S07 – TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Maradi–Zinder–Diffa–Chad border rail interconnection

Sponsored by **Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation**
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ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	LOCATION	FINANCING SOUGHT	CAPACITY
EUR 2.66 billion	**Maradi–Zinder–Diffa–Chad border**	**Technical and financial partners, PPP, private sector**	**Single track, with provision for double-tracking if necessary; standard gauge (1.435 m); axle load: 25 metric tons; track equipped with 54 kg UIC rails laid on twin-block reinforced-concrete sleepers; diesel traction with possible future electrification; track profile: maximum gradients of 10‰, 0% at stations; minimum curve radius: 500 m; design speeds: 160 km/h for passengers and 100 km/h for freight**

+ costs to be specified (rolling stock, workshops and maintenance center, stations) All monetary figures are in EUR. Converted estimates are indicative and rounded; source estimates may use different valuation bases.

Investment opportunity

The project involves constructing a 840 km railway connecting Chad to AES countries and Togo, with access to Nigeria's seaports through the Kano–Maradi railway project. The line will cross the Maradi, Zinder, and Diffa regions.

The project addresses Niger's landlocked position, subregional and regional integration, and limited intracommunity trade. It directly supports Pillar 3 of the National Refoundation Program: developing the productive foundations of economic sovereignty.

AT A GLANCE

PROJECT SPONSOR	Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation
REFERENCE	F2IN catalog, project TR-005

PROJECT STATUS

- **Studies** : An existing feasibility study covers the G5 Sahel project
- **Permits** : No
- **Site availability** : No
- **Other information** : Extension of the Kano–Maradi railway project into eastern Niger

Objectives

Contribute to developing Niger's economic potential by diversifying rail corridors and improving internal and external connectivity

- Develop mineral resources and the agricultural and industrial sectors
- Diversify Niger's access corridors and provide AES countries with rail access to the port of Lagos (Nigeria)
- Increase intracommunity trade
- Reduce transport and road-maintenance costs

Components

1. Studies (preliminary design, detailed design, and bidding documents)
2. Construction of new rail lines
3. Acquisition of rolling stock

Strategic alignment

Pillar 3 of the National Refoundation Program: developing the productive foundations of economic sovereignty

Detailed budget

BUDGET ITEM	EUR
Detailed studies	5,107,042.08
Works	2,651,850,654.84
Inspection and supervision	5,303,701.31
Total	**2,662,261,398.23**

Partnerships sought

Technical partners

Contractor Mota Engil, Moroccan partners, etc.

Financial partners

Government, technical and financial partners, and private sector

Government role

Contribute to financing and enable project implementation

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INVESTOR INTRODUCTIONS

ANPIPS is the single point of contact: it connects investors with the project sponsor and arranges B2B meetings at F2IN 2026.