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Regular exchanges with the Member States, implementing bodies and stakeholders involved in Rail Baltica give the Commission a clear overview of its progress. Additionally, the European Coordinator keeps the Commission informed and the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) monitors the Rail Baltica activities supported through the Connecting Europe Facility¹.

Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland contributed to the development of the Rail Baltica Implementing Decision² and supported its adoption.

According to the Commission's information, the works on Rail Baltica between Warsaw and Białystok are completed except for the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS). On the remaining sections in Poland, works are being tendered or project documentation is being developed. In Lithuania 114 km are under construction, in Latvia 40 km are under construction with 200 km contracted; and in Estonia more than 100 km are under construction.

The Commission assesses the progress against the implementing decision. While actions are largely on track, some delays exist. It is important to recall that the overall time to completion will largely depend also on the funding that will be made available for the project from national and European sources. In order to continue supporting cross-border infrastructure projects such as Rail Baltica, the Commission proposed a Connecting Europe Facility with a budget of EUR 51.5 billion for transport as part of the proposals for the next multiannual financial framework³.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/connecting-europe-facility_en.

² Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/1332 of 9 July 2025, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32025D1332>.

³ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2028-2034, amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0547&qid=1753799512950>.