

Project CONNECT

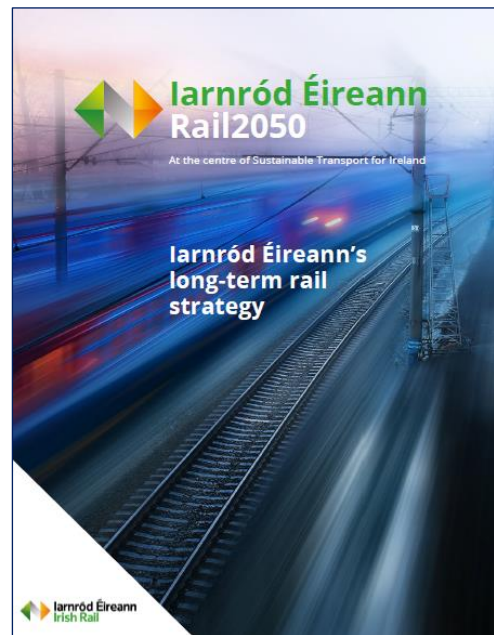
Iarnród Éireann has received European Union funding for a project, called CONNECT, to progress studies to upgrade the Intercity network linked to its emerging longer strategy.



Background Iarnród Éireann's application to the EU for funding under its Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme to complete various studies on aspects of the Intercity network was successful, with an award of €2.6m recently confirmed through the Department of Transport. Linked to our long-term strategy and the draft All-island Strategic Rail Review, the project proposes various measures to enhance rail for Ireland's growing population and to increase rail mode share for sustainable transport, and will deliver many important studies that prepare for significant infrastructural interventions across the existing network, particularly those serving intercity and interregional customers.

The Connect project will prepare:

- A strategy to decarbonise the rail network and services considering electrification of Intercity lines and the potential use of emerging clean fuels
- Requirements for future railway infrastructure, assessing valid funding sources, options and opportunities
- Studies of the Dublin-Cork/Limerick lines to determine the measures needed to reduce end-to-end journey times and increase capacity
- A Programme Implementation Plan for delivering interventions required over the longer term



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

