

Aspect 2 • Mobility
RandstadRail
 The Netherlands



In the west of The Netherlands, between The Hague and Rotterdam, train, tram and metro have been merged.

Following the success of the Stadtbahn in Karlsruhe, the Dutch cities of The Hague and Rotterdam also explored the possibilities of combining metro, tram and train. The result was RandstadRail, a light-rail system linking both cities using different types of track.

Crossovers are used to ensure that passengers always get to their destinations quickly without the other traffic in the city being impeded by the high-frequency system. Both in The Hague and in Rotterdam this principle resulted in the construction of tunnels. In The Hague, RandstadRail links up with the tram network, in Rotterdam with the metro network. In The Hague, RandstadRail has a low floor. This improves the accessibility and comfort in the coaches for many user groups.



Facts & figures

What	Connection of regional and local public transport
Where	The Hague and Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Status	Final sections will open in 2008.
Mobility	New rolling stock runs on both tram and train rails, using crossovers to avoid road traffic.
Internet	www.randstadrail.nl (in Dutch) or www.connectedcities.eu/guide/randstadrail
Internet search strings	RandstadRail, Souterrain, Lab-Da, OMA, Den Haag