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## ÖBB Rail Cargo Group expands its range of TransFER services to connect Turkey, Hungary and the Czech Republic

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The ÖBB Rail Cargo Group (RCG) is expanding its network by combining its new TransFER Budapest-Brno with its existing TransFER Budapest-Köseköy.

Doubling the number of round trips between Budapest and Köseköy combined with the new TransFER between Budapest and Brno means it will be possible to transport goods directly from Turkey to Hungary and on from there to the Czech Republic two times a week.

The RCG is offering its customers a new, high-performance, stable connection between the Czech Republic and Turkey. DSV in particular will be availing of this for its customers.

Both services are part and parcel of the RCG's TransNET and they facilitate further onward distribution to all RCG destinations.

One of this new transport routes distinguishing features is its links to Northern and Northeast Europe from Brno or from Köseköy to Asia. Furthermore, the hub of Budapest can also be used for links to the New Silk Road.

### New TransFER Budapest-Brno

The RCG's new Budapest-Brno TransFER connection will be launched on 5<sup>th</sup> May. It will provide efficient and eco-friendly transport services between Hungary and the Czech Republic for maritime and continental supply chains. This connection between the Container Terminal Brno and the Terminal BILK in Budapest provides a fast transit time of 12 hours and two round trips a week. The direct link to the ÖBB Rail Cargo Group's largest terminal in Budapest means customers benefit from extensive terminal services as well as a link to Koper with a fast, reliable and affordable connection between this Adriatic port and the Czech Republic as well as neighbouring Slovakia.

## **More round trips for the TransFER Budapest-Köseköy**

The route on into Turkey will be bolstered with the launch of this new service. The ÖBB RCG is doubling its TransFER service Budapest-Köseköy to two round trips a week. The TransFER Budapest-Köseköy connects the Asian part of Turkey with Europe via the Marmaray Tunnel. The possibility of connecting the new TransFER Budapest-Brno with Anatolia and Central Asia / China provides opens up the possibility of linking up with economic hubs across all of Western Europe and connecting all of Eurasia to the RCG network.

Strengthening the new partnership with the TCDD (Turkish State Railways) operator Pasifik Eurasia (Pacific Eurasia) at the Köseköy terminal provides a vital link for transport to and from Turkey and on into the CIS countries and China.

## **End-to-End connection from the first to the last mile**

This TransFER connection also provides end-to-end handling services for customers as well as timely transportation. Traction and handling services proceed seamlessly from a single source. With its transport service to and from Turkey, the ÖBB RCG offers an excellent connection to its intermodal network and facilitates efficient onward distribution across the Eurasian continent on its extensive TransNET. Fixed timetables and attractive transit times make for a reliable and efficient transport service.

## **TransNET - the network**

Available in nine languages with an intuitive user interface, TransNET, the ÖBB Rail Cargo Group's new digital map, sets new standards in the European freight transport market. Users have three options to find their desired connection: They can choose from three options: they can select "Go" and "Thanks" fields to choose the starting point and destination for their goods, they can find their connection using our well-arranged list view, or simply click on a location on our map. This opens up a world of possibilities, with TransFER connections and combinations that they can link up to best meet their needs. After selecting the relevant route, it is displayed on the map and shows which services are offered at the selected locations.

## **TransFER - the connection**

The ÖBB Rail Cargo Group transports goods across the whole Eurasian continent with over 50 network connections and many customized TransFER services. The transport units vary from entire wagonloads and intermodal transport through to complete customized solutions. Depending on the place of departure and destination, additional freight services such as transshipment, warehouse logistics and customs services can be booked. ÖBB RCG takes care of all the details – from the first to the last mile.

## **SmartLINK - the access**

The ÖBB RCG's link to the digital RCG, and thus its entire range of services, can be found at [www.smartlink.railcargo.com](http://www.smartlink.railcargo.com). SmartLINK not only makes it easy to access the rail system, but also gives a clear overview of all the steps that are needed to put freight transport on the rails. SmartLINK is the gateway into the digital world of rail logistics. It guides users through four areas: customers select scheduled or customized TransFER connections, they learn about the available equipment, services and add-ons relevant to them. The customer journey ends with them getting in touch with the customer service representatives, who create a unique offer with the customer.

## **Rail Cargo Group: Freight traffic of the ÖBB**

The Rail Cargo Group is one of the leading rail logistics companies in Europe with annual sales of 2.3 billion euros and 9,340 employees. Together with strong partners, the Rail Cargo Group offers a comprehensive network of end-to-end-logistics in Europe and far beyond to Asia. It connects European conurbations and ports with prosperous economic centres in Russia, Turkey and all the way to China. The Rail Cargo Group's lead operating company is Rail Cargo Austria AG.

## **ÖBB: Austria's largest mobility service provider**

As a comprehensive mobility service provider, the ÖBB group takes 477 million passengers and 105 million tons of goods to their destinations annually in an environmentally friendly manner. Rail passengers travel in a way that is especially good for the environment, since 100 percent of our traction current comes from renewable energy sources. In 2019, ÖBB was one of the most punctual rail companies in Europe with around 96 percent punctuality. Group-wide, 41,904 employees in rail and bus and around 2,000 trainees ensure that around 1.3 million passengers arrive

safely at their destination each day. ÖBB-Holding AG is the strategic parent company of the Group.

***(Rail Cargo Group)***