WUPPER EXPRESS 11 – how to find the way

The Ruhrgebiet is not only a industrial center, it's also heavy populated. About 9 millions inhabitants are living in that region, but there is no real center. The WupperExpress route is consequently not a route with a start point and an endpoint with some sidings in between. It's more a web, somtimes even a maze of different routes.

Graphics15 as the creator of the WupperExpress route finally finished some maps. You'll find them here:

http://www.ralfkoelsche.homepage.t-online.de/g15/download/strecken/wupper11gleispack.zip

That are not that kind of maps we are used to. The maps are more a symbolic scheme of switches. This is good for switching work, but it doesn't help one to find the way through the WupperExpress11 maze. (hint: Run MSTS in windowed mode and additional run wupp11_start.htm from the wupper11gleispack.zip)

For more general orientation I recommend the VRR real route maps. VRR is the abbreviation for Verkehrsverbund Rhein-Ruhr. Before I come to the maps please have a look at what VRR is and what it does.
http://www.vrr.de/en/index.html

The maps are unfortunately not reachable through the english pages. Please go to
http://www.vrr.de/de/fahrplanauskunft/fahr_und_linienplaene/linienplan_schnellverkehr/index.html

On that page you'll find links to two maps. The first is a detailed map including bus lines and trams.

The second map is more interesting. This is the big picture from the border to The Netherlands and Belgium almost to eastern Germany.

I'm sure this information will help you to find your way through the great Wupper Express 11 route. Finally there's another link. It's the homepage of the city of Essen. http://www.essen.de/

The whole Ruhrgebiet region will be the European Capital of Culture in 2010.
http://en.kulturhauptstadt-europas.de/start.php

I really hope those links are connecting simulation and reality. Happy switching work!

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