

# PRESS-INFORMATION

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## **EU-Project CREAM: European Commission impressed by the technological developments presented at the InnoTrans in Berlin**

**Hannover/Berlin.** CREAM has paved the way to revitalise the rail freight transport on the European corridor from Benelux to Turkey. Especially the technological developments presented at the InnoTrans 2010 are a big step forward to access new markets for rail transport. That was the general feedback from a delegation of the European Commission visiting the CREAM stand at the InnoTrans.

CREAM stands for Customer-driven Rail-freight services on a European mega-corridor based on Advanced business and operating Models. Since 2007, project partners from industry and research work on solutions to improve the quality of rail-based transport and make it more efficient. CREAM comprises a transport corridor from the North Sea to the Bosphorus. The project is coordinated by the freight transport and logistics team at HaCon in cooperation with KombiConsult.

During the official presentation to the Project Officer Dr. Theodor Schlickmann from the EU-Commission (DG MOVE - Directorate General for Mobility and Transport), the respective CREAM partner companies explained the new solutions and their positive impact on future rail freight transport.

Thanks to CREAM, a new software solution for train monitoring is now available. It incorporates real-time information from the infrastructure companies or via newly developed GPS devices. Furthermore, hardware components, such as an innovative semitrailer for plate glass transport, a dual power locomotive, and a new simple and low-cost solution to load non-cranable semi-trailers on standard waggons have been developed within the project which has been coordinated by the Hannover-based software and consulting specialist HaCon.

The highlights presented at the InnoTrans from September 21st to 24th are:

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NavMaster – Intelligent GPS tracking and RodoTAG – Mileage counting for freight waggons – by Eureka Navigation Solutions

Train Monitor – The integrated IT system for real-time and ex-post train monitoring – by HaCon

FLOATRAILER – The first float glass trailer which can be fully integrated in intermodal production systems – Offergeld Logistik

ISU – The unique handling technology for road-rail transshipment of non-cranable semi-trailer – by Rail Cargo Austria & Ökombi

Futura – The innovative dual-power loco concept – by Voith Turbo Lokomotivtechnik

You are welcome to visit the CREAM stand at the InnoTrans in hall 4.1 / 102 or our Website [www.cream-project.de](http://www.cream-project.de).

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### **About HaCon**

Right from the start in 1984 HaCon has focused its activities on traffic and logistic solutions. A team of more than 125 experienced employees in the ranges of IT and transport planning have turned the company into one of the leading players in the field of planning, scheduling and information systems.

HaCon has developed and implemented the timetable information system of Deutsche Bahn (German Railway). Furthermore, numerous European railway companies, transport enterprises and/or groups use the timetable information system HAFAS. In addition, HAFAS serves as a universal information system. Therefore, it can be applied in the flight and goods traffic as well. Another successful product developed by HaCon is the Train Planning System TPS for timetable construction and network capacity management. It convinces more and more customers across Europe.

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