



## Modest growth as slowdown looms

Combined Transport in Europe grew by 2,64% in the third quarter of 2022 compared to the same period a year earlier. The modest growth was possible despite the works-related disturbances on the rail infrastructure resulting in a large number of train cancellations, which were partially counterbalanced by a near-full capacity utilisation of the trains that were allowed to operate. The reliability of port hinterland services was adversely affected by disturbances in maritime transport. The UIRR Sentiment Index reflecting business sentiment for the coming 12-months has been adjusted a notch down for the second quarter in a

row: the index currently stands at 'slightly negative'. The conditions for 2023 are made uncertain by the explosive increase in the price of rail traction electricity. While the price of diesel that powers long-distance trucks grew by 70% since February, traction electricity became 300-1000% more expensive – depending on the Member State. Additional difficulties will come from contingencies caused by infrastructure works, which remain a threat. The train-paths needed by intermodal freight trains in 2023 have not yet all been guaranteed by infrastructure managers.

The 2023 European Commission work-plan confirms the Greening Freight Package to be forthcoming in April 2023. The package will consist of the Combined Transport and the Weights and Dimensions directives, the new CountEmissions regulation and a comprehensive proposal on rail infrastructure capacity. The European Combined Transport sector applauds the much overdue reform of freight transportation's regulatory framework.

Considering, however, the time required for the legislation to take effect, the intermodal sector is promoting pragmatic and effective short-term solutions, creative compromises, that are feasible under the current regulatory framework. These include a regulated traction electricity price, the extension of the RNE Contingency Management Handbook to cover works-related disturbances, and a transfer of train paths from low-utilisation PSO trains to fully laden intermodal freight trains.

Legislative deliberations concerning the revision of the TEN-T Guidelines Regulation are under way in the European Council and the European Parliament. UIRR observes with a degree of concern the lack of focus and commitment of Member States to use railways for transporting freight. UIRR calls on the European co-legislators to earnestly consider the infrastructure needs of rail freight, as rail freight and Road-Rail Combined Transport have proven their outstanding socioeconomic value multiple times over.

The results of the 2021 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) call for proposals arrived in July. The three-fold oversubscription of the offered funding is a clear indication that more is needed. Member States should commit own funding to support the modernisation and expansion of existing terminals, as well as the construction of new ones.

The European intermodal sector has been running the Combined Transport for Europe (CT4EU) campaign since November 2021. The third CT4EU study on the implementation of Zero-Carbon door-to-door Combined Transport will be published during the European Intermodal Summit 2022 on 30 November. Everyone is invited to attend the online event.

Ralf-Charley Schultze – President



**Combined Transport Conference**  
- Hamburg, Germany

29 November 2022



**European Intermodal Summit**  
- 2022 edition

30 November 2022

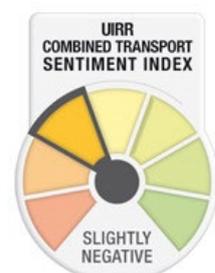
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### UIRR Quarterly CT Performance Gauge



**Business outlook  
for the 12 months between**  
1 October 2022 - 30 September 2023



## Performance of Rail Freight

### Doubling rail freight means tripling Combined Transport

July 2022

The cargo that should be carried on rail when doubling rail freight is carried in trucks today. Intermodal transshipment techniques can optimally facilitate the shifting of this cargo to trains.

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### Railways call for regulated traction electricity price

September 2022

Freight trains are driven by electric locomotives, which ensures their energy efficiency and low carbon footprint. There is no alternative to electric traction, but stable prices are needed.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2342-combined-transport-electricity-prices-need-regulation.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2342-combined-transport-electricity-prices-need-regulation.html)

### Highest rail freight share in 30 years on Trans-Alpine relations

July 2022

Freight trains achieved a 74,9% market share on Trans-Alpine relations in 2021, which is the highest in 30 years.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2309-highest-rail-share-in-transalpine-freight-traffic-for-30-years.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2309-highest-rail-share-in-transalpine-freight-traffic-for-30-years.html)

### Germany: compensation for Rastatt disaster unpaid after 5 years

August 2022

Rail freight undertakings and CT Operators suffered a huge loss during the 7-week line closure due to the Rastatt Tunnel collapse 5 years ago. Compensation has still not been paid.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2332-goods-trains-are-waiting-for-compensation-after-the-rastatt-tunnel-accident.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2332-goods-trains-are-waiting-for-compensation-after-the-rastatt-tunnel-accident.html)

### France: regulator decides in favour of rail freight demands

September 2022

Several long-standing disputes between SNCF Réseau and rail freight and CT operators have been settled by ART, the French national regulator, largely in favour of the complainants.

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### Rail freight rescues stranded ships due to low water rivers

August 2022

Historically low water levels on the Rhine resulted in severe barge capacity losses, which were largely compensated by freight trains. More track capacities need to be offered to prepare for similar contingencies coming as climate change progresses.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2326-rail-to-the-rescue-for-stranded-ships-on-low-water-rivers.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2326-rail-to-the-rescue-for-stranded-ships-on-low-water-rivers.html)

### Germany: endless construction sites in Rhine Valley call for action

August 2022

Significant infrastructure capacity losses are projected by DB Netze for freight trains due to works along the Rhine Valley and its substitute lines over the coming years. The solution is using more the left bank – however SNCF Réseau and France are not ready.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2335-2022-08-25-14-59-31.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2335-2022-08-25-14-59-31.html)

### Norway: rail freight does not stop growing

September 2022

The 8% volume growth in H1.2022 could barely be accommodated on the Norwegian infrastructure network. The 30% freight train path increase in 2023 will require capacity expansion.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2363-rail-freight-in-norway-wont-stop-growing.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2363-rail-freight-in-norway-wont-stop-growing.html)

### Priority for intermodal freight trains: the precedent of energy trains

September 2022

Following the examples of Germany and Poland, intermodal trains should be granted priority on the tracks due to their energy efficiency and their use to carry energy products.

[Links: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2352-uirr-wants-priority-for-trains-transporting-energy-resources.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2352-uirr-wants-priority-for-trains-transporting-energy-resources.html)  
[- https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2349-priority-to-energy-trains-uirr-welcomes-decision-by-germany-and-poland.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2349-priority-to-energy-trains-uirr-welcomes-decision-by-germany-and-poland.html)

### Italy: reimbursement of COVID-related losses

September 2022

The European Commission approved the Italian scheme designed to compensate freight companies for the losses caused by the COVID pandemic – making Italy the first to offer such a scheme.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2350-covid-19-italy-reimburses-rail-freight-companies-for-losses.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2350-covid-19-italy-reimburses-rail-freight-companies-for-losses.html)

## Fair, Mode-neutral Regulatory Framework

### Germany: Ministry rejects proposed increase of GVW to 44 tonnes

August 2022

The federal government believes that an increase in the permissible gross vehicle weight of trucks (GVW) to 44 tonnes would put too much strain on the road infrastructure and therefore rejects it.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2315-government-it-stays-that-way-its-over-at-40-tons.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2315-government-it-stays-that-way-its-over-at-40-tons.html)

### France: increased GVW is not a good idea

September 2022

Heavy trucks cause an exponential acceleration to road infrastructure degradation, which will require more road works and much more spending, therefore it is wiser to transport heavy cargo by rail, which is built for heavy axles, as much as possible.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2359-more-weight-on-french-roads-good-or-bad-news-for-combined-transport.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2359-more-weight-on-french-roads-good-or-bad-news-for-combined-transport.html)

### Battery-electric trucks move containers in Port of Hamburg

September 2022

A trial has begun with battery electric (BEV) trucks to carry containers in the Port of Hamburg area. BEV trucks are an essential enabler of zero-carbon door-to-door Combined Transport (ZCCT).

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2376-bev-trucks-move-containers-in-hamburg.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2376-bev-trucks-move-containers-in-hamburg.html)

## Enhancement of Intermodal Transport

### Austria: national intermodal terminal development plan updated

July 2022

The intermodal terminal plan of Austria from 2016 has been updated. It found that terminals need further investments into capacity and productivity enhancement.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2320-update-of-austrias-intermodal-terminal-plan.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2320-update-of-austrias-intermodal-terminal-plan.html)

### Poland: new terminal to serve Warsaw area

August 2022

Construction of a major new intermodal terminal has started near Warsaw as part of Poland's ambitious strategy to boost the share of Combined Transport. Opening is expected by the end of 2023.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2322-pkp-cargo-terminale-to-build-new-major-intermodal-terminal-in-central-poland.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2322-pkp-cargo-terminale-to-build-new-major-intermodal-terminal-in-central-poland.html)

### Poland: Hupac opens new terminal

September 2022

A new terminal in Brwinów, near Warsaw, has opened its gates after 18 months of construction. This will become the first own terminal of the Hupac Group in Poland.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2360-ideal-conditions-for-intermodal-hupac-closer-to-launching-first-terminal-in-poland.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2360-ideal-conditions-for-intermodal-hupac-closer-to-launching-first-terminal-in-poland.html)

### Belgium: additional funding for more modal shift

June 2022

Following the example of competitor Deutsche Post, DPD launched an initiative to transport parcels using intermodal rail. The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the DPD project are more than 80% lower when transporting in a container than when using a truck.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2255-rail-instead-of-trucks-dpd-launches-parcel-transport-project.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2255-rail-instead-of-trucks-dpd-launches-parcel-transport-project.html)

### France: Combined Transport is key to solving the climate crisis

September 2022

Road-rail Combined Transport is in a unique position to spearhead the ecological transition by providing an energy efficient and zero-carbon solution through the use of electric freight trains, electric transshipment terminals and electric trucks. The potential of Combined Transport is far from being exhausted in France.

[Link: https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2368-2022-10-14-16-06-48.html](https://www.uirr.com/en/news/mediacentre/2368-2022-10-14-16-06-48.html)

### New CountEmissions Regulation to offer standard measurement

September 2022

A new European regulation will contain the methodology for calculating the greenhouse gas and other harmful emissions of transportation. The CountEmissions Regulation will be tabled in April 2023 as part of the Greening Freight Package of the European Commission.

[Links: https://www.polisnetwork.eu/news/countemissions-eu-the-european-commission-would-like-to-hear-your-views/](https://www.polisnetwork.eu/news/countemissions-eu-the-european-commission-would-like-to-hear-your-views/)  
[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13217-Count-your-transport-emissions-CountEmissions-EU\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13217-Count-your-transport-emissions-CountEmissions-EU_en)

## Personnel News

**LEO AWARD**  
September 2022



**Robert Breuhahn**, the long-time Managing Director of Kombiverkehr and former Chairman of UIRR has earned the LEO for his lifetime achievement in logistics: with a remarkable mixture of fairness and professional competence. This not only benefited his company, for which he has been working for over 45 years, but Combined Transport as a whole.

## Members' News

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|---|---|
| <b>BALTIC RAIL</b><br>September 2022            | 38% increase in H1.2022 volumes<br>Click: <a href="https://www.balticrail.com/baltic-rail-6-months-results/">https://www.balticrail.com/baltic-rail-6-months-results/</a>   |
| <b>BOHEMIAKOMBI</b><br>September 2022           | Lack of infrastructure capacity hinders business development<br>Click: <a href="https://www.bohemiakombi.cz/novinka-kombinovanou-dopravu-brzdi-propustnost--1">https://www.bohemiakombi.cz/novinka-kombinovanou-dopravu-brzdi-propustnost--1</a>  |
| <b>HUPAC</b><br>September 2022                  | Brwinów terminal goes into service<br>Click: <a href="https://www.hupac.com/EN/BrwinWWarsaw-transshipment-terminal-goes-into-service-956ee400">https://www.hupac.com/EN/BrwinWWarsaw-transshipment-terminal-goes-into-service-956ee400</a>  |
| <b>INTERPORTO BOLOGNA</b><br>September 2022     | Interporto Bologna delivered positive performance in first nine months of 2022<br>Click: <a href="https://www.interporto.it/dati-ufficiali-di-traffico-settembre-2022-a874">https://www.interporto.it/dati-ufficiali-di-traffico-settembre-2022-a874</a>  |
| <b>KOMBIVERKEHR</b><br>July 2022                | DX Intermodal: new service provider for data exchange in combined transport<br>Click: <a href="https://www.kombiverkehr.de/en/service/customers/news/DX_Intermodal_new_service_provider_for_data_exchange_in_combined_transport">https://www.kombiverkehr.de/en/service/customers/news/DX_Intermodal_new_service_provider_for_data_exchange_in_combined_transport</a> |
| <b>METRANS</b><br>October 2022                  | Important business announcement<br>Click: <a href="https://metrans.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/NEWSLETTER_Prices_2023_ENG.pdf">https://metrans.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/NEWSLETTER_Prices_2023_ENG.pdf</a>   |
| <b>NAVILAND / VIIA</b><br>September 2022        | Construction works at the Valenton terminal are progressing well<br>Click: <a href="https://www.viia.com/le-blog/valenton-les-travaux-avancent-bien/">https://www.viia.com/le-blog/valenton-les-travaux-avancent-bien/</a>  |
| <b>NOVATRANS / GREENMODAL</b><br>September 2022 | New bilingual website<br>Click: <a href="https://novatrans-greenmodal.eu/en/">https://novatrans-greenmodal.eu/en/</a>   |
| <b>PCC INTERMODAL</b><br>July 2022              | Extraordinary Management Board announcement<br>Click: <a href="https://www.pccintermodal.pl/en/35209/">https://www.pccintermodal.pl/en/35209/</a>   |
| <b>RALPIN</b><br>September 2022                 | Swiss government announces the support of RoLa until 2026<br>Click: <a href="https://www.ralpin.com/app/file.php?id=1413">https://www.ralpin.com/app/file.php?id=1413</a>   |

## Key Dates & Events

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|--------------------------|--|
| 7 November, Amsterdam    | 3rd PLANET Intercontinental Platform Workshop      |
| 8-10 November, Amsterdam | Intermodal Europe                                  |
| 9 November, Paris        | UIC Freight Day                                    |
| 9 November, Brussels     | TEN-T Conference                                   |
| 10 November, Berlin      | SGKV Terminaltag                                   |
| 10 November, Vienna      | COMBINET Tagung                                    |
| 14-17 November, Lisbon   | Transport Research Arena Conference                |
| 15 November, Brussels    | FERRMED Conference                                 |
| 17 November, Düsseldorf  | ECTA Annual Conference                             |
| 23 November, Rome        | Mercintreno, the Future of Rail Freight Conference |
| 29 November, Hamburg     | DVZ Combined Transport Conference                  |
| 30 November, Online      | UIRR 2022 European Intermodal Summit               |
| 1 December, Brussels     | FEPORT Stakeholders' Conference                    |
| 7-8 December, Duisburg   | Silk Road Summit                                   |
| 13 December, Bremen      | 6th Rail Freight and Seaports Conference           |



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