







# INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT SEMINAR NORTH ADRIATIC SEA

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## PASSENGER TRANSPORT NORTH ADRIATIC SEA





## THE QUESTION



What are the main challenges and opportunities linked to the mobilities in the area of Venice, in a context of environmental, political and economical dynamics?





#### A TURBULENT HISTORY IN THE XXTH CENTURY

- Our study area was influenced by italian since the Middle Age, with Republic of Venice (697 1797)
- The recent history can explain mobilities difficulties of today



Italy under Mussolini

Yugoslavia

## CONSEQUENCES FOR TODAY

• Significant improvments since 2003:

-2003 : Slovenia in EU

-2007: Slovenia in € area

-2013 : Croatia in EU

-2023 : Croatia in € area

-Today:

Italy, Slovenia and Croatia together in Schenghen area

#### • Some tensions:

-2004 : creation of a day of Memory in Italia

-2009 : disputed borders between Croatia

and Slovenia (Piran)

-2020 : Borders are back with COVID19

NATURAL BORDERS EUROPE Venise • ITALIE • The Venice region is located in north-east Italy, south of the Alps LJUBLJANA and bordering the Adriatic Sea. Pordenone: • At the center of Europe • Alps to the north = natural border • Adriatic Sea - opportunities Accessible passenger Rovigo

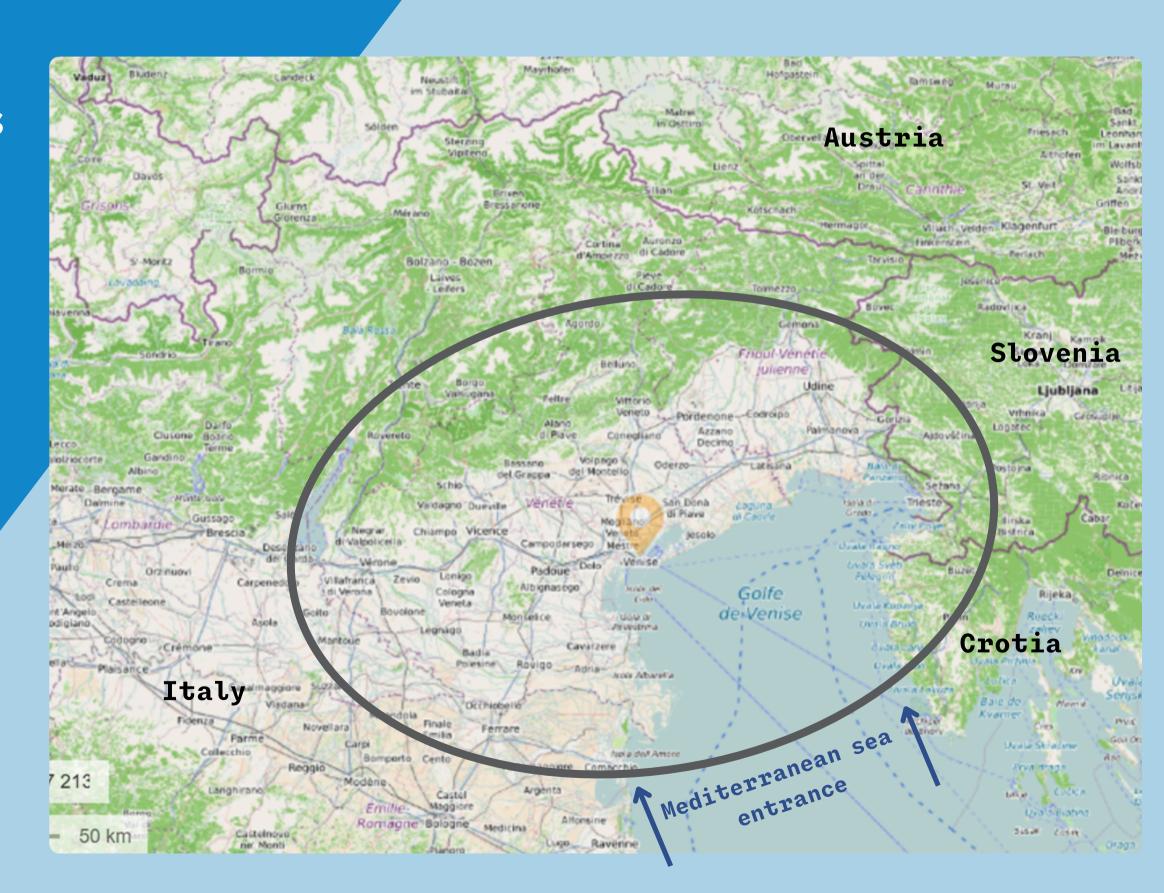
Ferrara

Ravenna

- transport by sea
- Tourism accesibility
- Natural ameneties

## POLITICAL BORDERS

- An area close to several countries
- 4 countries in the area:
   (Italy/ Austria/ Slovenia/ Croatia)
- All border countries are in the European Union
- Venice is major city in Italy enabling the development of infrastructure



## 2. DYNAMICS OF MOBILITY

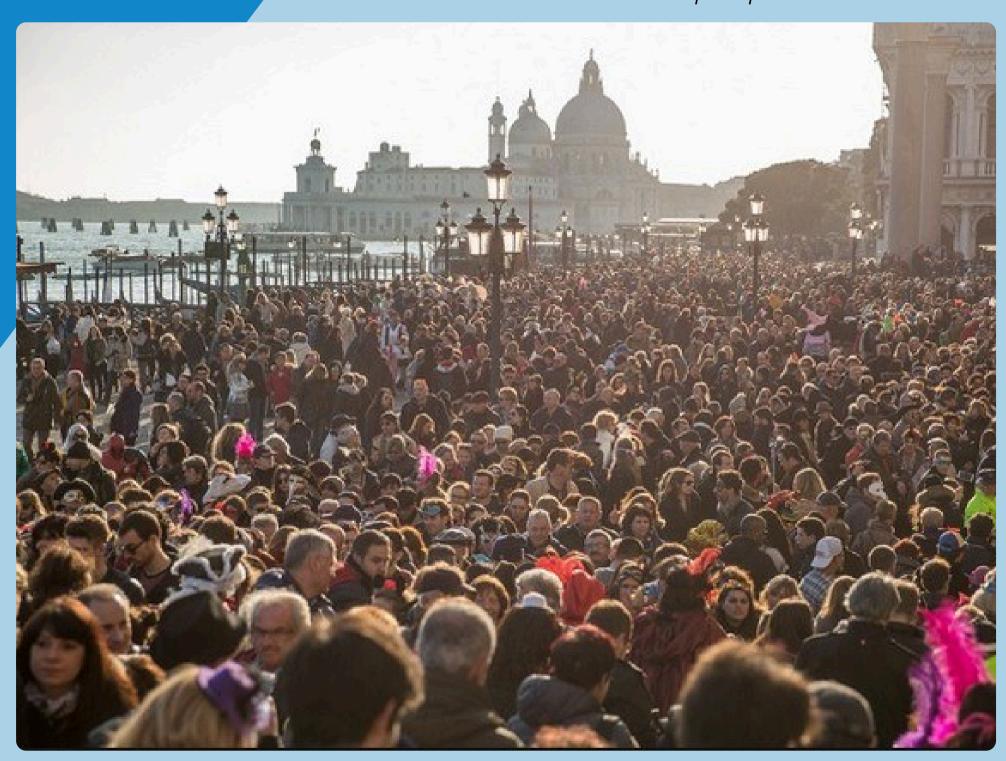
## ECONOMY AND TOURISM

Exemple of Overtourism in Venice

- In 2023, 12 millions of people visited Venice. Tourism generated more than 1,67 Billion €. Tourists stayed an average of 2,7 nights.
- Unemployement is very low (4,5%).

#### Cruise industry:

- 4000 jobs in the Venice area
- 410 millions € of incomes
- Only 5% of all the tourists



## EUROPEAN TRANSPORT POLICY

- Trans-European Transport Network
- -> planned network of roads, railways, airports and
- water **infrastructure** in the European Union
  - The benefits:
    - financial resources
    - interoperability
    - more trafic
  - -> high passenger traffic potential
- The mediterranean corridor area -> in the middle of
- the corridor



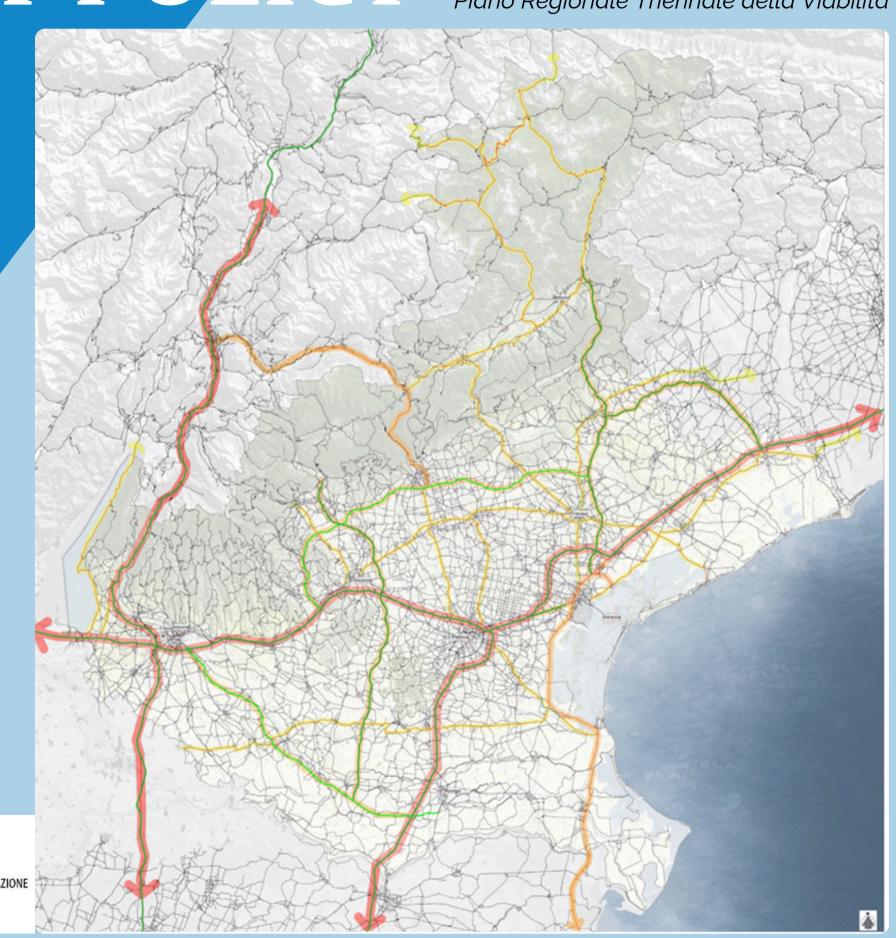
Map of the Trans-European Transport Network

## ITALIAN TRANSPORT POLICY

Piano Regionale Triennale della Viabilità

 Venice is integrated into the italian transport system (e.g. high-speed lines and highways).

 The 'Piano Regionale Triennale della Viabilità' planned by the Venetie region allows to federate the orientations of mobility



LIVELLO A - CORRIDOI PRINCIPALI

LIVELLO B - VIABILITA' DI GRANDE COMUNICAZIONE

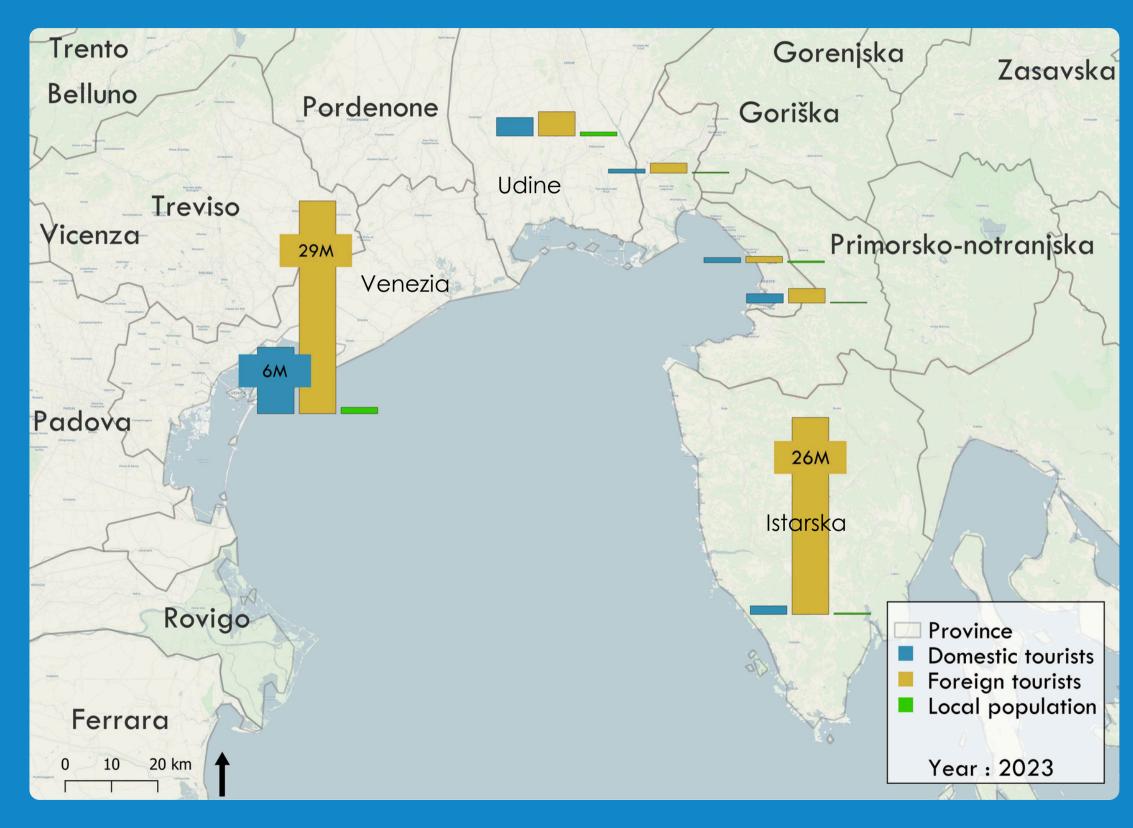
LIVELLO C - RETE VIARIA PRINCIPALE

## TRANSPORT DATA IN THE AREA

- Heavy rail traffic on an
   east-west route
   Milan Verma Venice Trieste
- Venezia in the center of those high passenger traffic destination
- No data found in foreign countries for railway transport



## TRANSPORT DEMAND



- Lots of foreign tourists in Venezia and Istarska
- In comparison, far fewer inhabitants (800 000 in Venezia province)
- Different needs for tourists and local people
- Peak of frequentation in Summer

#### Venice Marco Polo Airport

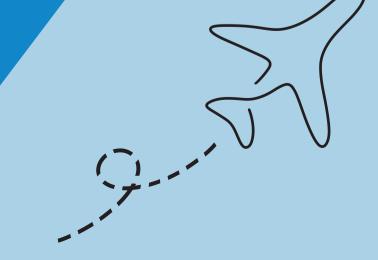
- International Airport
- 6th busiest italian airport in 2023
- Flights especially from/to European countries
- All internal flights are operated by low-cost airlines (except from/to Rome)

#### Trieste Airport

- A dozen destinations, only in Europe
- 25th busiest italian airport in 2023
- All internal flights are operated by low-cost airlines (except from/to Rome)









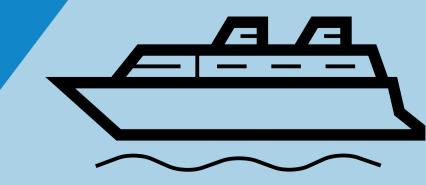
#### Vaporetto

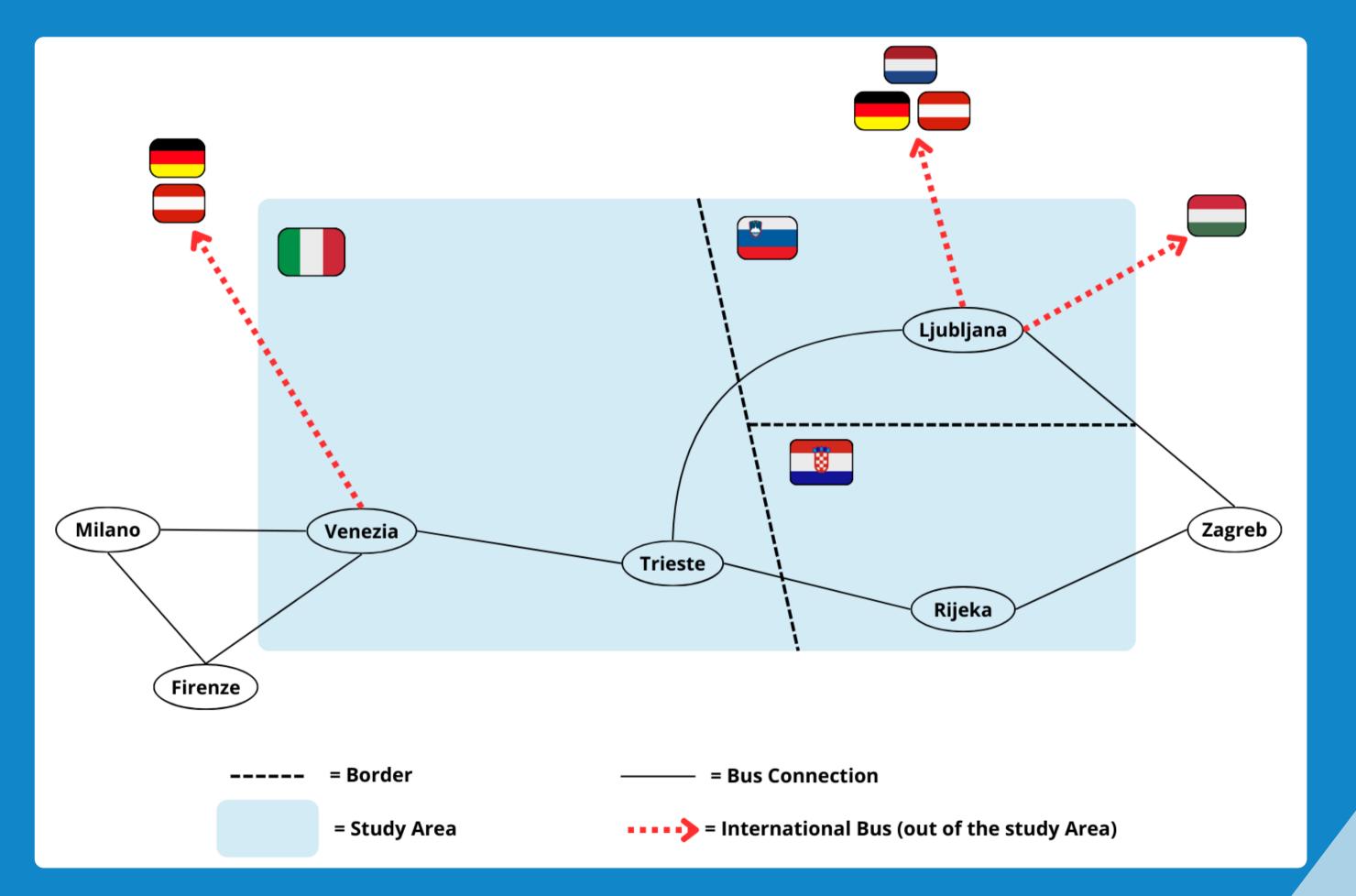
- Main transport service in Venice
- Around 150 000 passengers per day

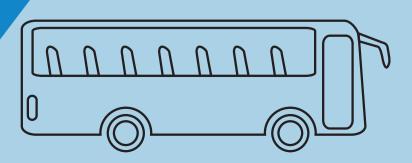


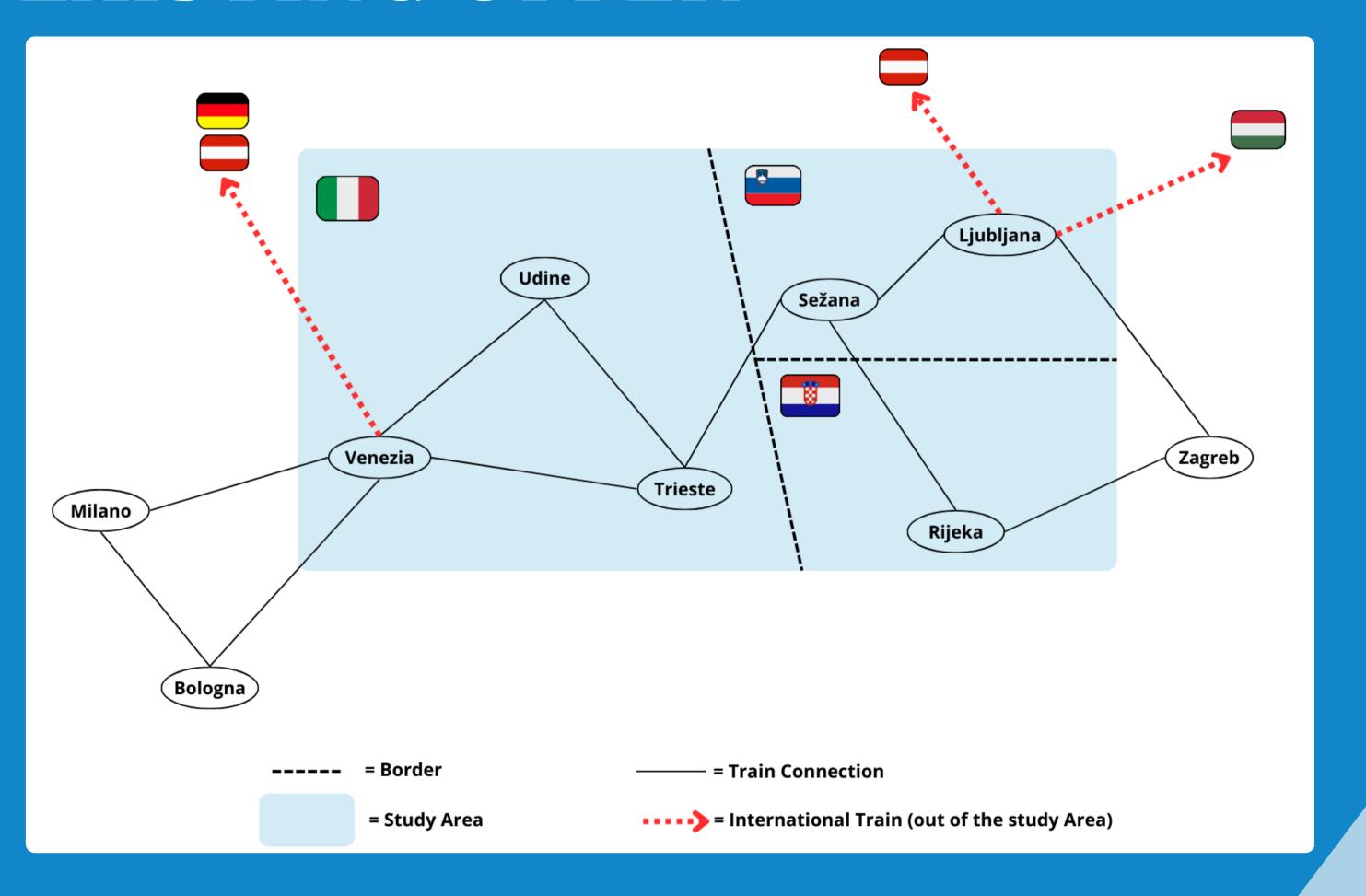
#### Venice Port

- Mainly ferry boats from/to Croatia, Greece...
- Since 2021, no more cruiseships are accepted in the port





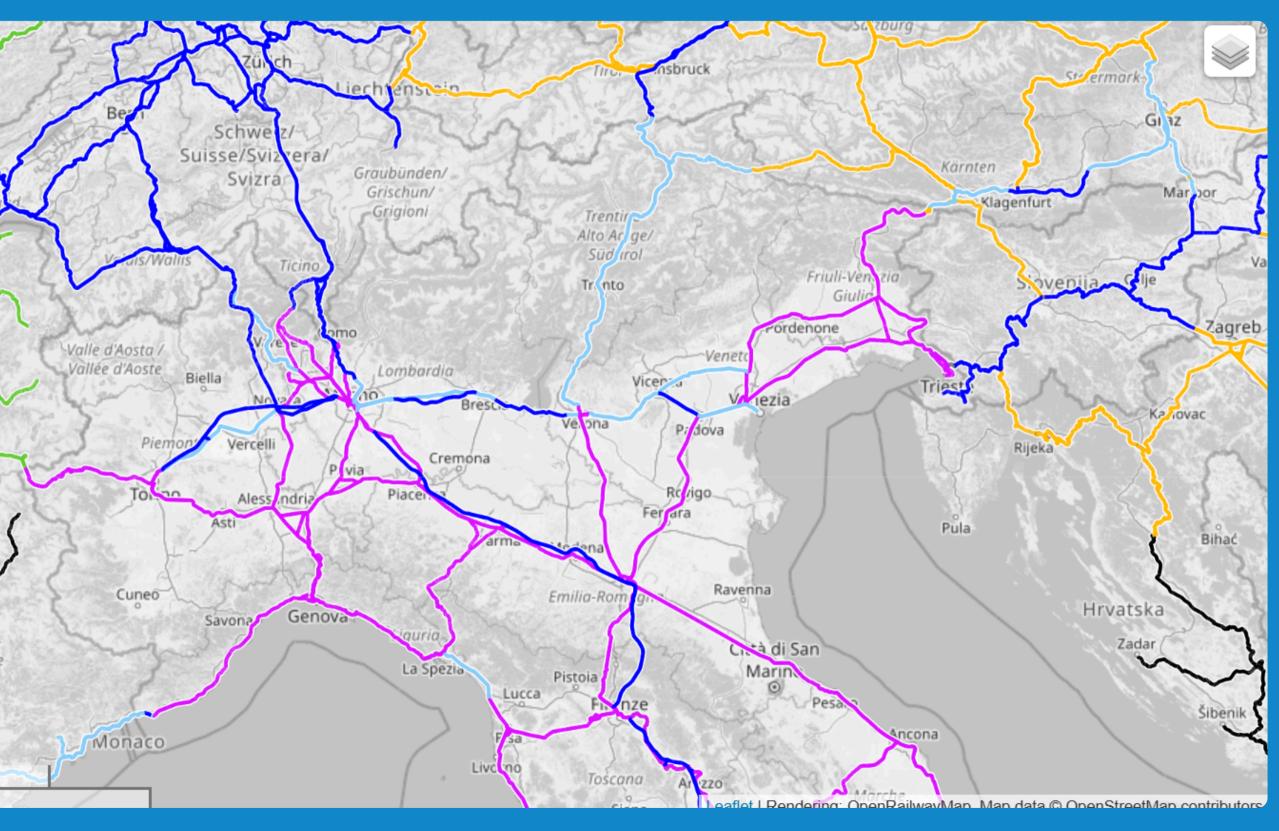






### RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

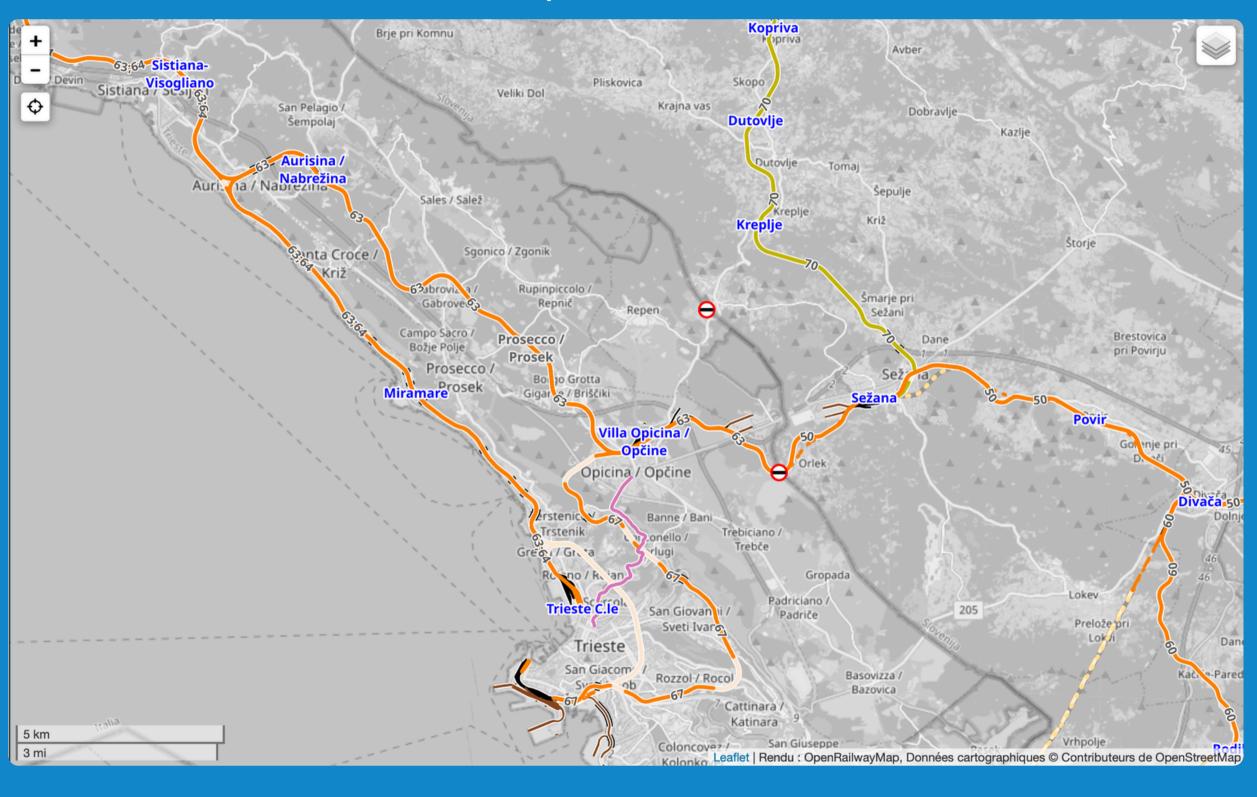
Blocking point between countries



- 4 cross borders lines at the East and 4 in the West
- ETCS in Slovenia and SCMT in Italy... but 3kv in both countries!
- Ticketing issues in the section
  - ETCS European Train Control
    System
  - ETCS under construction
  - PZB Punktförmige Zugbeeinflussung
  - ATB Automatische
    Treinbeïnvloeding
  - ZSI 127 Trainguard ZSI 127
  - ATC Automatic train control
  - LZB Linienzugbeeinflussung
  - KVB Contrôle de Vitesse par Balises
  - TVM Transmission Voie-Machine
    - SCMT Sistema Controllo Marcia Treno

## CROSS-BORDER ISSUES

Focus on the Trieste - Villa Opicina - Sežana train section



- Offer issues
- Ticketing issues

## CROSS-BORDER ISSUES

The return of direct trains between Trieste and Rijeka happend in 2024!



## NEW SERVICES

#### A NEW "HIGHSPEED" LINK BEETWEN MILAN AND LJUBLJANA

#### Trenitalia - Frecciarossa

- Milano 15:15 >
   22:09 Ljubljana
- Ljubljana 06:55 >13:45 Milano
- 7h by train5h30 by car...

Expected to start in June 2025



## FUTURE EVENTS

#### Olympics winter games in 2026 Milan Cortina

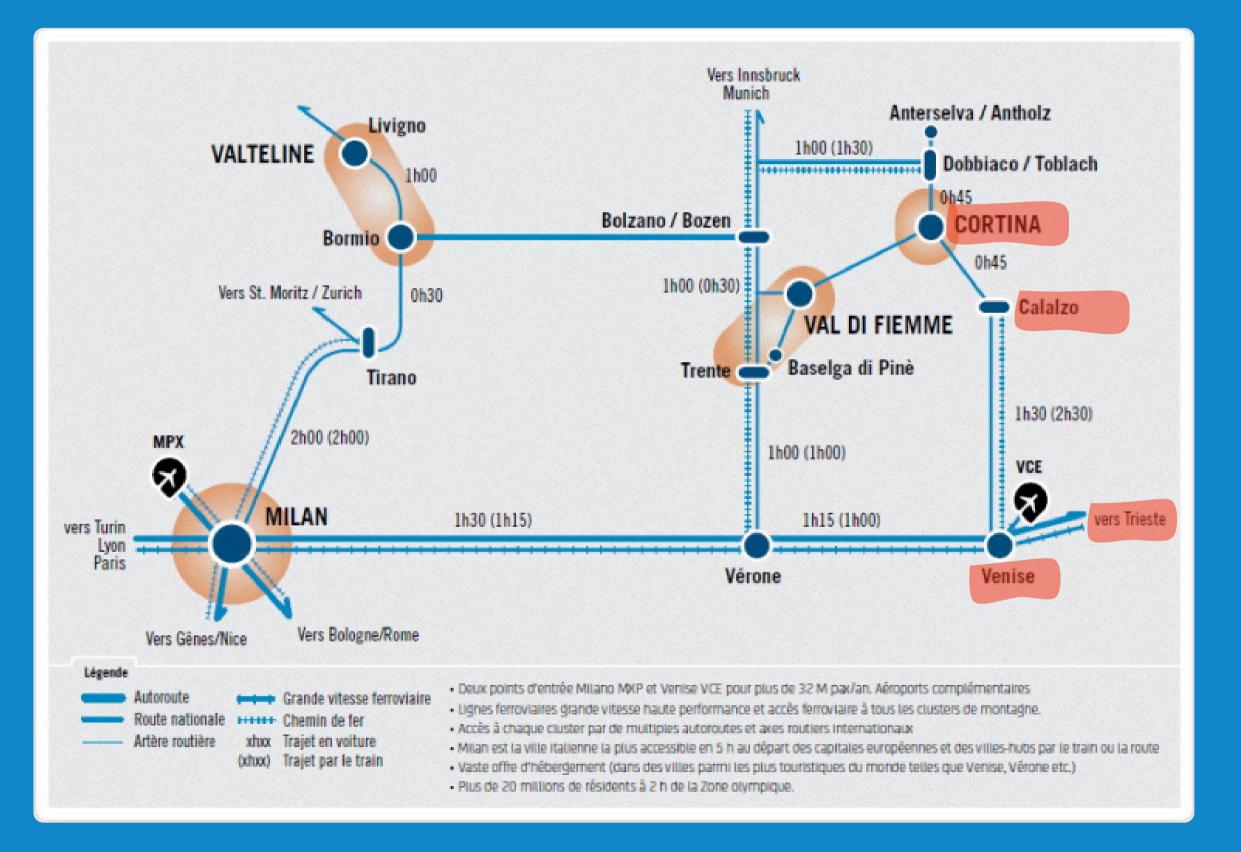
- 473 million euros
- FS Italiane Premium Partner

 Cortina/Milan at the heart of the concerns, today: 5h00 and 5h30 of travel – by road or by train –



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## 3. FUTURE PROJECTS AND CHALLENGES

#### PART OF EUROPEAN PROJECTS OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION...

"Only 6% of the Adriatic area is under strict protection, and this percentage must be multiplied by at least five or six if we are to achieve the objectives set by the biodiversity strategy by 2030."

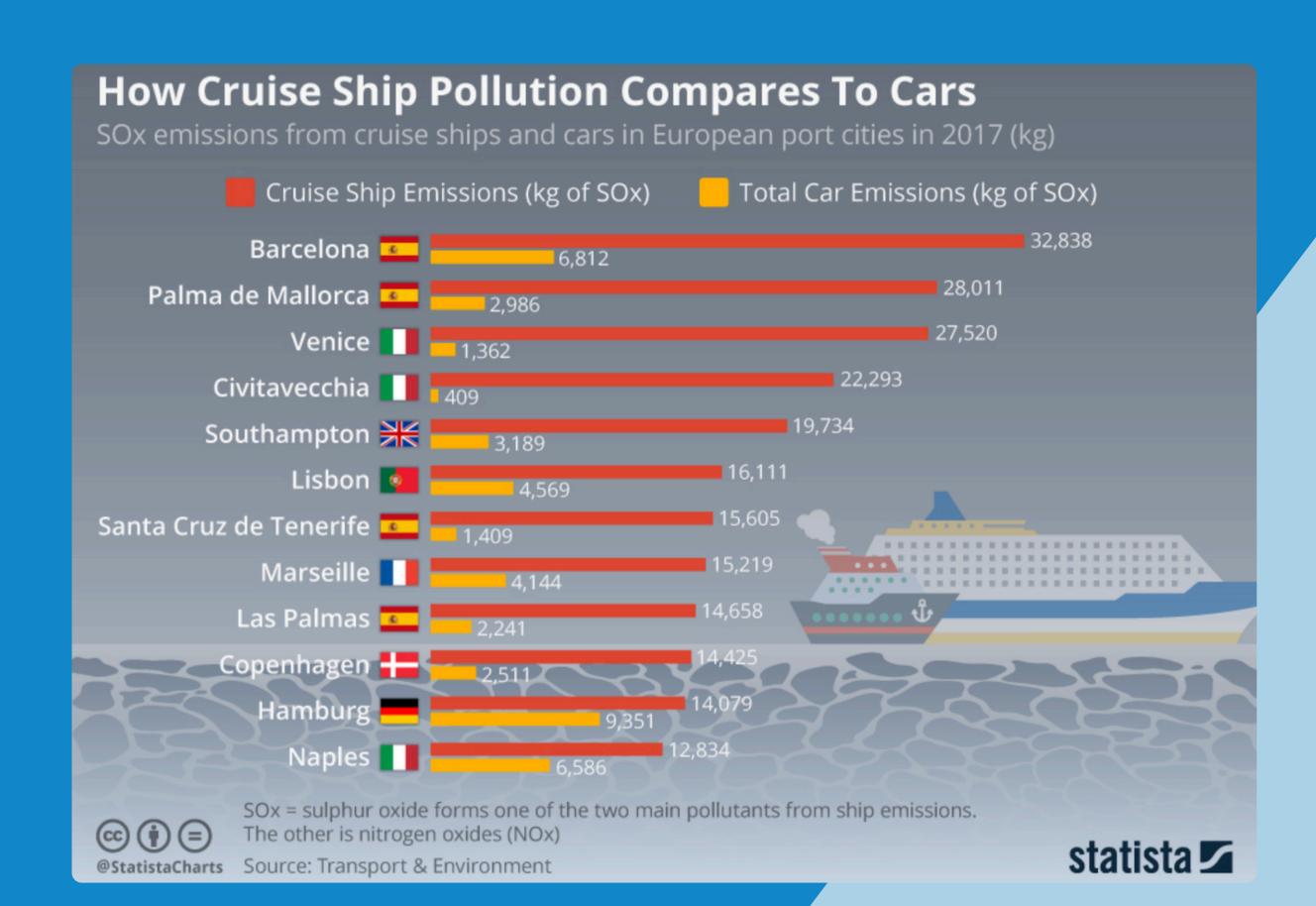
said Tomislav Radoš, Vice President of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce (HGK) about the National Biodiversity Strategy 2030 of the UE in 2021

#### PART OF REGIONAL PROJECTS

Hydrogens Valley



## CENTRAL ISSUE: CRUISE SHIP



\*SOx: Sulfur Oxide

#### LOCAL INITIATIVE...

 Demonstration against the passage of cruise ship In Venice (2019)

• Environmental activists paint Venice's Grand Canal green (2023)





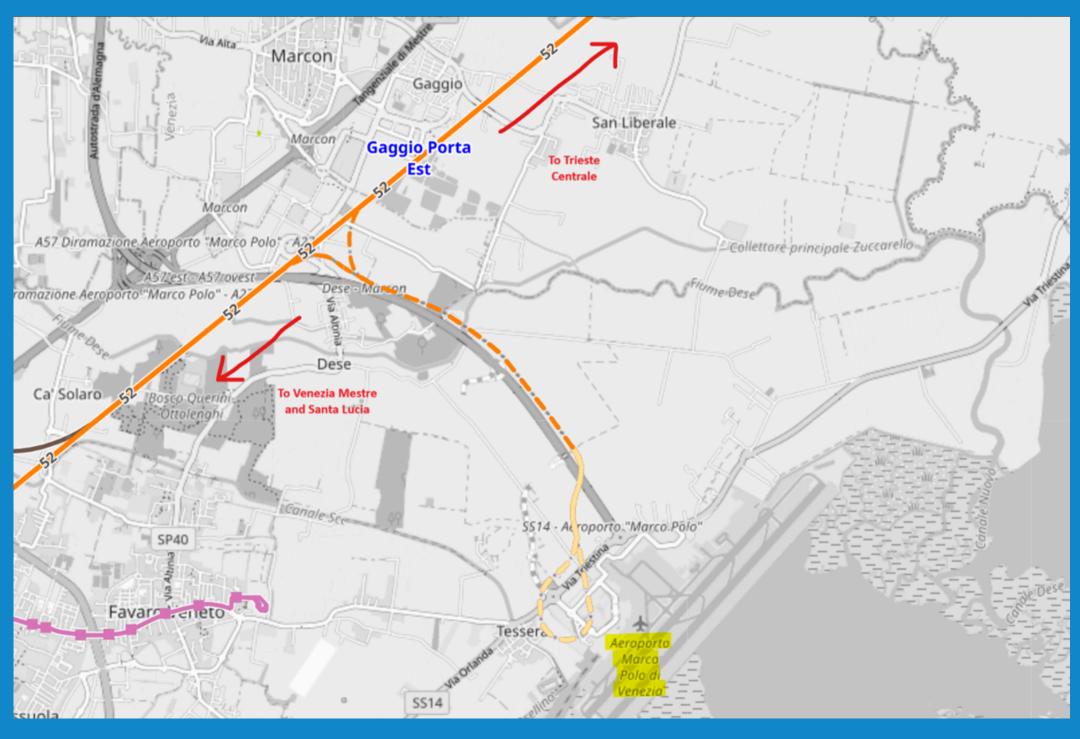
#### WHAT CAN WE EXCEPT

- in 2025, more than 5.1 million passengers will be handled (boarding, disembarkation and transit). => +3.9% compared to 2024
- In 2015, the ports of Venice, Dubrovnik and Corfu handled 64% of the traffic, a figure now halved, which demonstrates an improvement in the distribution of flows between the Adriatic ports and new balances after the regulations concerning Venice. => restriction of August 1, 2021

## NEW TRAIN LINE TO CONNECT VENISE/TRIESTE AND VENEZIA MARCO POLO AIRPORT:

- A new railway line to offer direct connexions between the center of Venice / Trieste and the Airport.
- 644 millions €
- A mixed impact on the environnement

Expected to open by the end of 2025



#### AV-AC VENEZIA - TRIESTE: UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING LINE

- There used to be a HighSpeed line project between Venezia and Trieste.
- Current project : upgrade of the existing line. Up to 200km/h, 750m long freight trains.
- Cancellation of level-crossings.
- A few sections of new lines (variante)
- Increase of capacity (7 to 10tph).
- 1,8 Billion €

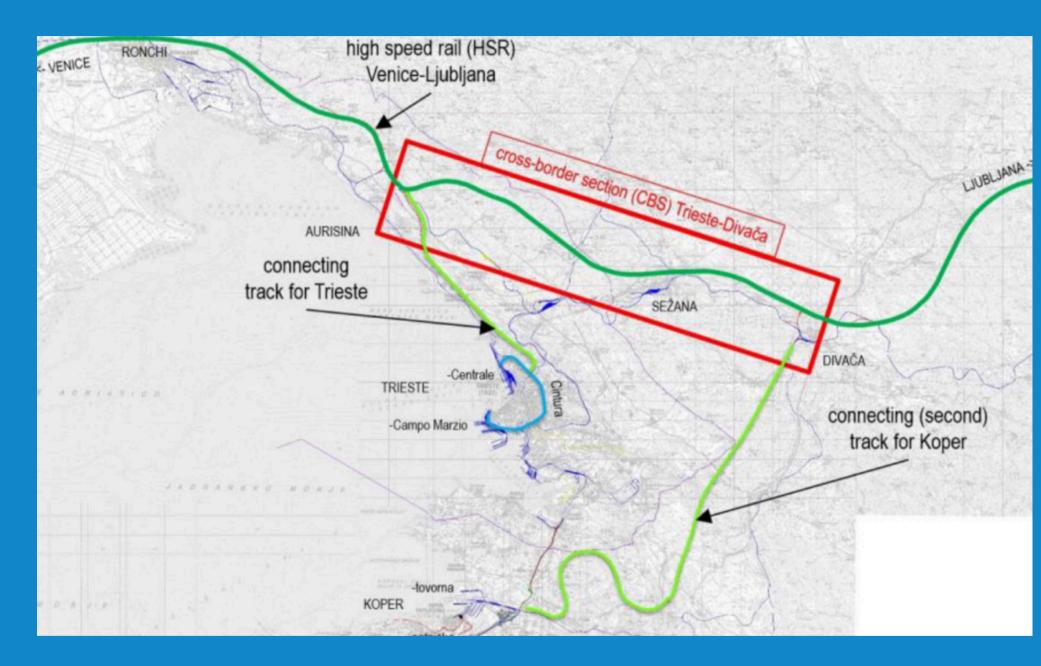
Track works expected to end in 2026



#### A NEW CROSS BORDER LINE?

- A new high-speed connection between Venice, Ljubjana, Zagreb and Budapest?
- It's the aim of the RTE-T project, but we could not find any informations about a concrete project.
- Only the Divaca Koper line and Ronchi - Aurisina is currently under works.

Only planned...
Should open some day?



#### **NEW INFRASTRUCTURES:**

- Doubling of the Rijeka-Divača or Trieste-Divača line
- Modernization of the Upper Adriatic motorway network (750 millions €):
   A4 Venise-Trieste, A28 Portogruaro-Conegliano, A23 Palmanova-Udine,

   A57 Mestre, A34 Villesse-Gorizia

#### Thank you for your attention!

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