



## PRESS RELEASE

### NEW RAIL SERVICE TO THE PORT OF LAUTERBOURG

**Lauterbourg Rhine Terminal - LRT, the force behind the tri-modal terminal in Lauterbourg (Alsace), has today inaugurated the first train to the port of Antwerp.**

As part of the Ports of Strasbourg's long-term multi-modal strategy, and aware of the economic and environmental stakes in play for just-in-time logistics and industrial groups, BOLLORE LOGISTICS (via their Nancy agency) and the ACPMC Strasbourg, a rail specialist, have turbocharged the multi-modal capacities at Lauterbourg.

LRT brought in **BOLLORE LOGISTICS Nancy and HAEGER & SCHMIDT to make this new rail service a reality**. HAEGER & SCHMIDT, a logistics expert, partner and shareholder in the terminal, are highly active multi-modal operators across the upper Rhine **and are on hand to support cross-border companies as they transition to this carbon-reduced modal relay solution**.

The creation of this rail link is the result of **intense work by the entire logistics chain to adapt and offer relevant new solutions to industrial players**. The roles of the WASCOSA, who rent specific rail wagons, the FRET-SNCF, the freight arm of the national rail company, and the MSC, a supplier of maritime containers, have been critical in the launch of this new offer to Antwerp and its major international port.

This first train, leaving Lauterbourg with **48 TEU containers** will hopefully see heavy and repeated service in 2024, driven by an influx of activity by our export and import partners.

**The multi-modal space at the Ports of Strasbourg, sitting on the Rhine from Marckolsheim to Lauterbourg, is the beating heart of the region's transport industry**. It is at the crossroads of Europe's major trade corridors, and combines service, performance, and economic incentives.

**Through their multi-modal strategy, the Ports of Strasbourg aims to accelerate their rail traffic by 2030**. To achieve this, they intend to **mobilise a massive investment programme for the development of the new rail hub, part of which will go to Lauterbourg**.

## ABOUT the LRT

The **Lauterbourg Rhine Terminal** Company was founded in 2020 to run the multi-modal terminal in the North of Alsace. The company brings together French and German specialists in the sector:

- **Paris Terminal** is a specialist in port-side, river, rail and road handling, and is the largest domestic transport operator with more than 50 years' experience in the field,
- The **Compagnie Fluviale de Transport** is a subsidiary of the Sogestran Group, the French leader in river and maritime transport with a fleet of more than 200 vessels,
- **Haeger & Schmidt** offer tri-modal container solutions, operating regular services and terminals along the Rhine and 360° services for heavy cargo,
- The **Port Autonome de Strasbourg**, France's second-largest river port, wanted to develop the third multi-modal terminal in their region.

Over 6 hectares, the LRT provides **container handling services** to and from the river, using a gantry with a capacity of up to 30 operations per hour, two 400 metre rail tracks, and 2 reach stackers for road haulage. In 2024, LRT began offering **handling services for heavy cargo** using a renovated 200 tonne gantry and a RO/RO ramp.

## ABOUT THE PORTS OF STRASBOURG

**France's second-largest river port** and the leading freight station in Alsace, the Ports of Strasbourg offers a true multi-modal transport platform with 7 million tonnes of river traffic and almost 400,000 containers moved every year.

The Ports of Strasbourg are at the heart of the region's ambition to evolve and adapt. They are **a major player in the massification of goods flows** on a local and national level, and a key modal relay between cleaner rail and river transport systems. They are the maritime façade of the entire east of France.

The Ports of Strasbourg play a vital role in **carbon reduction**, in particular through an industrial ecology strategy that has been in place for almost 10 years, and a heat recovery network which has been active since 2021.

**The Ports of Strasbourg combine economic development and a move towards a greener future.** There are now 500 companies and more than 10,000 people employed directly on the various port sites across the lower Rhine (from Marckolsheim to Lauterbourg). The Ports of Strasbourg operate two subsidiaries, each working to boost the region's economy:

- Rhine Europe Terminals, who run the container terminals,
- Batorama, who run boat tours and are the leading paid tourist attraction in the region.

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