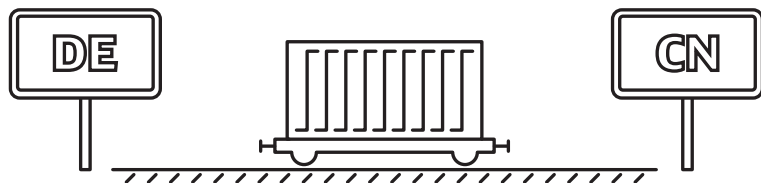


Success story in the Far East: ten years of service to China

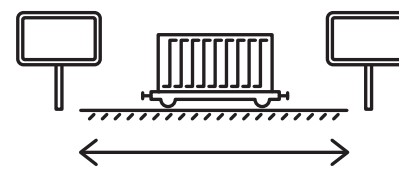


The first container was shipped on the Trans-Siberian Railway back in **1973**

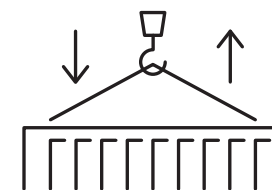


It takes an average of **14 to 16 days** for a train to make the journey between China and Germany

Trains travel **10,000 km** or some 12,000 kilometers between Germany and China depending on the route



The longest freight rail link ever traveled covers **13,000 km** between Madrid and Yiwu, China



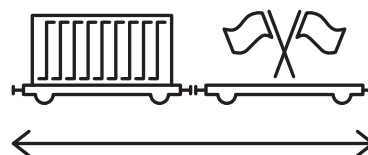
Each train must undergo at least **two changes** of track gauge



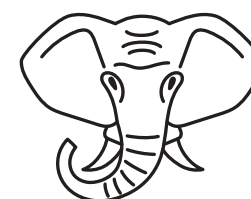
At least **five languages** are spoken during the journey: German, Polish, Russian, Belarusian and Chinese



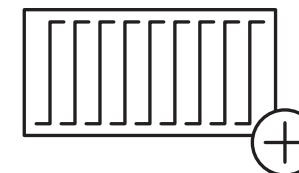
Trains cross **eight time zones** and **four climate zones**



Trains are upwards of **1,000 meters** long on sections of the route in Russia and 600 meters long in Europe



A train loaded with 41 containers, including the cars, can weigh up to **1,600 metric tons**. That's roughly as much as 320 African elephants



Deutsche Bahn hopes to transport **100,000** standard containers a year between China and Germany by 2020