

Russia turns to China for rail development

A recently-signed contract by China's state-controlled railway, to design a high-speed rail line for Russia, is an example of new co-operation between the two superpowers, since Moscow fell out with the West



- China's state-controlled **China Railway Group** awarded \$390 million contract to design high-speed rail link

- **Length:** 770km

- **Completion:** 2018

- **Journey:** 400km/h link to slash time from 14 hours to three and a half

Separate tender will be held for actual construction of \$19.5 billion link, with China's rail developers seen as having edge over European competitors



Siemens high-speed trains started regular service Moscow-Saint Petersburg in 2009