

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON 2ND 4 TRANSPORT LOGISTICS ICT



**Energy Efficient and Sustainable Logistics
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VENICE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
ISLAND OF SAN SERVOLO, VENICE**

The 2nd European Conference on ICT for Transport Logistics was successfully held on the 29th and 30th of October in Venice. This year's conference was focused on "Energy Efficient and Sustainable Logistics". With over 100 international participants the conference had more participants than the first event in Lucerne, Switzerland, in 2008.

The number of participants demonstrates once again the importance of Freight Logistics as the backbone for the European economy and the need to harmonize the interfaces between different transport modes and institutions in Europe.

Nowadays logistics based on "Information and Communication Technologies" (ICT) plays a vital role for the sector. Delays in the availability of necessary freight information accounts for a serious loss of time in transport (e.g. of containers), showing clearly that the optimization of information logistics can lead to a substantial reduction of logistics costs whilst at the same time reducing the carbon footprint of logistics operations.

The audience came from industry (shippers, logistics providers, transporters, etc.), administration (customs, standardisation etc.) and academia. This multidisciplinary group allowed the conference

participants to approach the conference theme "Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Logistics" from different angles and interests. The conference topics were backed-up by the research results of several European research projects, namely EURIDICE, FREIGHT-WISE, INTEGRITY, KOMODA, SMARTFREIGHT and SMART-CM.

In addition to the high profile line-up of speakers the conference encouraged the exchange of ideas on various topics as part of parallel interactive sessions on day two. The beautiful setting of the conference at the Venice International University (VIU) on the island of San Servolo, Italy, provided an ideal ground for fruitful discussions.

The encouragement of the participants led to the common decision to organize the "3rd European Conference on ICT for Transport Logistics" on the 4th and 5th of November 2010 in Bremen. The local host for this conference will be the "Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics" (ISL) co-located in Bremen and Bremerhaven.

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