

PRESS RELEASE



Four companies, one goal: Bringing trailers on rail

Paris, June 27th - Four companies from the intermodal transport chain have invited together to the "Truck2Rail" event in Bettembourg-Dudelange, Luxembourg, to jointly present solutions for the transport of non-craneable truck trailers by rail. Trailer full-service provider TIP Group, terminal operator CFL terminals (group CFL multimodal), and platform solution NIKRASA provided by TX Logistik and wagon rental company Ermewa presented on June 18th how trailers can be transferred onto regular intermodal wagons using different technologies. The common goal of all four organizing companies is to support the shift from road to environmentally friendly rail.

More and more shippers in Europe are showing interest in making their logistics chains more eco- friendly and economical by using rail for long distance transport and road for the last mile. This also applies to transport with non-craneable semi-trailers, currently around 90 percent of the European fleet, which up to now systematically tied to the road. Numerous transport companies followed the invitation to the multimodal platform of Bettembourg-Dudelange, operated by CFL terminals, showing their interest in integrating rail into their logistics chains.

At the intermodal terminal of CFL terminals, TX Logistik showcased its proven NIKRASA off-road platform technology, which is already successfully in use in Europe. Platforms such as NIKRASA offer non-craneable truck trailers easy access to rail: the trailer is simply driven onto the platform, lifted with a portal crane or reach staker, loaded onto the rail pocket wagon and ready for the long haul by rail. Guests at the Truck2Rail event were able to see a non-craneable trailer being loaded onto an Ermewa T3000 pocket wagon using the NIKRASA platform.

Leading trailer rental & leasing company TIP is convinced of the potential of this solution, which requires no changes to the existing fleet and also reduces wear and maintenance costs. In the future, Ermewa will offer the NIKRASA off-road platform as an optional package for the rental of T3000 pocket wagons, making it easier for interested parties to enter the combined transport market.

Cyrille Guyon, Deputy Managing Director of **Ermewa**, emphasises: ‘Rail transport is active climate protection. With Truck2Rail we want to promote the sustainable design of transport chains through innovative solutions. Bringing non-craneable truck trailers onto the railways makes a tangible contribution to reducing CO2 emissions from freight transport and driving forward the European Green Deal. At Ermewa we see this as an investment in our common future.’

Rogier Laan, VP Sales & Marketing at **TIP Group**, explains: ‘If you want to switch from road to rail for the main run in your transport chain, you don't necessarily have to switch in the trailer park. The new platform solutions enable straightforward combined transport at any terminal. For us processes and equipment remain the same, but the impact on our customers and the environment is significant.’

Christoph Dörre, Manager **NIKRASA** from **TX Logistik** adds: ‘With NIKRASA we have developed an easy solution for non-craneable trailers: Within only two minutes they are loaded from road to rail. Thus, we are enabling customers to cover the main part of transport by rail, the most economical and environmentally friendly way, without additional investment or technical adaptations. Offering great potential for the urgently needed modal shift, with great impact for nature.’

Laurent Erhard, CEO of **CFL terminals**, adds: ‘The handling of non-craneable trailers is part of our daily business at CFL terminals. Our terminal is equipped with different technologies permitting as well horizontal loading on a rail highway platform and vertical handling under cranes. We strongly believe that intermodal terminals must be equipped to manage all types of semi-trailers to promote the shift from road to rail. Intermodal transport is set to play a crucial role in future supply chains, both for its potential to reduce carbon emissions and to address the growing shortage of drivers on the roads.’



Ermewa is a European leader in railcars leasing. The company also provides maintenance, repairs, and operations through its European network of certified workshops and partners. It addresses all segments thanks to its +47,000 railcars, dedicated to transport hazardous and non-hazardous liquids, gaseous, bulk and diversified general cargoes including food and non-food products.

With a network of 18 offices in Europe, Ermewa provides industrial companies, railway undertakings and freight forwarders with a range of more than 120 different types of railcars.

The company is an ECM (Entity in Charge of Maintenance) certified company since 2010. Ermewa is a subsidiary of Stroom, one of the leading global players of the freight railcar and tank containers leasing industries.

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TIP Group is European market leader providing lease & rental full-service equipment solutions for over 55 years. TIP Group is headquartered in Amsterdam. TIP has an extensive fleet of trailers, trucks, reefers, chassis and specialized equipment. With a network of 140+ service locations spanning across 17 countries and with a fleet of over 100,000 assets.

TIP specializes in delivering a highly customizable approach, offering flexible leasing and rental options, maintenance and repair, digital solutions, sustainable initiatives and used equipment sales.

TIP is committed to shaping a more environmentally conscious future, proudly partnering to achieve sustainability targets faster and at bigger scale.

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TX Logistik was founded in 1999 as a private rail transport company and maintains an efficient European network with connections in eleven countries. The company has subsidiaries in Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and Sweden as well as local office in Italy. In its Intermodal and Rail Freight divisions, TX Logistik develops comprehensive rail solutions for continental and maritime traffic as well as tailor-made concepts for conventional freight. With around 730 employees and 9.0 billion tonne kilometres, the company generated annual sales of 298 million euros in 2022. Since January 2017, TX Logistik has been wholly owned by Mercitalia Logistics S.p.A., a subsidiary of Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane.

In 2023 TX Logistik acquired the Exploris Deutschland Holding GmbH, Hamburg, and thus becomes the second largest rail freight transport operator in Germany. The companies of Exploris Deutschland Holding GmbH also include Via Cargo, HSL Logistik and Delta Rail, which are active in rail freight transport in eight European countries.

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The CFL multimodal Group is a logistics service provider, covering the entire multimodal logistics chain. Together with its sister company CFL cargo CFL multimodal offers a broad, high-quality and customized service portfolio: combined and conventional rail freight, wagon maintenance and repairs, customs clearance, as well as forwarding and logistics services.

In Luxembourg, the activities of CFL multimodal center on the intermodal terminal Bettembourg-Dudelange, ideally positioned as an international hub for the consolidation of multimodal transport flows across Europe and beyond. With a total yearly capacity of 600.000 units and equipped with the latest technology in terms of security and surveillance, the intermodal terminal is connected by combined train shuttles to the main ports and industrial regions.

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