

INVITATION

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

The **European Rail Freight Line System (ERFLS)** is a concept of liner intermodal freight trains that make several short stops at terminals along transport corridors such as the Rhine-Alpine Corridor, where intermodal units are loaded or unloaded much in the same way as passengers get on and off intercity trains at intermediate stations. Thus, building a system of terminals to make transport of goods by train more flexible and facilitate a modal shift from road to rail at regional level.

The ERFLS project funded by the EU under the CEF programme from 2015-2018 indicated, that the ERFLS concept is feasible on the Rhine-Alpine Corridor. Cornerstones of the concept are smart terminals that reduce dwell times and require an adaption in the terminal at relatively low costs. The ERFLS system may be already implemented by using or adapting technologies currently available.

To reach this flexibility, the Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor invites rail operators, intermodal operators, shippers, and policy makers to be informed about this system as has been studied and go into a more detailed discussion on the implementation of such a system. Where the participants of the study feel that the next step is to set-up a partnership to run ERFLS trains between smart terminals to demonstrate the concept and its advantages in practice (Part II of the draft agenda).

The Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor EGTC cordially invites the above groups to the **ERFLS Stakeholder Event** to present the system in detail and develop an ERFLS partnership. The technical summary of ERFLS is available on our website under <https://egtc-rhine-alpine.eu/portfolio-item/erfls/#> The draft agenda and a summary of the conclusions and recommendations are enclosed here!

The ERFLS Stakeholder Event will take place on
27 February 2019
at the Regionalverband FrankfurtRheinMain
Poststraße 16, 60329 Frankfurt am Main
Room 4.26 A + B

We kindly invite you to participate in this event! Please send us a short e-mail for registering to this event.

Kind regards,

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