

## Press release: Memorandum of Understanding implement rail services between Verona and Herne developing respective networks

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On Wednesday 10/05/2017 in Munich, -Consorzio ZAI Interporto Quadrante Europa, represented by President Matteo Gasparato, Quadrante Servizi S.r.l. represented by President Elio Nicito, Wanne-Herner Eisenbahn und Hafen GmbH (WHE) represented by Managing Director Christian Theis, CTH Container Terminal Herne GmbH represented by Managing Director Patrick A. Wisotzky and TX Logistik AG represented by CFO Pietro Mancuso signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing upon actions leading to the implementation of rail services between Verona and Herne developing respective networks

### The Agreement

The Signers deliberate a series of planning, administrative and promotional initiatives leading to concrete proposals for the coordinated planning for the development of integrated railway transport services between the two areas and from there to the respective Countries; the investigation of social and economic activities in the two areas potentially interested by the railway service and their re-launch to China and Far East; the exchange of know-how on logistics and intermodality aspects, on handling and shunting activities; the promotion of joint-initiatives to boost transports, trade and economic relations among the economic actors of both regions.

**Matteo Gasparato, President of Interporto Quadrante Europa Verona:** *"Verona is one of the most important European business partners of the Ruhr Region with important daily traffic and this signature will boost traffic between these areas"*

**Christian Theis, Managing Director of Wanne-Herner Eisenbahn und Hafen:** *"Both territories are characterised by the presence of industrial plants with strong trade relations between the two areas and production patterns that perfectly fit into the railway transport system."*

**TX LOGISTIK:** *"with his strong and qualified experience on the Brenner corridor (more than 4000 train per year) TX has the right expertise and competence to support and develop the only eco friendly system between the two important industrial areas."*

### The state of the Art

The Interporto Quadrante Europa of Verona is the first Italian freight village for services and intermodal traffic that run mainly along the Brenner Corridor through a hundred pairs of weekly trains from and to Germany. Quadrante Servizi provides to public and private operators located in the freight village the shunting services. The WHE is a port and railway operator located in Herne in the middle of the Ruhr Area. The CTH Container Terminal Herne is an intermodal terminal located in Herne and a 100% subsidiary of WHE. TX Logistik is one of the largest rail transport companies in Europe with a specific interest on Brenner Axis.

The Interporto Quadrante Europa of Verona and Wanne-Herner Eisenbahn und Hafen are today connected with 6 services per week operated by TX Logistik.

### Future projects

Considering that in 2026 the Brenner Basis Tunnel will open to the traffic with an increase of rail capacity along the ScanMed Corridor. the Consorzio ZAI (Interporto Quadrante Europa of Verona Manager) will develop a project of a new freight terminal, allowing the handling of 750m-long trains. The WHE new intermodal terminal has an annual loading capacity of 250,000 units and all services will be well interconnected, for transport or distribution, storage or maintenance.

### What's ahead?

This collaboration is aimed at increasing the frequency of trains between Verona and Herne and developing new rail traffic to/from Eastern Countries including China and Far East. This activity will include the study of integrated services among the two terminals and the involvement of other stakeholders interested in this new route.

#### **About Consorzio ZAI Interporto Quadrante Europa Verona:**

The “Consorzio ZAI”, Consortium for the Agricultural and Industrial area of Verona, is an public body set up in 1948 by the Verona Council, Province and Chamber of Commerce, established in accordance with Legislative Decree 24/04/1948, which has been working hand in hand with and supporting Veronese economic development for over sixty years. Consorzio ZAI is the owner and the manager/administrator of the Quadrante Europa area that extends over 2,500,000 m<sup>2</sup> (with a further expansion up to 4,200,000 m<sup>2</sup> planned) and includes more than 100 established units with 10,000 workers.

For more information, visit [www.quadranteeuropa.it](http://www.quadranteeuropa.it)

#### **About Quadrante Servizi srl:**

Quadrante Servizi was founded in October 1988 by the will of the Consorzio ZAI and other transport operators present in the area of the Interporto Quadrante Europa. It was created with the mission of providing for the administration of freight village facilities, in addition to the provision to public and private operators in a series of services as terminal management, shunting and ICT services.

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#### **About WHE – Wanne Herne Eisenbahn und Hafen GmbH:**

Wanne-Herner Eisenbahn und Hafen GmbH (WHE) is a port and railway company located in Herne, in the center of the Ruhr region, the largest economical region in Europe. With its own fleet of diesel locomotives and fleet of freight wagons WHE offers various services on its own network of 34 km as well as in the entire Ruhr Area and beyond such as f.e. traction of block trains and single wagons, shunting, regional railway sidings operations, and tri-modal logistics chains.

For more information, visit [www.whe.de](http://www.whe.de) or contact [info@whe.de](mailto:info@whe.de), +49 2325 788-310

#### **About Container Terminal Herne GmbH:**

CTH Container Terminal Herne is an intermodal terminal located in Herne and a 100% subsidiary of WHE. With major investments in full length tracks and two gantry cranes CTH is one of the most modern terminals in the Ruhr Area with connections to entire Europe, CIS and China. The offer goes beyond transshipment and release of loading units through the organisation of pre- and post haulage, repair of containers and trailers, marshalling and parking of wagons, repair and maintenance of container wagons and locomotives.

For more information on CTH Container Terminal Herne, visit [www.ct-herne.com](http://www.ct-herne.com)

#### **About - TX Logistik AG:**

TX Logistik is \_was founded as a private railway company in 1999 and has access to an efficient European network. The company with a staff of around 500 generated a turnover of 240 million Euros in 2016. TX Logistik has been fully owned by Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane’s subsidiary Mercitalia Group since January 2017. TX Logistik operates different intermodal connections from terminal Herne to Scandinavia, Austria and Italy.

For more information on TX Logistik, visit [www.txlogistik.de](http://www.txlogistik.de) or contact +49 (0)2241 1492 0).

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