

## ChemMultimodal - Promotion of Multimodal Transport in Chemical Logistics

The project ChemMultimodal aims to improve the coordination among freight transport stakeholders such as chemical companies, logistics service providers, terminal operators and public authorities in the chemical regions in Central Europe for increasing multimodal environmentally-friendly freight solutions. The project team executes detailed analysis within this industrial market in order to elaborate the needs for improving multimodal transport.

The lead partner of this project is the region of Saxony-Anhalt (GER) and coordinates its project partners from six countries. A consortium of scientific and consulting institutions of fourteen partners from Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary and Italy investigate the chemical market of Central Europe and subsequently try to establish a toolbox. Besides increasing the share of multimodal chemical goods transport the toolbox targets to facilitate cooperation between freight transport stakeholders.

Moreover, this toolbox will be tested in seven pilots with 30 chemical companies in the partner countries to facilitate real modal shift. In these pilots it is the objective to increase multimodal transport by ten per cent and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> footprint by five per cent until the end of project duration. Furthermore six Training Seminars will be implemented to teach the usage of the tool to additional 120 companies. Seven Regional Strategy and Action Plans will be developed to continue activities after the project end.

### Project Background

The chemical industry is an important economic sector in Central Europe Area with 117 billion Euro turnover and 340.000 employees. The chemical companies are important logistic stakeholders responsible for 8 of freight transport.

Additionally the chemical industry has the objective to strengthen multimodal transport and modal shift from road to rail with strong focus on improvement of safety and security in combination with increased logistics efficiency. The optimization of the supply chain is a crucial for long-term competitiveness.

The new quality of cooperation between private and public entities with support of a dedicated tool is innovative and will improve coordination of multimodal stakeholders across borders in Central Europe and contribute directly to modal shift. An intensive collaboration with European Chemical Regions Network and European Chemical Industry Council will ensure mainstreaming at European level.

The ChemMultimodal project is declared as an Interreg Central Europe project thereby funded by the European Union and had its kick-off in June 2016. Its volumes account 2.4 million Euros over three-year duration.

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