

It is a hugely exciting time for international rail.

Our 2025 Passenger Demand Study, developed with **Steer***, shows that the international rail market has the potential to triple by 2040.

This will be driven by demand. There is a significant opportunity with both business and leisure travel, with eco-conscious passengers wanting stronger international connectivity by rail and access to new European destinations with fast, city centre to city centre journeys.

The report also calls for a dedicated government strategy for international rail to unlock this growth. By working together, industry and government can address barriers enabling the market to reach its full potential and deliver economic and environmental benefits.

We invite you to join London St. Pancras Highspeed on the journey ahead.

TRAIN VS PLANE CONSUMER DEMAND FINDINGS



Greater demand for eco-friendly travelling, with one third flying less by air for climate reasons



Where air-rail journey times are equal, 9 out of 10 passengers would choose rail



Where overall journey times are 1.5 hours longer, 50% of passengers prefer to travel by train



Demand increases can unlock commercial opportunities for new services, new routes and the potential for new operators



THE Journey Ahfad

POTENTIAL BY 2040...

735M

Modelling suggests market has the potential to triple 30%

Fare reductions expected

18

Additional return services per day

4-5

Potential new Western European destinations by **2040**





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