

Stakeholder meeting Budapest, Hungary, March 25, 2011

This year the annual Logistics Forum of the Hungarian Logistic Association - MLE – was held in the Expo Hotel, under very good circumstances and a huge amount of interested participants.

As the last year, we used this occasion for the ChemLog project to represent the new results and directions of our project work in the afternoon section.

Mr. Lakatos presented the actual status in Hungary, initially to outline the conditions given for any logistical development by the Governments decisions. Especially the current EU Presidency has a strong impact on the availability of decision makers. The Széchenyi Plan and the Széll Kálmán Plan both support environmental friendly, primarily rail and intermodal transport. "Maximum of profit with minimum of public impact" is the leading goal for logistics development. The goals are impressive: for 2030 the share of modalities should change to 60% road, 25% rail, 10% Inland Waterways (IWW) and 5% pipelines. That structure can fulfil the EU- planned CO₂ reduction in Hungary.

These aims will be supported by the introduction of higher road tolls for trucks, according to the causer principle and the increase of unaccompanied intermodal transport.

The possible contribution to successful achievement of the goals from the ChemLog part was outlined in the following part of the presentation.

The most important action – because of its impact for the time after the ChemLog project ends – is the ChemLog Cluster, planned with BorsodChem and its supplier as well as with the University of Miskolc and the Bay Zoltán Applied Research Foundation. The importance of the participation of the Rail Cargo Hungária was underlined, with the aim to find a win-win strategy for both shipper and operator, while improving the quality and reliability of rail transport in particular.

The unused capacities of Záhony region are in focus of the action for development of this area. The compliance with the new EC 913/2011 – the implementation of the new defined European Transport Corridors, of which one ends in Záhony – needs an organisational development, which should be supported by the ChemLog project. Modular technical and telematic solutions are the aim of the action concerned with security and safety issues of rail transport of dangerous goods.

Another issue – even if seen as a secondary one - of the logistic chain is the cleaning of tanks, if possible bimodal and with European Certificate. The President of the Hungarian Tank Cleaning Association, dr. Gyula Körtvelyessy referred on the actual cleaning station situation and the planned developments in Hungary. The Association invited ChemLog project to visit its next meeting to refer about the ChemLog projects to the members.

After a short discussion the afternoon section was closed, informal discussions and contacts followed.

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