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NEW CONNECTIONS

...with a focus on growth and sustainability

This year is all about forging new connections and driving sustainable development. With the successful launch of our LUXEMBURG SHUTTLE, we are expanding our intermodal network and creating additional capacity for efficient transport solutions across Europe. At the same time, our intermodal services continue to make a measurable contribution to reducing CO₂ emissions and, in doing so, to more sustainable logistics.

In the paper and forestry products sector, too, specialised transport operations once again demonstrate just how tailored and solution-oriented modern logistics can be. What's more, our new interview series offers fascinating behind-the-scenes insights.

Look forward to a wide range of topics from the world of ECL logistics – we hope you enjoy reading!





INTERMODAL SERVICES

LUXEMBURG SHUTTLE - SUCCESSFUL START



Our new LUXEMBOURG SHUTTLE between Bettembourg and Lübeck has successfully commenced operations and is already proving to be a reliable intermodal connection. Our partner CFL is responsible for operations and offers an exceptionally reliable service. With three return journeys a week, the shuttle is fully integrated into our 'one-stop-shop' network and provides seamless connections between Central and Southern Europe, Scandinavia and the Baltic States.

Customers benefit from reliable timetables, increased capacity and a smart alternative to road transport alone. By shifting freight from road to rail, the LUXEMBURG SHUTTLE also helps to reduce CO₂ emissions and supports more sustainable supply chains across Europe.

NEW EUROPE-WIDE TRANSPORT CHAINS

The launch of our LUXEMBURG SHUTTLE will also open up entirely new long-distance transport routes that combine rail, ferry and road transport with high efficiency.

For example: **Helsinki – Barcelona**

From Helsinki via Lübeck and Bettembourg to LeBoulou, and from there by lorry for the final leg to Barcelona. By utilising ECL's combined transport services and the seamless connection between the Baltic Sea ferry services and our new rail corridor, we reduce the distance from 3,500 km to 250 km compared to road transport by lorry. This route demonstrates how the LUXEMBURG SHUTTLE strengthens the entire ECL network and offers customers new capacity, new markets and new efficiency benefits across Europe.



For further information, please visit our website: www.ecl-online.de or contact our Intermodal Transport team.

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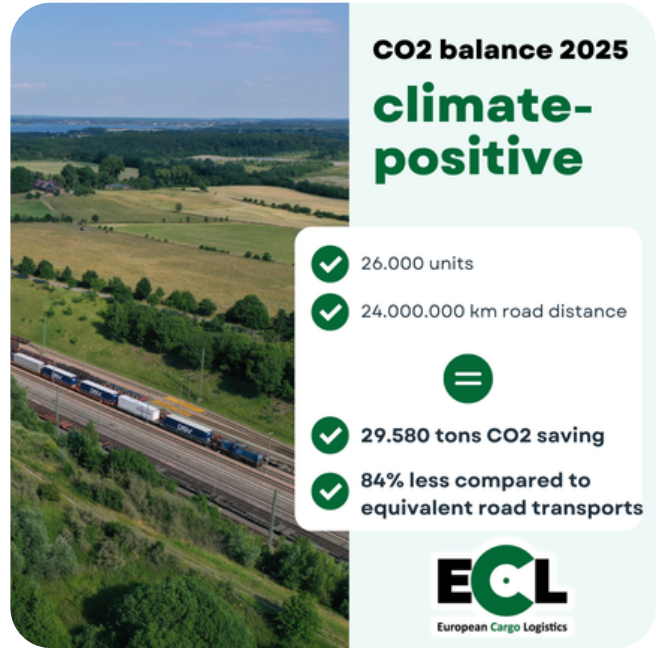


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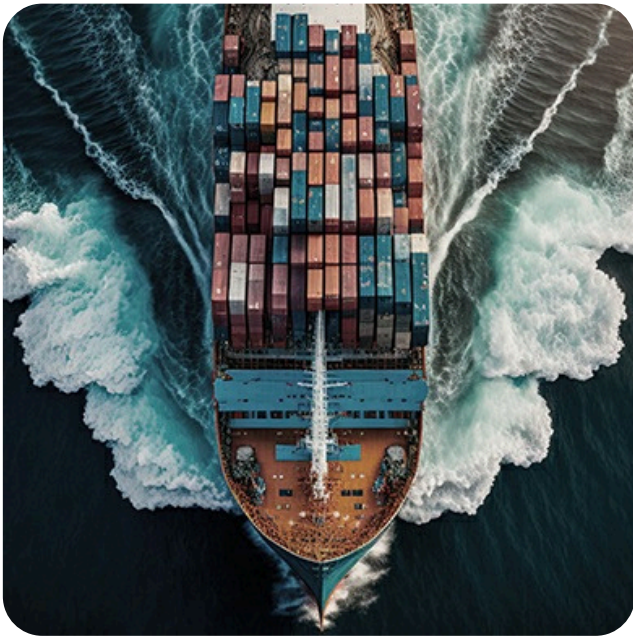
INTERMODAL CARBON FOOTPRINT 2025: 29,580 TONNES LESS CO2 EMISSIONS

In the field of intermodal transport, in 2025 we were able to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 29,580 tonnes of CO₂ equivalents by transporting over 26,000 units over a road distance of approximately 24,000,000 km. This represents a reduction of around 84% in CO₂ emissions compared to equivalent road transport. We are proud to be making a significant contribution to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly world of transport, and we intend to continue along this path in the new year.

For further information, please visit <https://www.ecl-online.de/de/leistungen/intermodale-verkehre/green-logistics.html> or feel free to contact us directly.



NEW PORT LINK: UMEÅ STRENGTHENS OUR INTERMODAL NETWORK



With the addition of the port of Umeå in central Sweden, *European Cargo Logistics GmbH* is expanding its intermodal network to include another high-capacity connection in Northern Europe.

The new Umeå–Verona route v.v. connects Scandinavia with Southern Europe over a distance of around 2,700 kilometres, creating further opportunities for efficient and sustainable transport solutions.

This service is being operated in close collaboration with our partners *TX Logistik AG* in Germany, *TX Logistik AB* in Sweden, and the shipping companies *Nordö Link* and *Finnlines*. The network is complemented by the Vaasa Line's ferry service to Vaasa (Finland), which provides further attractive connections to the Finnish region.

With this new port connection, ECL is further consolidating its position as a reliable partner for intermodal transport and strengthening the link between Scandinavia and Southern Europe.

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ECL GENERAL

QUALITY MANAGEMENT ISO 9001:2015: ECL PASSES EXTERNAL RECERTIFICATION AUDIT ONCE AGAIN

As in every year, an external recertification audit of our quality management system was carried out in 2026, which we passed successfully. No non-conformities were identified. Our management system was confirmed to be effective and compliant with the relevant standards. The certificate is valid for the following product or service areas:

Freight forwarding services for paper and forestry products and goods of all kinds

ECL Managing Director *Jörg Ullrich* is already looking ahead: "As always, there are areas for improvement that we will be working on to further enhance the quality of our services."



PAPER AND FOREST PRODUCT LOGISTICS WHEN STANDARD SOLUTIONS AREN'T ENOUGH...



...we make it happen.

A special assignment in our day-to-day operations: cellulose in bales needed to be stored and transported onwards. The challenge here was that the goods could only be delivered by a LoLo vessel (Lift on/Lift off). This type of vessel unloading has not been common at the Nordlandkai in Lübeck for years. However, together with the *Lübecker Hafen-Gesellschaft (LHG)*, we were able to find a solution:

- Use of two external cranes
- Unloading the bales using a spreader beam
- Seamless coordination of all parties involved

On 24 February 2026, the ship was completely unloaded within a single day in fine weather and the goods were put into storage.

What does this project demonstrate? Logistics is more than just transport. It involves organisation, networking and collaborative partnerships. Even when the initial situation is not standard.

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ECL INSIGHTS - PEOPLE BEHIND THE LOGISTICS

With our new interview series, “ECL Insights – People behind the Logistics”, we aim to introduce you regularly to the people behind *European Cargo Logistics GmbH*.

Whether in management, operations or the intermodal division – our staff shape the success of our company through their daily efforts, experience and dedication.

Interviewee: ECL Managing Director *Jörg Ullrich*

„For me, logistics means creating solutions that offer our customers real added value.“ - Jörg Ullrich



What does logistics mean to you personally?

To me, logistics means offering our customers a solution that addresses their supply chain challenges and provides them with real added value. Ideally, this allows them to focus fully on their core business.

In your opinion, what makes ECL special?

ECL listens to and understands its customers' needs. Close dialogue and transparent communication are particularly important in this regard. We keep our customers well informed at all times and work together to develop tailor-made solutions.

What motivates you in your day-to-day work?

I am motivated by the wide range of issues that logistics at the port interface with the various modes of transport presents, as well as the solution-oriented collaboration with an outstanding team and with customers and partners on an equal footing.



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ECL INSIGHTS - PEOPLE BEHIND THE LOGISTICS

Where do you see ECL in the next five years?

ECL will continue to establish itself as a provider of multimodal, intermodal and sustainable logistics solutions in Lübeck. The high quality of our customer service will remain our key differentiating factor.

What role does intermodal transport play in the company's long-term strategy?

I see a clear trend towards further standardisation of transport units in Baltic Sea shipping. At the same time, demand for sustainable solutions is growing, and the shortage of drivers will remain a key challenge. Against this backdrop, ECL will continue to grow significantly in the intermodal transport sector.

What values shape your leadership style?

Lead others as you would like to be led yourself.



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FROM THE ECL-FAMILY...

END-OF-YEAR GET-TOGETHER AT THE BOWLING ALLEY

Of course, as the year drew to a close, there was plenty of time for socialising and having fun: at this year's Christmas party, we all headed to the bowling alley. In a great atmosphere, we didn't just compete for points – above all, there was plenty of laughter. That said, sporting ambition wasn't neglected either. And so, during the thrilling matches, a few 'strike talents' in the team came to light.

All in all, it was a successful evening that showed that team spirit works not only in the day-to-day workplace, but also on the bowling alley – even if not every throw was a bullseye.



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