



Between Lübeck and Bremen - A project to promote is starting the race

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Increasing turnover figures as well as more and more complex processes in the field of rail-based transport of all German seaports have caused dbh Logistics IT AG and the Travemünder Datenverbund GmbH to mutually implement a research project: KoKoBahn.

The project objective is: A consistent coordination and communication platform for an easier and more cost-efficient data exchange between all companies involved in the rail traffic. This way, KoKoBahn is the first project which mutually addresses the ports of the Baltic and North Sea according to our present knowledge.

Bremen / Lübeck, October 2009 – Shipments, customs declarations, train information and storing position reports of containers and trailers to mention only a few data which are requested, checked and forwarded at German seaports and which are used by lots of persons involved. The data records for a shipment are different from one port to another or from one transshipment to another and from one railway Transport Company to another. The problem is evident: The communication is considerably complicated since different systems are used and suffers from non-harmonized data formats. Rail customers who dispatch shipments at several ports are forced to provide technical and personnel resources to handle the individual port sites since the communication systems of the ports are not networked in the railway sector. Any additional expenses are reflected by increasing cost and a greater risk of errors.

For the first time the Travemünder Datenverbund GmbH and dbh Logistics IT AG makes it possible to provide a standardized data exchange between the concerned operators, sales companies, rail transport companies and transshipments in all German seaports thanks to KoKoBahn, a cross-port coordination and communication platform.

KoKoBahn is sponsored by the Federal Ministry for Commerce and Technology and shall allow decisive steps for a safe, contemporary and detailed communication by means of a shared platform.





Using the new platform it is possible to achieve considerable synergy effects and increasing efficiency at railway transport companies, railway infrastructure companies and for railway customers. The project simplifies the cooperation of the involved participants and reduces the cost by standardizations since it is compatible with all other systems.

The project will be completed until 2013 and will be available to connect all German ports.

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