



**Innovative design and operation of new or upgraded
efficient urban transport interchanges [Theme: SST.2012.3.1-2.]**

City-HUB Project



**City-HUB Fact Sheet N° 8.3:
Utrecht Central, Utrecht, The Netherlands**

Role of interchange

Due to the central location of Utrecht Centraal within the Dutch railnet Utrecht Centraal is considered as the most important railway hub of the Netherlands: trains from almost all directions head via Utrecht Centraal. Important intercity connections are a.o. the intercity Maastricht – Amsterdam and further, the intercity Nijmegen - Den Helder and the North-East, which is a name for the Intercity's from the North and East of the Netherlands heading to Randstad.



Figure 1: Overview of Utrecht Centraal

Location

The Utrecht Central interchange, owned by ProRail, NS, is the central railway station of the city of Utrecht in the Netherlands. The station is centrally located in the country, being the largest station regarding passenger volume. More than 900 trains depart from the station per day and almost 285.000 passengers are daily connected to nearby areas or cities, other Randstad cities or international destinations.

Utrecht Centraal station was built for about 35 million of passengers per year. At the moment about 88 million passengers use the station. This amount will grow in the future: expected amount of passengers in 2030 is about 100 million. The new terminal will become an easy to recognize and independent building. The current capacity is 284.000 users of the station per day. The capacity in 2025 will be 360.000 users per day.

Between 2009 and 2016 the station Utrecht Centraal is refurbished to a new OV-terminal. This new terminal is necessary due to the reach of the capacity borders and the expectation of ongoing growth. To be able to handle the expected future amount of passengers several measures has been

taken, a.o. a terminal which integrates train, tram and bus. The renewal of the station is only one of the projects within the context of the project CU2030 in which plans for the complete station area of Utrecht are implemented.

Modes of transport

Besides being the most important railway hub of the Netherlands with train lines in all directions, Utrecht Centraal also has an extensive bus station. Utrecht Centraal has the biggest and most busy bus station of the Netherlands, an important interchange of city- and regional bus services.

From bus station CS Centralside mainly the city- and regional bus lines from the concessions Region Utrecht and Province of Utrecht which stay at the eastern side of the rail depart. From bus station CS Jaarbeurs all bus lines in the direction of Zuid-Holland and Noord-Brabant depart as well as lines in western direction.

On the biggest public transport interchange of the Netherlands the coming years 22.000 attractive bike parking will be build. Around the new Utrecht Centraal, there are distributed over five big parking's at the eastern as well as the western side. Therefore, bikers park as near as possible to the entrances of the station. Furthermore in the area around the station 11.000 bike parking's will be realized.