

# Introducing FourNorth

Iarnród Éireann has received European Union funding for a project, called FourNorth, to develop plans to upgrade the rail network on the busy section from Connolly to Malahide to 4-track standard



**Background** In January IÉ applied to the EU for funding under its Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme to complete a range of studies to upgrade the Northern line to 4-track. This application was successful with an award of €1.2m recently confirmed through the Department of Transport. This intervention, as proposed by our long-term strategy and suggested for consideration by the draft All-island Strategic Rail Review, will build on DART+ Coastal North in support of raising the capacity of the railway for all users along the line. The project will complete a range of studies that take the 4-track proposal through the initial Government decision making stage.



4-track electrified rail

## Upgrading to 4-track will support:

- A reduction in Dublin/Belfast journey times, and for all other trips along the route, by separating local from longer distance services
- Service increases, to an initial hourly departure pattern between Dublin and Belfast and more frequently as passenger demand grows
- Demand growth along Ireland's busiest economic corridor and mode shift from road towards sustainable rail alternatives
- Rail freight growth across the island of Ireland

**As Project Manager** for this important project you will oversee a team of IÉ and consultant colleagues, lead interfaces with many stakeholders and assist in shaping Ireland's future transport system.

An Roinn Iompair  
Department of Transport

**Connecting Europe Facility  
Transport Funding**

€1.3m for studies by Iarnród Éireann to examine the doubling of track capacity between Dublin Connolly and Malahide train stations

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