

# CAMPAIGN UPDATES



## CT4EU Report #6

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Dear Supporters of the CT4EU Campaign,

Dear Friends of Combined Transport,

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz is one of those events that accelerates history, confirming the warnings of years of policy papers: Europe's dependence on imported fossil fuels remains a major problem. Supply chains have been disrupted, fuel costs have surged, and the resilience of logistics is once again at the centre of public debate. Through the CT4EU campaign, we continue to demonstrate to the logistics sector and decision-makers that Combined Transport offers a tangible, immediately deployable alternative to diesel- and petrol-dependent road freight. You can count on us to ensure this message reaches every corner of Europe.

Our growing supporter base reflects the campaign's momentum. We are delighted to welcome [CER CARGO](#), [CONTARGO](#), [METRANS](#), [MI-JACK Europe](#), [PUHL](#), [RELA AG](#), [SHIFT2030](#), [TIDEWORKS Technology](#) from the United States, [VITRONIC](#) and [AICARGO](#), a French association whose applications bring shippers and intermodal operators closer together. Notably, [AMAZON](#), which invests intensively in Combined Transport, has also joined our community. Together we hosted an event at the European Parliament in March, placing intermodal solutions at the heart of political discussions.

In the last three months, we have also multiplied initiatives to practically promote intermodal transport: we participated in **Drees & Sommer's Terminal of the future** event, the **Railfreight.com webinar on the role of Combined Transport during a fuel crisis** and organised an event **on Combined Transport for island Member States**, supported by MEP [Daniel Attard](#) of Malta. We also released a new episode of [The Intermodalist podcast](#), which focuses on the **European Commission's study on transshipment opportunities in Europe** highlighting future potential for new intermodal connections. On this note, we were pleased to officially formalise our partnership with [AICARGO](#) at **SITL** in Paris, a valuable opportunity to connect with our French members and take stock of the remarkable dynamic currently observed for Combined Transport in France.

Looking ahead, several initiatives are in preparation, including webinars on the **French Energy Saving Certificate programme**, **Wagon and ILU innovation**, and **STI telematics**, alongside new podcast episodes on the Combined Transport Directive, eFTI and the Capacity Regulation. A planned **field trip for Members of the European Parliament and national Transport Attachés** to an intermodal terminal will also give policymakers a first-hand insight into our sector's precision and potential.

In this context, we would also like to inform you that the CT4EU campaign, initially planned until end of 2026, will be extended into 2027. This reflects our commitment to accompanying the legislative Greening Freight Transport Package, as discussions on this topic are expected to continue until at least 2027, ensuring Combined Transport remains at the heart of this policy process. The case for Combined Transport has never been stronger. Now is the time to voice it, loudly, clearly and together. **It's Time to Combine!**



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

### Main milestones and Initiatives

#### Highlight #1: Combined Transport for Island Member States – 18 March 2026



Shippers, operators and Members of the European Parliament convened at a breakfast debate in the EU Parliament to discuss the vital role of Combined Transport in sustaining island economies across Europe. The continent's island populations exceed 66 million people, representing 15% of the EU total. The discussion emphasised how RoRo ferries and shortsea container vessels are essential lifelines, carrying food, everyday necessities, and industrial goods to island communities while bringing island products back to mainland markets on the return journey.

Participants, including MEPs Daniel Attard, Peter Agius, Cynthia Ní Mhurchú, and Alex Saliba, alongside representatives from UIRR, ERFA, CLECAT, the Ports of Genoa and shipper association ATTO from Malta reached a clear consensus: modernising the Combined Transport Directive is indispensable for strengthening the connectivity of island Member States.

Recap of the event [here](#).

#### Highlight #2: CT4EU - AMAZON event – 6 March 2026



At a joint exhibition in Brussels, UIRR and the CT4EU Campaign shed the spotlight on a great modal shift achievement: Amazon doubled its intermodal transport performance across Europe in just three years. The event also marked Amazon's formal entry as a supporter of the CT4EU Campaign, reinforcing the message that stronger regulation of Combined Transport is essential to accelerating the shift towards greener freight logistics in Europe. **More information** [here](#).

#### Highlight #3: Intermodal Container terminal Conference 2026 – 3-4 March 2026



The ICTC 2026 returned to Düsseldorf, bringing together terminal operators, inland port leaders, rail and logistics providers, and technology specialists for two days of practical, case-study-led discussions. Highlights included a dedicated CT4EU session on Combined Transport's role in European competitiveness, as well as panels on digitalisation, automation, and AI readiness. With TSI Telematics and eFTI requirements on the horizon, the event showed that terminal digitalisation has become a key focus for businesses and legislators in equal measure. **More information** [here](#).

## SUPPORTER NEWS

### Updates from Our Supporters - click on the names for the full information

- [Adria Kombi](#) has launched a new intermodal product called SI.Net+, it is set to replace KOMAR
- [Amazon](#) has expanded rail and shipping transport by 50% in two years.
- [ATAI](#) Frank Kho and Luka Robić took part in the CT4EU Intermodal Container Terminal Conference in Düsseldorf on 3-4 March 2026.
- [Ports of Genoa](#) was at LetExpo Verona to outline how the port system is stepping up investments aimed at fully integrating the rail networks of Genoa and Savona with key national infrastructure.
- [Port Boulogne Calais](#) features as a key destination of the new intermodal route serviced by Lorry Rail, VIIA, and CFL Intermodal that started on 7 April.

- [CER Austria Cargo GmbH](#) has acquired one of Austria's leading rail freight companies, Wiener Lokalbahnen Cargo (WLC).
  - [Codognotto](#) took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sustainability Week.
  - [Drees & Sommer](#) partnered with UIRR for the Terminal of the future workshop. The session explored ideas for a “terminal of the future,” focusing on trends like connectivity and new freight flows. Current terminals face constraints such as limited space, funding issues, and operational complexity. Future progress will mainly rely on improving existing terminals despite a gap with ideal concepts.
  - [Ermewa](#) is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.
  - [ERR](#) took part in the CT4EU backed Intermodal Container Terminal Conference.
  - [Inform GmbH](#) celebrated its 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - [Konecranes](#) continues to grow in Spain with a new order from CSP Iberian Valencia Terminal for six Konecranes hybrid Rubber-Tired Gantry (RTG) cranes.
  - [KÜNZ](#) delivered heavy duty gantry cranes to Duisburg allowing the lifting of 75 t tank containers.
  - [KTL](#) joined hands with six partners to test a combined transport pilot that cuts CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by about 75% while matching truck delivery times and potentially achieving similar costs.
  - [METRANS](#) multiplies its business partnership with Hilal Trans LSP between Turkey & Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Baltics and Balkans.
- They also hit a new record for combined transport traffic. Last year, they handled 52.203 units, an increase of 14% compared to 2024 [link](#).
- [Port of Hamburg](#) welcomed Bundestag transport policy expert Michael Donth for an exchange on port railway infrastructure, supply chain resilience, and Hamburg's role as Europe's largest rail port within national and European transport networks.
  - [Port of Antwerp Brugge](#) is advancing its rail electrification ambitions, with Line 11 to key industrial partners Combinant and BASF set for electrification in 2026, following the completion of the Oorderen line in 2025.
  - [Rail-Flow](#) Lineas and Simply Deliver collaborate to implement a digital transport management system aimed at improving efficiency, transparency and data integration in rail and intermodal logistics.
  - [Tideworks Technology](#) has just joined the CT4EU campaign. The company is a global provider of terminal operating system solutions that boost efficiency, productivity, and profitability across marine and intermodal operations, backed by decades of industry expertise.
  - [Sicom](#) built a new semi-trailer called Oryx Max
  - [Stena Line](#) has now completed the acquisition of the terminal operator Terrabalt in Liepaja, Latvia.
  - [TopRail](#) details how it connects South-Eastern Asia and China with Europe with rail freight.
  - [Trafikverket](#) Its seamless sub-project under Europe's Rail FP5 TRANS4M-R has cut Scan-Med corridor lead times by 10–20% and border downtime by 50%.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sector & CT4EU National Coordinators (NC) events

- **CT4EU webinar: STI telematics**  
*Q2 (tbc), online*
- **MLSZKSZ (NC): [Intermodality without state support in the era of 45 foot containers](#)**  
*6-7 May Visegrád (HU)*
- **USER (NC): [European Congress SEEFF x FIATA REU 2026](#)**  
*18-20 May, Bucharest (RO)*
- **C4EU conference: Time to combine**  
*20 May 2026, Brussels (BE)*
- **Žesnad (NC): [ŽESNAD.CZ conference](#)**  
*28-29 May, Špindlerův Mlýn (CZ)*
- **CT4EU webinar: Wagon and ILU innovation**  
*End of May (tbc), online*
- **CLIP: [Małaszewicze Terminal opening](#)**  
*June 2026, Małaszewicze (PL)*
- **CT4EU webinar: Energy Efficiency Certificate**  
*June 2026 (tbc), online*
- **CargoBeamer: [Kaldenkirchen Terminal opening](#)**  
*Q4 (tbc) Kaldenkirchen (DE)*

- **TRA:** [Transport Research Arena](#)  
18-21 May, Budapest (HU)

**CT4EU-MLSZKSZ (NC):** [Central Europe Intermodal Conference](#) - 29 October 2026

## PAST EVENTS

CT4EU has been actively engaged in several key events and recognised in notable mentions. Below is an overview of our recent activities and contributions – *NC stands for National Coordinator*:

- **Rail Cargo Information (NC):** [Rail café](#)  
29 January, Rotterdam (NL)
- **BME VDV:** [Forum Schienengüterverkehr](#)  
3-4 February Berlin (DE)
- **UIRR - Drees and Sommer: workshop on the future of terminals**  
9 February, Frankfurt (DE)
- **CT4EU - Port Technology Intermodal conference:** [Intermodal Container Terminal Conference \(ICTC\)](#)  
3-4 March, Düsseldorf (DE)
- **Rail Tech Europe:** [RailtechEurope26](#)  
4-5 March, Utrecht (NL)
- **MLSZKSZ (NC):** [Transport Logistics Conference](#)  
5-6 March, Herceghalom (HU)
- **ICT group:** [Multimodal Transport Expo 2026](#)  
12 March, Breda (NL)
- **SITL:** [Salon International du Transport & de la Logistique](#)  
31 March – 2 April, Paris (FR)
- **F&L** [Spring Roundtable](#)  
22-23 April, Ghent & Antwerp (BE)

## LINKEDIN POST OF THE QUARTER

[Railfreight.com](#) and semi-trailers:



We're happy to share this excellent piece by [Dr. Eugen Truschkin](#) at [RailFreight.com](#).



Are semi-trailers inevitable for rail freight? 🤖 Rail companies may have no way around them for the foreseeable future.

Semi-trailers are clearly the favoured equipment in the road sector:

- They account for 77% of total transport performance in the EU 🇪🇺
- Their number has grown by over 50% to 3.1 million units in the last decade 📈

As Europe pursues a modal shift from road to rail, there seems to be no way around semi-trailers for the rail sector. Yet, the added weight of the equipment also makes such combined transport operations less efficient, and therefore less financially attractive.

The question is then: Should rail freight embrace the semi-trailer? Or do the efficiency losses outweigh the interoperability and do we need alternative solutions?



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