

# KEEP EUROPE MOVING



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## ● Logistics in Europe

### Action Plan European Commission

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# ● Context

- Industry weighs ~ 1000 billion € / year ≈ 14 % GDP
- Element of European competitiveness and cohesion
- Challenges
  - » 50 % growth 2000 – 2020
  - » Dependency on fossile fuels
  - » Transport accounts for ~ 30 % of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
    - Increases counter to the overall trend

# ● Objectives

- Strong European logistics industry
  - » But “leave us alone”
  - » Need for added value
- Catalyser for change and cooperation
- Reduce pressure on infrastructure and environment
- Co-modality

- Logistics-package 18 October 2007
  - Logistics action plan  
agenda for next 5 year
  - Freight-oriented rail network
  - Ports policy
  - Short sea shipping



[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/logistics/freight\\_logistics\\_action\\_plan/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/logistics/freight_logistics_action_plan/index_en.htm)



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## Logistics

### Keeping freight moving

The European Commission is proposing a series of measures to promote the freight transport logistics, make rail freight more competitive, create a framework which will allow European ports to attract investment for their modernisation, put maritime freight transport on an equal footing with other transport modes and review progress made in developing Motorways of the Sea.

- Package of measures to support freight transport
  - Freight Transport Logistics Action Plan
  - Freight-Oriented Railway Network
  - Ports Policy
  - Maritime and Short Sea-Shipping

**Package of measures to support freight transport**

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**The EU's freight transport agenda: Boosting the efficiency, integration and sustainability of freight transport in Europe**

Communication from the Commission

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Adoption of package of measures to support freight transport  
18 October 2007

Logistics: Keeping freight moving

# Innovation

## E-freight

### » ICT for « Internet of Things »

- Electronic mirror of physical goods flow
- RFID, Galileo
- Standardising datasets and exchanges

### » Intelligent transport systems

- Integrate financing / standardising / regulation
- Synchronisation within EU, between modes of transport and between infrastructure / vehicles
- Action plan 2008 with focus on freight transport
  - standardised on-board unit, navigation systems and digital maps, digital tachograph, tolling, tracking and tracing, dangerous goods and live animals

# ● Quality

## ● Bottlenecks

» 500 notifications, working parties

## ● Logistics professions

» Increase attractiveness

» Support training

» Facilitate mobility

## ● Performance-indicators

## ● Identify and disseminate successful practices

» Networks and clusters

# ● Simplification

- “Single window”
- Combined transport document for multimodal transport
- Liability
- Harmonising loading units?
- Weights and dimensions for heavy goods vehicles
  - » Insufficient harmonisation
  - » Need for longer / heavier trucks?



Not here...



# ● Greening of transport

## ● Within corridors

- » Co-modal transport chains on dense links
- » Terminals
- » Support to “green” transport

## ● In urban environment

- » Green paper urban mobility
- » Focus on distribution