

Deutschland-Ticket: Current Status



D-TICKET

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May 1, 2023: Launch of the Deutschland-Ticket

The Deutschland-Ticket („D-Ticket“):

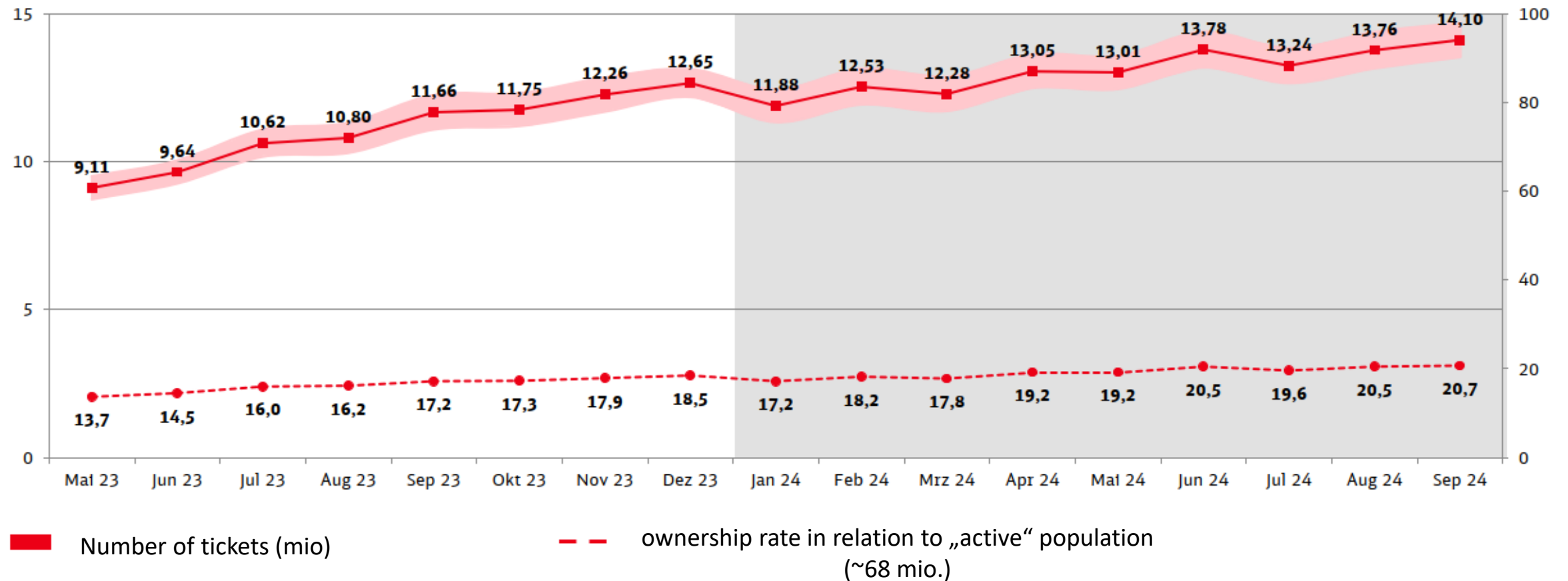
- D-Ticket 49 € monthly
- D-Ticket Job 34,30 € (employer grants minimum 25 % of ticket prize/12,25 € + discount of 5 %)
- D-Ticket Students for 29,40 € monthly
- Since May 1st 2023
- Coverage: entire German public transport network, excluding long-distance travel by bus or train
- Monthly terminable subscription, non-transferable
- No accompanying persons allowed, except for children under the age of 7



Deutschland-Ticket: Successful from the customer perspective

Hochrechnung Deutschland-Tickets *
(Bevölkerungsgesamtheit inkl. Ausländische Touristen)
(in Mio.)

Besitzquote Deutschland-Ticket
(Befragungsgesamtheit)
(in %)



Key facts about



(German-wide market research, Jan-Oct 2024)

20 Mio.

people have purchased at least one
D-Ticket in 2024

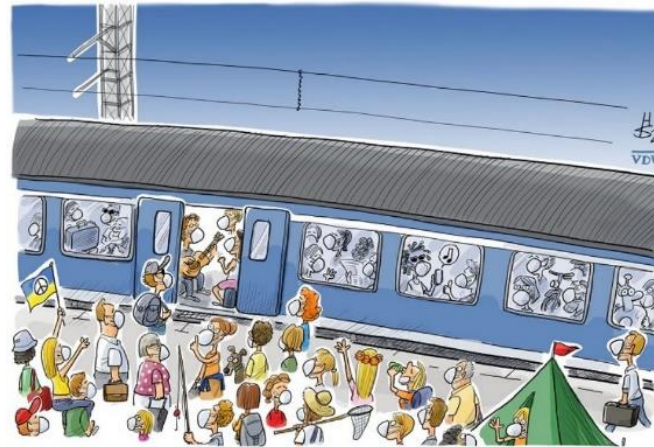
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tickets are sold via websites/apps,
other tickets are on chipcards

27 %

of trips would not have been made
without D-Ticket.

**14 % are trips shifted from other
modes (8 % from cars)**



96 %

of users are happy with the ticket,

4 out of 5

recommend it further

80 %

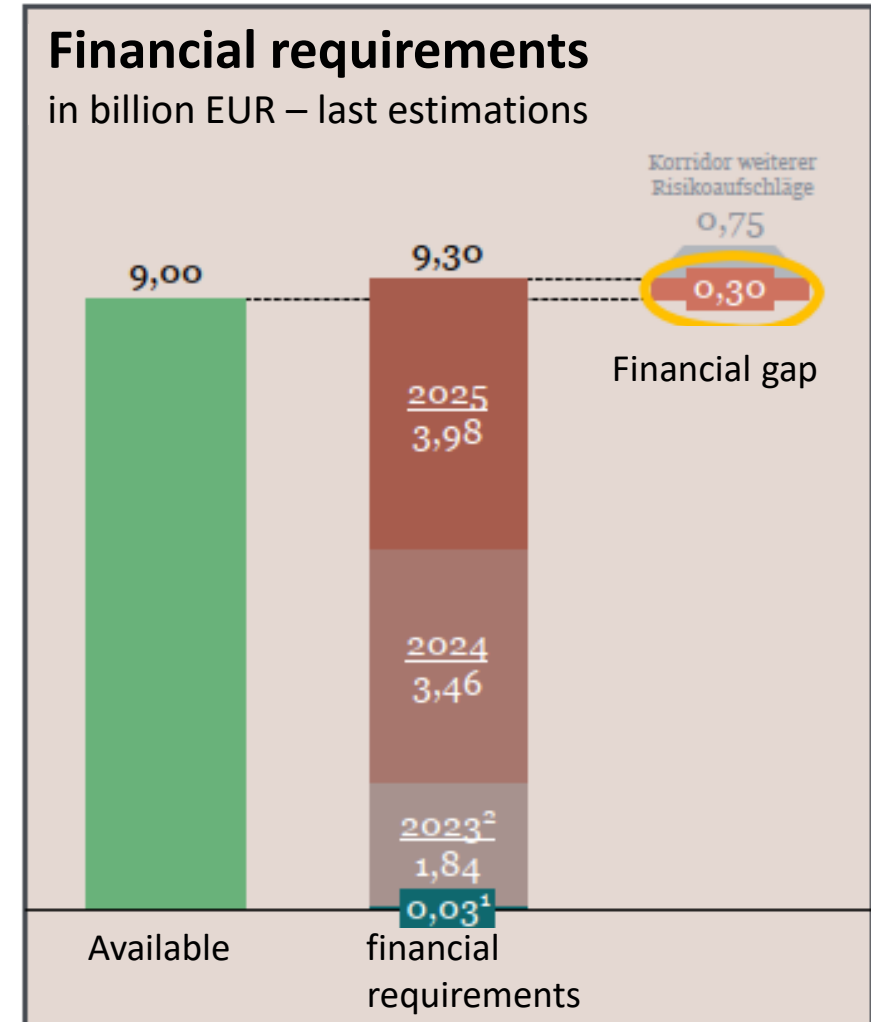
of users in agglomerations/cities

20 %

in rural areas

The financial perspective – an endless (political) story...

- Revenue compensation: €3 billion p.a., split equally between the federal government and the federal states;
- In Nov 2023: Principle agreement Chancellor/Prime Ministers of States to secure D-Ticket via transferability of residual funds from 2023 to 2024 and 2025
- BUT: Necessary modification of regional transport act (RegG) blocked by Finance minister/Liberals until 2 weeks ago!
→ Ongoing financial insecurity!
- After breakup of federal government coalition, on 14 November 2024 the conservative group CDU/CSU (opposition) has signaled to Social democrats/Greens to support a modification of regional transport act after vote of confidence in the German Bundestag on 16 December 2024



Deutschland-Ticket: Increase of ticket prize from 2025 and perspective after

- 23 September 2024: Decision of Federal States transport ministers to increase ticket prizes from 1 January 2025:
 - + 9 EUR: 58 € normal prize, 40,60 € D-Ticket Job, 38,40 € students/monthly rate
- Financial stability in combination with modification of regional transport act until end of 2025

However: New consideration after federal elections (23 February 2024)

- Conservatives (CDU/CSU) have already put in question D-Ticket from 2026 in the context of expected budgetary constraints and the need to invest in infrastructure

VDV: “After the D-Ticket we need a D-Offer”

- Long-lasting success of D-Ticket can only be achieved with a considerable increase of PT offer and quality
- But: “Pact on PT Expansion and Modernisation” according to agreement of federal coalition (2021) was never realized!
- Launch of VDV study on PT investment needs in Germany by 2030 as input for new government





QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!