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SWISS TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT PSA GENOVA PRA'

Groupement Fer Board discussed improving rail connections between Switzerland and the Mediterranean and the environmental opportunities of rail container transport

From 28 to 30 September 2022, Groupement Fer, the association representing Swiss transport and logistics companies, held its annual 'Comité Mixte' at the PSA Genova Pra' terminal. The delegation, composed of 11 representatives of the major rail transport companies that are active in Switzerland, emphasized the importance of implementing efficient, reliable and environmentally sustainable container transport between Switzerland and Mediterranean ports.

The association visited the PSA's Genova Pra' terminal because of its 'Southern Express', a direct train connection that runs three times a week between the northwestern Italian deepsea port of Genoa and the Swiss rail terminal in Frenkendorf near Basel. The Southern Express is both fast and reliable. The voyage takes approximately 14 hours and 94% of all trains arrive within two hours of the scheduled time.

The Southern Express is also a sustainable solution. Since 2018, the rail connection has transported more than 23,000 TEUs or 613,000 lane meters of containers that would have otherwise been transported by road. This equals approximately 84 million tons/kilometres that has been shifted from road to rail. According to the accredited [EcoTransIT World](#) (ETW) simulation tool, that calculates energy consumption and Green House Gas (GHG) emissions for trucks, trains, ships and airplanes, the Southern Express has reduced CO2 emissions by 83% and energy consumption by 49%, compared to transporting the same amount by road.

Peter Bösch, the President of the Board of Groupement Fer believes that the Southern Express has a bright future: "*further developing the rail connections between Switzerland, Southern Europe and the Mediterranean Ports will be an important opportunity in terms of sustainability and efficiency. In case of the Southern Express, we appreciate the direct train connection from terminal to terminal.*"

PSA Italy's Managing Director, Roberto Ferrari emphasizes that his organisation will continue to expand its Italian rail activities. "*two years from now, the national railways will build an additional seven tracks of 750 meters each at our Genova Pra' terminal. This will make it possible to operate trains of up to 750 meters (the European standard maximum length of trains) and connect them to the brand new Third Pass rail connection that will be launched in 2024. This new rail line will allow large and heavy freight trains to travel between the port of*

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Genoa and Southern Europe, which will make us even more competitive in the southern European markets.”

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