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This atlas combines some forty maps on the statistical dimension of communications and transport in Europe during the 19th and 20th centuries. Not the infrastructures themselves are the object of our inquiry, but rather the economic potential they represented once they had been built, as well as the economic performance they then achieved in the different countries of Europe since 1820. At the core of the mapping, therefore, lies a statistical comparison by country. Aside of the maps, all data underlying their construction have been given in tabular format as PDF-documents. In addition, short texts have been included to introduce the series.

This *Atlas* grew out of a cooperation between *Eindhoven University of Technology*, the Netherlands, and the *Institute of European History Mainz*, Germany. Eindhoven provided much of the data, in large proportions derived from TIE-Database, a data pool on transnational infrastructures of Europe maintained there. Mainz was responsible for the cartography, based on its mapserver IEG-Maps as well as on ongoing GIS mapping efforts conducted there in conjunction with the preparation of an atlas on European history since 1500. The bilateral cooperation was broadened further by its placement within the context of an International Research Group on “Inventing Europe: Technology and the Making of Europe 1850 to the present”, sponsored by the *European Science Foundation (ESF)* and the *Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)* from 2007 to 2010. The international launch of the *Atlas* will take place at the Inventing Europe closing meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria, 17 June 2010.

The *Atlas* is temporarily hosted by the “Digital Atlas on the History of Europe since 1500” and can be found with a direct link at:

<http://www.atlas-europa.ieg-mainz.de/communications/>



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