN-T network, also based on satellite technology
- Simplifying and smoothening ETCS tracksite approval
- **ERA** shall become a real **authority for TSI development and ERTMS roll-out**





Thank you for your kind attention

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