

CAMPAIGN UPDATES



CT4EU Report #7

April - June 2026

Dear Supporters of the CT4EU Campaign,
Dear Friends of Combined Transport,

The extreme heat experienced across Western Europe this summer serves as a powerful reminder of why Combined Transport matters. Every degree above normal temperatures strengthens the case for shifting freight from road to rail. As long as goods continue to travel hundreds of kilometres by truck only where rail or inland waterways are available, Europe will persist in failing to choose the good option. CT4EU exists, and was prolonged until the end of 2027, to change that.

Accelerating this shift requires collective action and strong partnerships. To achieve these, we are delighted to welcome **new companies** to our growing network of **40+ supporters**: [European Loc Pool](#), providing hybrid locomotives that improve the efficiency of cross-border rail freight; [Mi-Jack Europe GmbH](#), delivering intelligent software solutions that enhance the performance of intermodal terminals; [Train Expert](#), bringing extensive expertise in organising cross-border rail freight services across Europe; and [Learn2fly-rh](#), specialised in recruitment and HR services to help the rail and logistics and intermodal sectors attract and retain skilled talents. Together, all these companies strengthen the operational, technological and human foundations of Combined Transport.

Over the past three months, CT4EU has maintained strong momentum. A key milestone was the CT4EU "Time to Combine!" Conference organised by UIRR on 20 May in Brussels brought together shippers, road representatives, intermodal operators, and policymakers to discuss the main legislative and economic developments of Combined Transport. Meanwhile, the [Intermodalist podcast](#) has continued to address cutting-edge topics, from military mobility to AI.

Another highlight was the UIRR-CT4EU Terminal event hosted by supporter Konecranes on 15-16 June in Helsinki. The discussions covered major policy and operational challenges, including infrastructure disruptions in Germany, rail bottlenecks in Rotterdam, State Aid Guidelines, TEN-T implementation, military mobility, and the Rail Infrastructure Capacity Management Regulation. The event also included meetings with the Finnish Ministry of Transport on the Combined Transport Directive revision, alongside a tour of Konecranes' production facilities. We extend our thanks to Stephan Stiehler, Tuomas Saastamoinen and the entire Konecranes team for their outstanding hospitality.

Looking ahead, we are preparing a lineup of webinars on the French Energy Saving Certificate programme, TSI Telematics, and the Single Reference Database for intermodal loading units. We are also planning new podcast episodes on eFTI, VECTO, and quality jobs in Combined Transport.

Thank you for your continued dedication to making Europe freight more sustainable.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Main milestones and Initiatives

Highlight #1: Time to Combine! – 20 May 2026, Brussels

On 20 May in Brussels, UIRR and CT4EU hosted the Time to Combine! Conference, which brought together shippers, road representatives, intermodal operators, terminal managers, policymakers, and freight professionals under one roof. The event proved broad alignment across the sector on the need to make modal shift through Combined Transport a reality. Discussions ranged from sustainability and infrastructure investment to telematics, circular economy logistics, policy advocacy, military mobility, the energy crisis, and quality jobs in intermodal freight.



Recap of the event [here](#).

Highlight #2: CT4EU - Konecranes event – 15-16 June 2026, Helsinki

As part of a meeting of the UIRR's Terminal Interest Group, Konecranes welcomed members of the CT4EU community to its Helsinki site. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the key challenges facing intermodal terminals, whilst discovering the innovative solutions developed by Konecranes to improve the performance and competitiveness of handling operations. We extend our warmest thanks to Stephan Stiehler, Tuomas Saastamoinen and the whole Konecranes team for their hospitality and for organising such an excellent visit.



More information [here](#).

Highlight #3: CT4EU webinar on ILUs and Wagons – 25 May 2026



The webinar looked at intermodal assets adapted to shippers' needs and how Europe can shift more freight onto rail efficiently and competitively. Experts from [TATRAVAGONKA a.s.](#), [MODAL GROUP](#), [UNIT45 B.V.](#), [Intermodal Innovators](#), [WECON GmbH](#), [CFL multimodal](#), and [COMBIPASS](#) showed that interoperability and harmonised standards remain essential, that innovation is progressing rapidly as assets adapt to shippers' needs, and that closer collaboration between manufacturers, operators, and terminals is key to resilience and competitiveness.

Watch the recap of the Webinar [here](#):

<https://lnkd.in/eFgNRVGE> and find the presentations [here: https://lnkd.in/eH-4GJFs](https://lnkd.in/eH-4GJFs)

SUPPORTER NEWS

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

- [AI Cargo Foundation](#) launched a national rail loop to decarbonise road freight
- [Amazon](#) doubled rail and sea shipments across Europe
- [Codognotto](#) completed first fully digital eCMR cross-border transport with Scotrans
- [Contargo](#) completed terminal expansion in Emmerich
- [Drees & Sommer](#) acquired ADC Sp. Z o.o
- [Künz](#): Künz supports EUROGATE's Rail Gate Bremerhaven with the remote-controlled crane technology
- [European Loc Pool's](#) EuroDual locomotive received approval for operations in Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia
- [Ermewa](#) transported 30 buses from France to Ukraine on intermodal flat wagons
- [Inform](#) enabled High-Performance Hybrid Operations at PSA Antwerp's Europa Terminal
- [Konecranes](#) to acquire 70% stake in Mitsubishi Electric FA Industrial Products
- [KTL](#) continues to electrify its vehicle fleet
- [Metrans](#) celebrated its 35th anniversary
- [Port of Hamburg](#) achieved full digitalisation of container release
- [Port of Antwerp Bruges](#) appointed Rob Smiet as new CEO
- [Port of Genoa](#) new two-tiered multi-lane Bridge is now finished and fully operational
- [Trafikverket](#) marked 100 years of fossil-free rail transport on Sweden's Western Main Line
- [TX Logistik](#) launches new 2500km long Italy-Sweden connection
- [DB Cargo](#), Mother Company of Transa Spedition, extended connections towards south-east Europe
- [Vega Trans'](#) R2L solution now used by Renault, shifting vehicle logistics from road to rail

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sector & CT4EU National Coordinators (NC) events

- [RDL Black and Caspian Freight Forum 2026: Corridors, Cargo, Infrastructure](#)
7-9 September 2026, Baku (AZ)
- [UIRR-CT4EU Nordic Intermodal Seminar](#)
2 September 2026, Stockholm (SE)
- [Fehmarn Belt Platform Plenary session](#)
3 September, Copenhagen (DK)
- [Transporeon Summit: Trimble Insight Europe 2026](#)
22-23 September 2026, Brussels (BE)
- [InnoTrans 2026: 30 years edition](#)
22-25 September 2026, Berlin (DE)
- [CT4EU webinar: Energy Efficiency Certificate](#)
September 2026 (tbc), online
- [Connecting Europe Days](#)
28 September – 1 October, Brussels (BE)
- [F&L Event](#)
24-25 September, Istanbul (TR)
- [FIATA: World congress](#)
6-9 October 2026, Milano (IT)
- [CT4EU-MLSZKSZ \(NC\): Central Europe Intermodal Conference](#)
29 October 2026, Budapest (HU)

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*:

- **F&L Spring Roundtable** – [Priorities & Choices: Stuck in Crisis Mode?](#)
22-23 April, Ghent and Antwerp (BE)
- **ERTICO – ITS Europe**: [Conference on Smart Mobility](#)
28 April, Istanbul (TR)
- **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)
- **CT4EU conference: Time to Combine!**
20 May, Brussels (BE)
- **TRA**: [Transport Research Arena](#)
18-21 May, Budapest (HU)
- **CT4EU webinar: Wagon and ILU innovation**
26 May, online
- **Žesnad (NC)**: [ŽESNAD.CZ conference](#)
28-29 May, Špindlerův Mlýn (CZ)
- **Rail Meet Up GPM**
18 June, Marseille (FR)
- **Mn'L Consulting 10th Anniversary event**
18 June, Toulon (FR)
- **Combinant Terminal BASF Infrabel: line 11 opening event** - 25 June, Antwerp (BE)
- **CLIP**: [Małaszewicze Terminal opening](#)
June 2026, Małaszewicze (PL)

LINKEDIN POST OF THE QUARTER

Combinant Terminal BASF Infrabel: line 11 opening event 25 June, Antwerp (BE) - [LINK](#)



Yesterday, UIRR attended the "primeur" event at the **Combinant nv** terminal in Antwerp, where the first train left the terminal running entirely on electric traction.

Together with **Infrabel**, 20 km of track on freight line 11 have been electrified and largely doubled. Line 11 is vital for the port's chemical cluster, and this upgrade means trains can now arrive at and depart from this intermodal terminal using only electricity.

Here is how it works:

Trains enter the Combinant terminal using the famous "Schwungeinfahrt" i.e. using the train's momentum to go through the non-electrified section under the gantry cranes and go fast enough to reach the catenary beyond the cranes. Diesel shunting locomotives are not needed anymore!

The achievement is important for the mobility, the sustainability and the economy at large. The time saving per train is of two hours.

Congratulations to Infrabel, Combinant, **BASF**, **Hupac Group** and **HOYER Group** for this achievement and thanks to **Benoît Gilson** and **Ben Beirnaert** for the invitation and the possibility to present **CT4EU - Combined Transport For Europe** at this terminal open day!

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