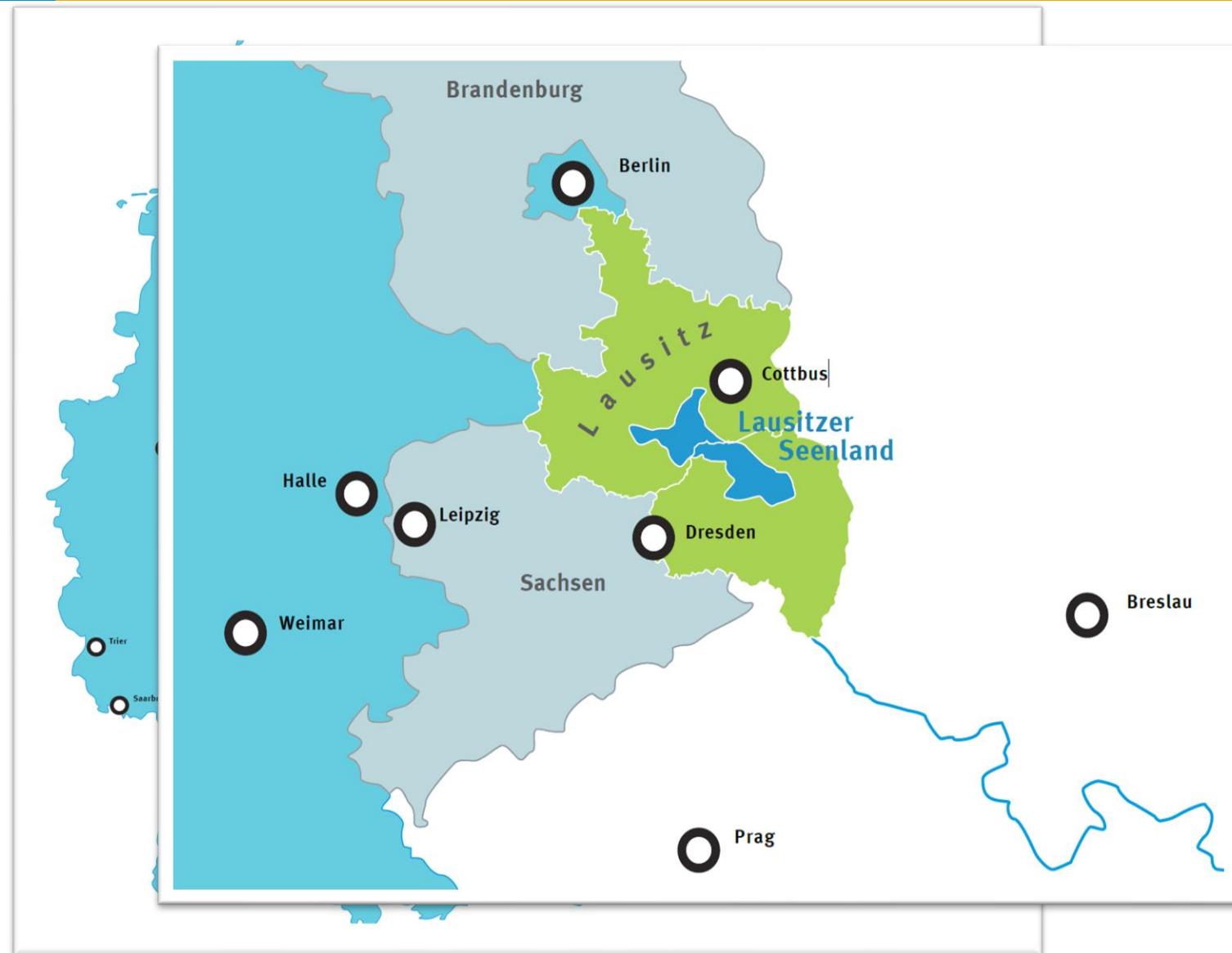


The Lusatian Lakeland – interconnections across federal state borders

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Lusatian Lakeland – location within Germany



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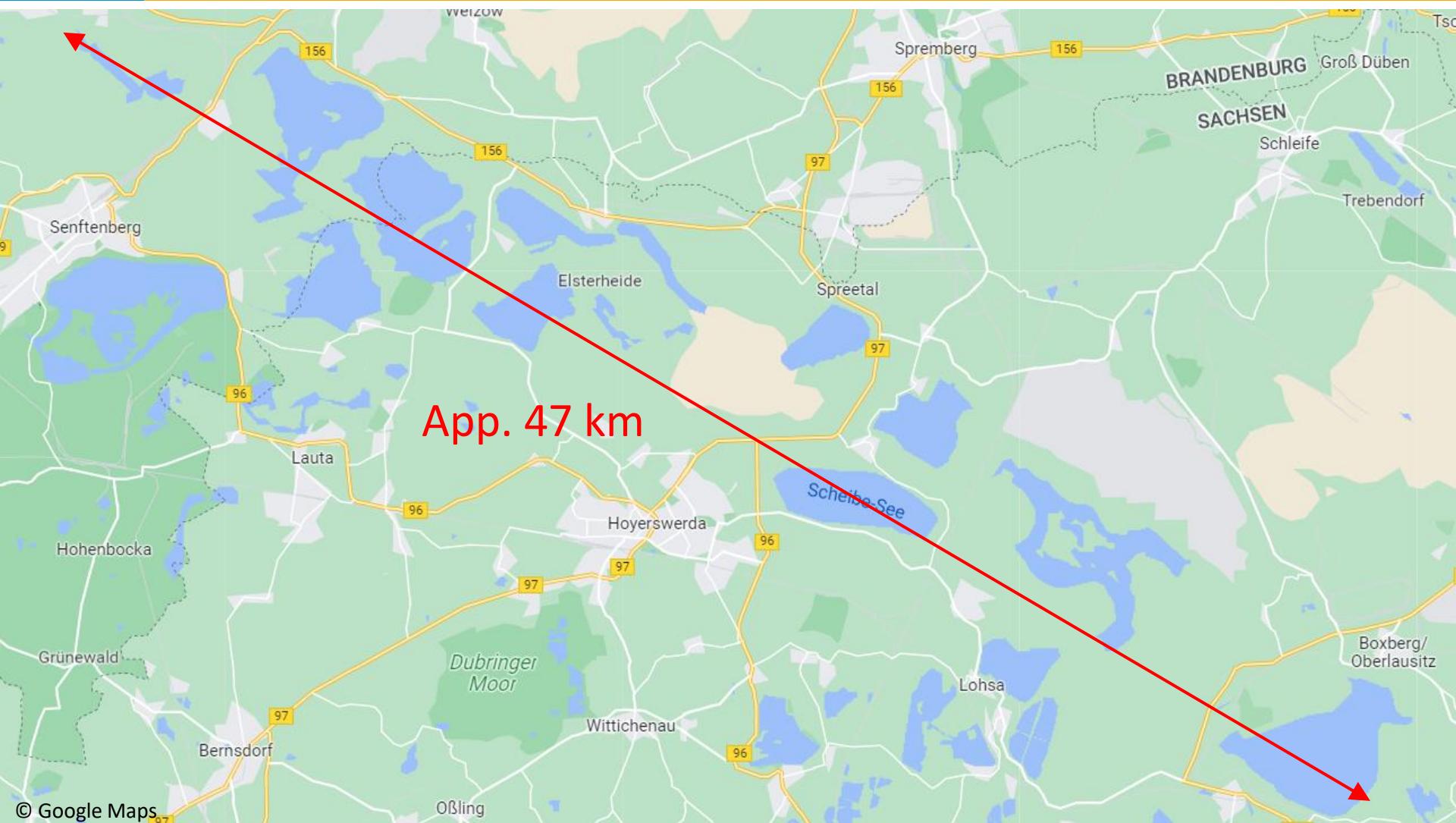
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Overview - The Lusatian Lakeland



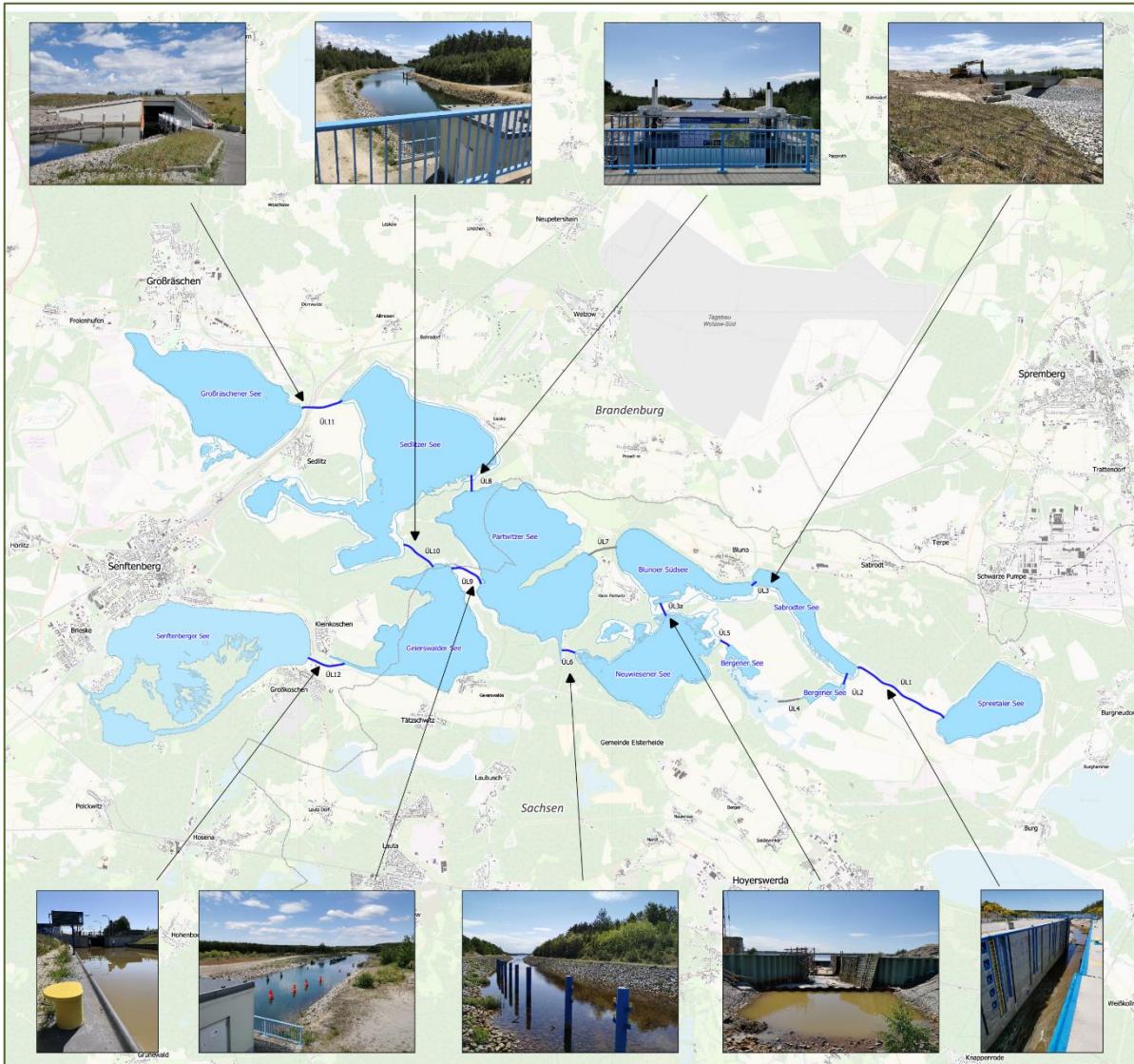
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Europe's largest man-made water landscape – A tourism region in the making

- 25 lakes (former residual holes) / 17 in Saxony
- Water area > 14.000 ha / 7.000 ha navigable
- 10 Lakes to be connected / 7 in Saxony,
- 2013: commissioning of Koschener Kanal
- 2019: commissioning of Barbarakanal

- 2 Special Purpose Associations
- 1 cross-border Tourism Board
- LMBV: Lausitz and Central German Mining Management Company

Proposed canal network



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Proposed canal network

Koschener Kanal Lake Senftenberg – Lake Geierswalde

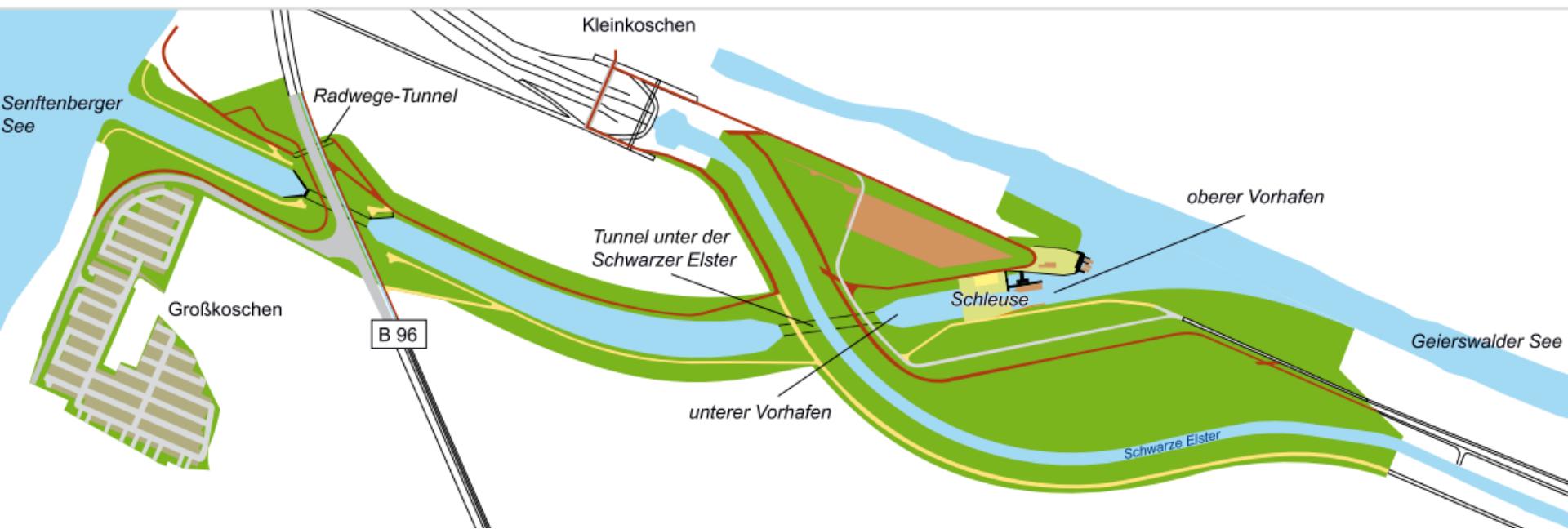
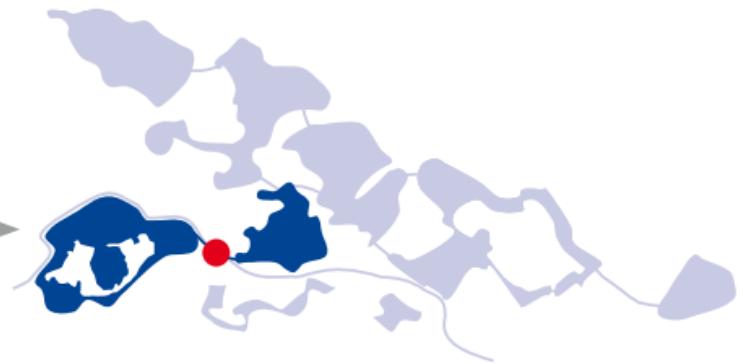


Barbarakanal Lake Geierswalde – Lake Partwitz



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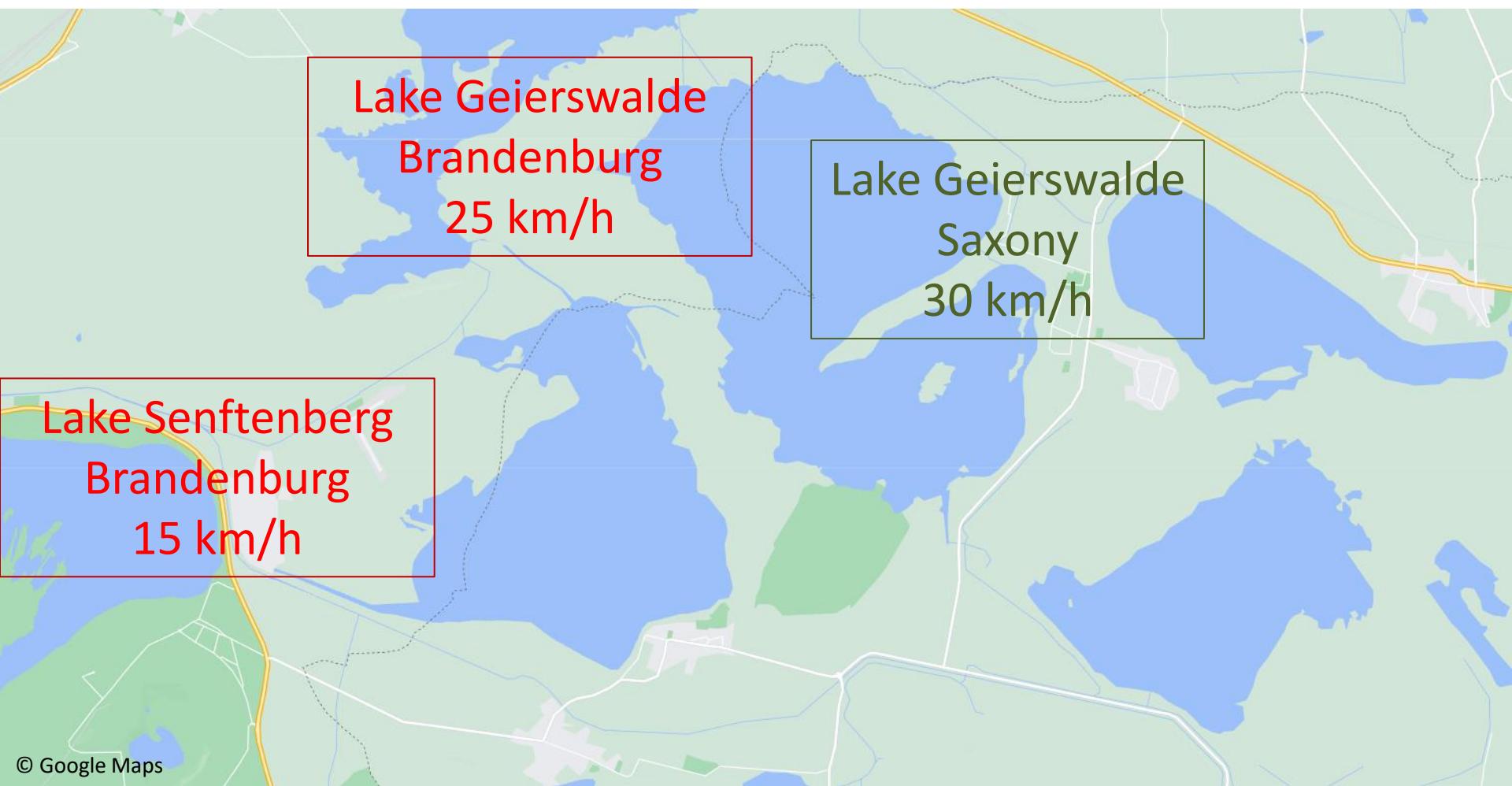
Überleiter 12 vom Senftenberger zum Geierswalder See



Challenges

- Single events: e.g. Knappensee Landslide March 2021
- Flooding incomplete due to dry summers in 2018/2020: difference in water levels
- Subsidies according to § 4 Administrative Agreement VI Lignite Remediation (2017) reduced
- Legal framework Saxony – Brandenburg

Federal border between Brandenburg and Saxony



Transformation in progress

- Phasing out of coal-based power generation until 2038
- New development path: tourism and recreation
- Private investment follows public investment
- Increasing visitor numbers create new jobs in the tourism sector
- Quality of life increasing for the local population
- Canals: backbone of the tourist offer
- Harmonisation of legal frameworks to be continued and intensified

Thank you!

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