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FALL IS HERE!

...and with it, new challenges

The past few months have once again demonstrated just how dynamic the world of logistics is. Route closures, low water levels, roadworks and limited capacity repeatedly present new challenges for supply chains. This makes flexible solutions and a strong intermodal network all the more important, as they enable us at ECL to respond to changing conditions.

In this issue, we also report on special transport operations, look back on 175 years of railways in Lübeck and Rail Day, and follow our trainee *Yunus Bayram* during his placement as part of the logRegio trainee rotation programme.

Look forward to the latest insights, special projects and stories from the ECL logistics world. We hope you enjoy reading this and wish you a great start to autumn!





INTERMODAL SERVICES

TRANSPORT ROUTES UNDER PRESSURE: FLEXIBILITY THROUGH INTERMODAL NETWORKS

Record low water levels



The past few months have once again shown just how quickly established transport routes can reach their limits. Road closures, roadworks, extreme weather conditions and limited capacity continue to present new challenges for European supply chains.

A recent example was the temporary closure of the Brenner railway line, one of the most important north-south links in European rail freight transport. Reduced capacity on alternative routes and possible diversions via other corridors led to longer journey times and additional costs. At the same time, heatwaves and the resulting low water levels on major waterways such as the Rhine meant that some transport capacity had to be shifted from inland waterways to road and rail.

Added to this are numerous roadworks and infrastructure bottlenecks across the European transport network. The ongoing shortage of lorry drivers also remains a challenge for road freight transport and highlights the importance of alternative and combined transport solutions for ensuring stable supply chains in the long term.

This is precisely where the strength of intermodal logistics lies: those who do not rely exclusively on a single mode of transport or a single route can respond more flexibly to changes. With our extensive intermodal network, we combine rail, road and sea transport, thereby creating a range of options for moving goods reliably across Europe.

Our **One-Stop-Shop network** enables us to combine different transport solutions and, should circumstances change, to work with our customers to find suitable alternatives. As not every disruption can be avoided, it is crucial to remain capable of taking action and flexible when transport routes change.

For further information, please visit our website: www.ecl-online.de or get in touch with our Intermodal Services team.



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BREAKBULK EUROPE 2026 IN ROTTERDAM

Once again, *Breakbulk Europe* in Rotterdam brought together partners, customers and logistics experts from all over the world. This demonstrates once more why it remains one of the highlights of our industry calendar.

After a few exciting days, our team could look back on many valuable conversations, inspiring encounters and interesting discussions about the latest developments in areas including loading, sales and logistics.

We're already looking forward to next year's event, which will be full of networking, new ideas and the chance to catch up with old and new partners. Rotterdam, we're not done yet!



14TH LOGREGIO LOGISTICS FORUM AT THE MEDIA DOCKS



On 26 August 2026, the 14th *logRegio Logistics Forum* brought together around 80 logistics experts at the Media Docks in Lübeck to discuss one of the key transformation issues facing road freight transport: **E-mobility meets infrastructure – logistics goes electric**

From practical experience with e-mobility to charging infrastructure, energy supply and grid connections, the discussions made one thing clear: electrification is about more than simply replacing diesel lorries with electric ones. For logistics companies, this transition also means rethinking operational processes, infrastructure and energy requirements, and planning these aspects jointly at an early stage. As a company operating at the interface between different modes of transport, we are

closely linked to these developments. Dialogue with industry partners, energy suppliers and infrastructure experts is therefore a key part of understanding the direction in which logistics is heading and how we can play an active role in shaping this future. A big thank you to all the speakers, participants and partners for their valuable insights.

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HAMBURG HAFEN MARKETING MEMBERS MEETING 2026

Wonderful people and interesting conversations – simply a lovely evening! At the end of August, we took part in the *Hamburg Hafen Marketing (HHM)* Members' Meet-up 2026 in Hamburg. As always, it was a great opportunity to catch up with familiar faces, make new contacts and exchange ideas with partners and other members from the port and logistics sector.

The atmosphere was brilliant, the weather was kind to us, and the venue had a real charm of its own, particularly in the evening. Many thanks to *HHM* for another successful evening and the excellent opportunity to network and exchange ideas. We are already looking forward to next year's event.



INTERMODAL INTEGRATION: FROM RAIL TO ROAD AND STRAIGHT TO THE BUILDING SITE!



Some journeys are a bit more challenging than others. But that's precisely what makes them so appealing.

This time, the job involved transporting concrete slabs for the construction of a new multi-storey car park in the Lübeck area for our Austrian partner. The concrete slabs were delivered by rail on 'flats' to the Seelandkai. There, the *Lübecker Hafengesellschaft (LHG)* handled the transshipment onto the lorries we had deployed. The special load then set off on the final leg of its journey directly to the construction site.

A fine example of how well logistics works when different modes of transport and partners work hand in hand. Many thanks to everyone involved for their excellent teamwork!



THIS AND THAT FROM OUR SISTER NRS

175 YEARS OF RAILWAYS IN LÜBECK: A SPECIAL DAY FOR RAILWAYS

A day dedicated entirely to the railway: on 19 September, our sister company *Nordic Rail Service GmbH* (NRS) opened its doors at the railway site on Einsiedelstraße in Lübeck to mark the nationwide **Tag der Schiene**. This year, there was a very special reason to celebrate: **175 years of the railway in Lübeck**.

Surrounded by historic and modern locomotives, visitors were able to experience the railway up close and take a look at rolling stock spanning several decades of railway history. Rides on historic and modern trains not only brought the fascination of railways to life, but also allowed visitors to experience it first-hand.



The day thus provided a wonderful opportunity to look back on 175 years of Lübeck's railway history and, at the same time, to highlight the importance of rail transport to this day. For what began 175 years ago remains indispensable to modern logistics and plays an increasingly important role, particularly in sustainable and intermodal transport concepts.

For NRS, **Tag der Schiene** was a wonderful opportunity to share its enthusiasm for the railway with numerous interested guests and to offer a glimpse into the world of rail. It was an all-round successful day and a lovely celebration of 175 years of railways in Lübeck.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved who made this special day possible, and of course to all the visitors for their interest and enthusiasm!



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WELCOME TO THE TEAM

We're always delighted to welcome new faces to the company. We've now been able to welcome two new team members at once. We've recruited *Hannes Ernst* for our Business Development and Sales department. He'll be working in the Sales division going forward.

We are also delighted to welcome *Jasmin Nikolov*, who started her apprenticeship with us on 1 August. We wish them both every success as they take on their new roles.

Unfortunately, *Dennis Marten* has left us. He is moving to *Lübecker Hafengesellschaft (LHG)*, where he will take up a senior role in sales. We would like to thank *Dennis Marten* and wish him all the best for the future in his career.



THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: TRAINEE ROTATION AT SPEDITION BODE

How do other logistics companies actually operate, and what are the similarities and differences compared to our own training organisation? It is precisely these insights that *logRegio's* trainee rotation programme provides. In June, our trainee *Yunus Bayram* had the opportunity to spend a week getting to know the freight forwarder *Spedition Bode*. During his time there, he gained an insight into various areas, ranging from handling and national transport planning to international transport operations, with a focus on Sweden and Italy.

Following an introduction to the company's internal processes and systems, *Yunus* was also able to get involved in processing transport orders himself. He found the area of intermodal transport to Italy particularly fascinating. As *ECL* also uses similar routes, he was able to compare the processes of both companies directly and understand how the individual stages of transport are organised and co-ordinated. For *Yunus*, the week was a varied opportunity to learn about new ways of working, put his existing knowledge into practice and, at the same time, gain new experiences to help with his further training.

Insights like these, which extend beyond one's own training company, make the trainee rotation programme a valuable addition to the training. Many thanks to *Spedition Bode* and *logRegio* for the exchange and the opportunity to get to know logistics from a different perspective!

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ECL INSIGHTS - PEOPLE BEHIND THE LOGISTICS

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

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

Interviewees: ECL trainees *Jasmin Nikolov*

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What were your first few days at ECL like, and what has surprised you the most so far?

My first few days at ECL have been varied and exciting. I've already learnt a lot of new things and gained an insight into how many different departments work together within the haulage company. I was pleasantly surprised by the friendly atmosphere in the office. I received a very warm welcome.

Is there any area of logistics that you find particularly interesting?

I am particularly interested in intermodal transport and in consolidating and organising groupage consignments, as I have always enjoyed planning and organising.

What are you most looking forward to in your apprenticeship?

I'm looking forward to getting a taste of work in a wide variety of departments and being able to work more and more independently.



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ECL INSIGHTS - PEOPLE BEHIND THE LOGISTICS

Why did you apply for an apprenticeship in logistics?

The logistics sector is complex and varied. I enjoy working with people and am happy to take on organisational tasks. That is why I decided to apply for an apprenticeship at ECL.

So why did you choose ECL, then?

The company's international trade links and its location sparked my interest. During the interview, I also gained a very positive impression of ECL and the friendly atmosphere in the office. So it didn't take me long to make up my mind.

What is a typical day at work like for you?

I draw up loading orders, book shipments, sort through files, check loading times and much more. Sometimes I also drive to the port to find a trailer. What I find interesting about this is that every working day is different and you never know what challenges might lie ahead.

Coffee or tea, please?

In the mornings I like to drink coffee, and in the evenings I sometimes have a cup of tea.

Are you an early riser or more of a night owl?

I like getting up early so I can make the most of the day... but for the same reason, I also like staying up late now and then ;)





FROM THE ECL-FAMILY AND FINALLY, THE GOOD NEWS...

A lovely story to round off this newsletter is a rather unusual transport job that we recently carried out at our Lübeck Skandinavienkai port site.

Amidst container trains, lorries and imposing harbour cranes, things can get rather hectic in the Port of Lübeck. For a small family of ducks, however, the commotion proved a bit too much. A mother duck, with around ten ducklings, was searching for a safe route through the terminals and was on the verge of despair.

However, this did not go unnoticed, and so our staff and colleagues were quickly enlisted to help with a rather unusual rescue operation. The little runaways were carefully caught, placed in a cardboard box in the open boot of a car, and then transported at walking pace towards the water.

The most important thing was, of course, that the mum duck mustn't get lost. She could still hear and see her ducklings and followed this unusual 'transport' closely all the way to the water's edge. Once they reached the 'safe shore', the whole duck family was released into the water and swam off at top speed. Rescue mission accomplished – and a working day with a rather unusual transport job.

Sometimes it's not just containers, lorries or freight trains that need to be delivered safely to their destination. But we're happy to take on any challenge ;-)



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