

ChemMultimodal

Promotion of Multimodal Transport in Chemical Logistics



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Railway congress in Hannover

Nadine Doden, ChemMultimodal project manager of the Ministry for Regional Development and Transport Saxony-Anhalt, attended 10th International BME / VDV Railway Congress in Hanover. Around 140 participants from all over Europe discussed new paths in European wagonload traffic. Interesting contributions with focus on risks and opportunities in connection with digitization, customer orientation and bundling as well as networking of transport were held. New concepts such as the combination of single wagon transport and combined transport have been introduced which enable potential for longer distances with fewer intermediate stops and higher capacity utilization.

Transnational learning in Budapest

ChemMultimodal project partners met on 11 & 12 October 2017 on the Danube river at Budapest, Hungary, to exchange about the use of the developed tool-box during the pilot phase. Participants also had the chance to visit the recently opened METRANS terminal where trains mainly from Hamburg and Koper harbours are unloaded.

Saxony-Anhalt launches pilot phase



The Saxony-Anhalt (Germany) project team staged a kick-off workshop to present the developed tool-box and to discuss potentials for more multimodal transport. More than 50 representatives from chemical industry, terminals, logistics service providers and public administration attended the event that took place on 2 November 2017 at Dow Olefinverbund at Schkopau.

Before terminal operators and logistics service providers presented their capacities, Peter Lüttjohann as representative of the Federal Ministry for Transport and Digital Infrastructure spoke about the measures of the national government to promote combined transport, including funding to improve rail access for companies and to increase terminal capacities. On one hand, presentations of Central German terminals

(Schkopau, Schwarzheide, Leipzig-Wahren) showed that handling capacities nearly doubled in recent years, leading to new direct train connections within and beyond Central Europe. On the other one, train operators (Lineas, Mitteldeutsche Eisenbahn, Hupac) and logistics service providers (Bertschi) called for closer cooperation to realise intermodal potentials, i.e. adding multimodal modules to block trains running between well connected terminals, and investments to improve rail infrastructure bottlenecks. In addition, more transparency and open IT systems could help to identify cooperation potentials.

In the next weeks, bilateral consultation with chemical companies will follow to investigate multimodal potentials. A similar workshop will reunite the participants early in 2018.