

ChemMultimodal

Promotion of Multimodal Transport in Chemical Logistics



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Mid-term review in Bratislava

Partners of ChemMultimodal came together on March 7 and 8, 2018, in Bratislava for the project's mid-term review. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss the identified opportunities to shift the transport of chemical goods off the road, aiming for positive environmental and transport safety implications.

The partners presented the results of their pilot actions so far, talked about the possibilities and solutions of the transport shift and pointed out the obstacles encountered. The pilot project of the Slovak Republic focuses on the transport of chemical products to Spain. Until recently, regular block trains leave Bratislava's terminal only in the direction of Germany but a new service from China is hoped to lead to more regular connections.

During their meeting, partners also discussed changes in the project work plan to unleash the identified potentials by expanding the length of the pilot phase until autumn 2018. They also discussed how the experiences of the project can impact the discussion of the Combined Transport Directive in the European Parliament.

Slovak companies effectively use the experience of transnational projects

Transnational projects allow to exchange knowledge about good practices and to work together on new solutions. Duslo, a.s., a major chemical producer located in Šaľa near Nitra, imports large quantities of fluids. By road, tank containers weighing 36 tons cannot be transported. Within the ChemLog transnational project completed earlier, the company was able to develop and test a solution where the tanks are transported by rail and a side loader is used for unloading and transporting the containers for heating and emptying on Duslo's facilities. The approach is now regularly used as large chemical compa-

nies increasing face challenges when road transport capacities become scarce. In turn, the used tank containers can be connected to block trains to reach nodal terminals that can be found near large chemical companies elsewhere in Europe.



Cooperation with University of Žilina

ZCHF SR has repeatedly worked in partnership with the University of Žilina's Department of Rail Transport and the Department of Road and Urban Transport represented by doc. Ing. Juraj Jagelčák, PhD. The cooperation allows students to prepare diploma theses and excursions to companies, seaports or inland terminals. In turn, insight

in companies' real challenges raises the level of education and produces top experts for chemical logistics. Students work for example on safe ways to transport ADR / RID / IMDG dangerous goods. The collaboration also helps to identify new routes for the multimodal transport of chemical goods, taking use of expanding terminal capacities throughout Europe.