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To: [Experts in train station capacity](#)

Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013

Subject: Survey on basic knowledge of train station capacity

Attachments: "Railway capacity questionnaire.doc"; "Railway capacity questionnaire.pdf"

Dear Mr. or Ms.,

I am writing to you with an unusual request relating to your professional expertise in the field of train station capacity:

Currently there is a debate going on in Germany if a new passenger train station will be an improvement for railway traffic, especially if it increases the capacity of the node. Simulations were made in order to reduce public doubts, but questions about its parameters violating national or international standards have remained. In preparation of a publication describing the capacity calculations in the approval process the following questions were identified to have been sources for misinterpretation. Therefore it is asked for your help as an expert in the field.

The survey will take about **3 minutes**. All respondents will receive the (anonymized) results. If you do not reply, it will be classified as „feeling not qualified/willing/able to answer“. Please answer by **June 14th, 2013**, at the latest!

Answers and response rates from different regions and expert groups (not of individuals) will be compared. To fill-in this form you may use Microsoft Word for the .doc-file or fillanypdf.com for the .pdf-version (type "X" to check an answer). Save the filled-in form and return it by email to survey@wikireal.org (or to the sender's address).

My name is Dr. Christoph Engelhardt. As an independent scientist I initiated the fact-check portal Wikireal.org in 2011 starting with the first main topic "Stuttgart 21", a planned new underground metropolitan central trainstation. Right now the wiki-contents are only in German, unfortunately. This portal provides a fact-check in order to guide the sometimes emotional debate on scientific grounds by comparing official statements with the original expert reports and with industry standards. The aim is to reduce public doubts and to strengthen the role of science and civil engineering. WikiReal.org is open for participation, but different from e.g. Wikipedia a board of experts ensures quality (similar to the peer-review-process). The results of this research shall also be presented in an international publication.

Kind regards,

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