





### excellence in logistics

# duisport – Research Activities on Innovative Solutions for Intermodal Transports

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### duisport - who we are

### duisport – excellence in logistics

#### The largest inland port in the world

- > 120 million tons of goods handled per year (incl. private company ports)
- > 3 millions TEU handled per year (TEU = twenty foot equivalent unit)
- > 70 companies settled here in around 10 years (30 from abroad)

#### Leading logistics hub in Europe

- 1,350 hectares of logistics space
- 2 million square meters of covered warehouse space
- > 250 million euros of investment initiated each year by duisport

#### The most important trade and transport hub in the Rhine-Ruhr region

- > 3 billion euros of value creation by the port each year
- 20,000 ships per year in Duisburg port
- 20,000 trains per year in Duisburg port





### ➔ Most important inland hub in and for Europe

### duisport - portfolio of services



### duisport - an integrated service provider



### → Multi-purpose port with diverse warehouse and storage spaces as well as marketoriented and customer-oriented service concepts

### Location advantages at a glance

### In tune with the times - at the heart of Europe

#### International transport network

- Excellent rail and ship connections between Duisburg and the western and northern ports
- 25 national and international rail service providers and operators offer connections to around 90 destinations in Europe and Asia
- Daily shuttle transports to sea ports

#### Intelligent logistics concepts

- Development of logistical transport chains in accordance with customer requirements
- Attractive logistics areas with road, rail, and water connections
- Support provided by duisport for project development, property financing, construction works, contact with the authorities, and facility management

#### Efficient infrastructure and suprastructure

- 9 intermodal container terminals (capacity of 5 million TEU)
- 200 km owned rail infrastructure
- 5 steel service centers, 600,000 m<sup>3</sup> tank capacity, 10 dry bulk terminals

## → duisport enables transport via all European sea ports, thus providing flexibility and independence in choice of shipping companies



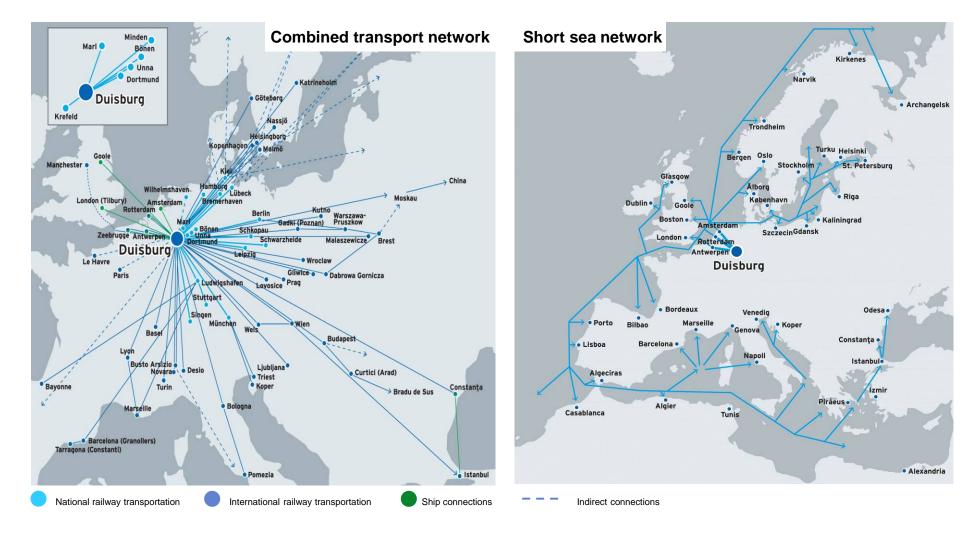






### Wide-ranging international network

### duisport is the largest international hub in Europe



### **Challenges in transport logistics**



- Further increase in transport volumes
- Aim of sustainability (reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)
- Reliable and just in time transports
- Flexible choice of transport mode
- Increase of risks and interruptions (infrastructural bottlenecks)
- Increasing energy costs



Cost pressure

→ Need for innovative solutions to meet challenges in transport logistics are necessary

### **Best practice:** Research project Multimodal Promotion



#### Aim of the project

- Simplified access to intermodal transports
- Development of a cloud-enabled tool to organize intermodal transport chains door-to-door without prior knowledge of the combined transport
- Implementation of a company-wide consolidation and if necessary establishing of new relations
- Bundling of individual quantities to large quantities
- Evaluation of transport alternatives by parameters
  - Costs
  - Duration of transport
  - CO<sub>2</sub> consumption

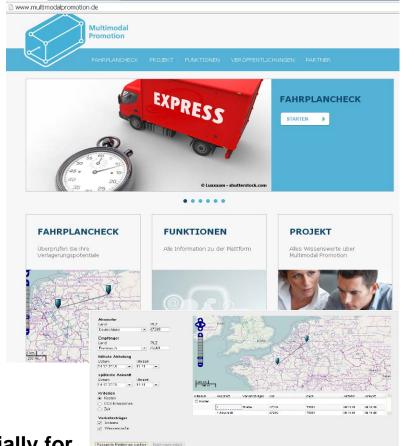


### **Best practice:** Research project Multimodal Promotion (MMP)



#### Results

- Web-based analysis and planning tool particularly facilitates planning combined transport for smaller and medium-sized shippers
- With the help of the Multimodal Promotion tool alternative transport flows can be checked quickly and simply and compared with each other
- The neutral and provider-independent platform calculates transport alternatives for ship or rail thus supporting the build-up of new connections
- Analysis include door-to-door routing, departure times, delivery and collection considering time slots at the terminals as well as contact information for the respective provider



### MMP tool can simplify combined transport especially for smaller and medium sized shippers

### Best practice: Research project LoFIP

### **LoFIP: Logistic Future Internet Platform**

#### Aim of the project

- Combination of Future Internet Technologies in control towers for real-time monitoring and control of operational processes
  - Monitoring of physical processes, material flows and business processes
- Federation of control towers
  - → Within an organization / between organizations
  - Collaborative management of operational processes
- Development of a software platform for control towers







### Best practice: Research project LoFIP



### **LoFIP: Logistic Future Internet Platform**

#### **Results**

- Future Internet control tower for dispatchers
  - Supporting the dispatcher in the implementation of logistics processes
  - Provision of decision support
  - Simplified cooperation with other stakeholders in the transport chain
- Smartphone App for trucker
  - Communication with control tower (easier communication between trucker and dispatcher)
  - Support of daily tasks, e.g. reporting of delays, pickup of containers and the management of transport documents

### User interface of control tower for dispatchers:

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### ➔ LoFIP technologies allow better monitoring and controlling of logistic processes and thus help to increase efficiency







### Additional information: www.duisport.de



### Let's shape your ideas!

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