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# "Appropriate Means of Transport for Goods: Results from the Swiss National Research Programme"

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### Switzerland

### Key Figures (2010)

- Inhabitants 7.8 mln. (2010)
- Employees 2.7 mln (2010, FTE)
- Surface: approx. 41'300 sqkm
- GDP: 458'809 mln. Euro (2010)
- Transport Network
   Road: 71'460 km (Total)
   1'790 km (Motorway)
   Rail: 5'107 km
   Inland Waterway: Port of Basel
   Airports: Zürich, Basel, Geneva





## **Objectives of the Swiss Freight Research Programme**



# **Projects of the Swiss Freight Research Programme**

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- Freight Transport with Lorries: Developments and Measures
- Logistics/freight requirements regarding the development of the transport infrastructure
- Regulation in Freight Transport Impacts on the Transport Sector
- Information Technology in Future Freight Transport Management
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- Potential to increase efficiency in the transportation industry through integrated management tools from the perspective of the infrastructure operators
- Site related measures to reduce the environmental impacts of freight transport



### **Development of Freight Volumes in Tons and Modal Split**



Number of Tons per mode 2009 (in %)

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9.8



### **Development of Freight Volumes in Ton-km and Modal Split**



Number of Ton-kilometres per mode 2009 (in %)



# Freight Volumes on the Road Network (2008)



# Freight Volumes on the Rail Network (2008)

Güterverkehr 2008: Schiene Trafic marchandises 2008: rail Traffico merci 2008: rotaia Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft Confedération suisse Confederazione Svizzera Confederazion svizra

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Bottlenecks in 2020



# Intermodal Rail Transport:

### Total 20 mln tons (2008)

- Inland: 3.1 mln tons
- Imp./Exp.: 3 mln tons
- Transit: 14 mln tons

# Approx. 5 % of overall volumes

#### Swiss Inland Intermodal Transport (Main Flows)

Total Versand + Empfang 2008 (Tonnen/Jahr)



### Bottlenecks 2020 🔘 Intermodal Terminals

### Intermodal Transport: Inland Waterway based (2008)

### Volumes:

- 6.1 Mio. Tons (Import)
- 1.2 Mio. Tons (Export)
   (< 2% share of overall volumes)</li>

### Modal Split (Import):

• IWW-> Road 37%

# IWW-> Rail 63% Modal Split (Export)

- Road-> IWW 7%
- Rail -> IWW 93%



# Freight Forecast 2002 until 2030

### Freight tkm

- +32% to 78% (R+R)
- +22% to 56% (Road)
- +47% to 112% (Rail)

Depending on Scenario



# **3. CHALLENGES AND FREIGHT POLICY**



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Transport policy based on the principle of sustainable mobility

### **General Objectives**

- Appropriate use of transport means
- Make use of technical possibilities to optimise infrastructures and vehicles
- Optimal use of infrastructures (management before construction)
- The transport modes must bear their uncovered costs, user pays principle
- Increase transport safety
- Coordination of Swiss with European transport policy

Freight related policy objectives:

Promotion of Intermodal Transport



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### **Strengths of different Modes**

Road	Rail	Inland Waterway
•Serving the surface	•High mass productivity	•High mass productivity
•High frequency	•High safety	•High safety
•High service degree	•Low costs on long distances	•Low costs
•Low costs on short distances	(direct and shuttle trains)	•Low energy
•High temporal flexibility	•Low energy consumption	consumption
•Short leading times also with small shipments	•Low environmental impact (esp. Pollution)	•Capacity
•Simple information flow	•Night transport (restrictions	
•Personal company	on road)	
•Strong competition	•Low dependency on weather conditions	

Intermodal transport tries to combine the comparative advantages of different modes, but needs transhipment and more organisation

# **5. POTENTIAL OF INTERMODAL TRANSPORT**

# What is the Potential for Intermodal Rail Transport? Today's share of intermodal rail transport

	Inland	Import/ Export	Transit
	(mln. t, 2008)	(mln. t, 2008)	(mln. t, 2009)
Road	271.2 (93%)	37.1 (69.7%)	13.36 (39.1%
Rail	16.6 (6%)	13.1 (24.6%)	6.39 (18.6%
Intermodal (Rail-Road)	3.1 (1%)	3.0 (5.7%)	14.45 (42.3%
Total	290.9 (100%)	53.2 (100%)	34.2 (100%
Distance Range	0 – 350 km	200 – 2500 km	300 – 2'500 km

### **Possible share in the future (from studies):**

Inland: approx. 3% (short distances within Switzerland) Import/export: approx. 11% Transit: approx. Up to 60%



# Approaches (1/2)

Area	Measures	Status
Regulation	Railway Reform	Implemented (1 step)
	Truck Driving Bans (night, weekend)	Implemented
	Enforcement of road traffic regulations	Implemented
Land Use Planning / Transport Plans	Securing locations for intermodal terminals in national and regional land use plans	Partly Implemented
	Planning / Securing rail freight capacity on rail network	Partly Implemented
	Masterplan Logistics	Proposal
Funding	Co-funding intermodal terminals	Implemented
	Subsidies for intermodal transport operation	Implemented
Infrastructure	New railway tunnels through the alps Railway by passes in conurbations (for freight)	In implementation Partly Planned



# Approaches (2/2)

Area	Measures	Status
<b>Operation / Traffic</b> Management	Gotthard dosing system for truck traffic Truck information system Interoperable railway freight traction Terminal management systems Intermodal booking, tracking and tracing	Implemented Implemented Implemented Partly Implemented Partly Implemented
Economical	Heavy Vehicles Fee Alpine Transit Freight Exchange	Implemented In Discussion
Intermodal concepts	Intermodal Waste Logistics (KVA Thurgau) Rail and Transhipment (SBB Cargo)	Implemented Partly Implemented
Intermodal Statistics	Improving Intermodal Statistics	Proposal



# New railway tunnels through the alps

- Improved railway connections
  - Gotthard Tunnel: 57 km
  - Lötschberg Tunnel: 34 km

#### Improving railway / intermodal transport

-Increasing efficiency (shorter leading times, higher productivity)

- Increasing reliability

#### Start of operation

- 2007 Lötschberg
- 2017 Gotthard







# **Heavy Vehicles Fee**

Legal basis:

 Federal Law for the Distance-related HVF of 19.12.1997

### **Objectives:**

- True Costs
- Demand Management
- Reduction of Alpine transit road traffic and shift to rail

### Subject: Heavy Vehicles > 3.5 tons Infrastructure: <u>All</u> public roads Tariffication:

- per Kilometre and per Ton
- Emission-dependent
- 40 t truck: ~0.75 Euro per km

**Operator: Swiss Customs Authority** 



### **Co-funding of Terminals** National law for terminal funding Financed elements:

- buildings/ infrastructure
- installations and equipment
- rolling stock
- other investments

# Maximum share of co-financing is 80% Minimum requirements:

- Modal shift from road to intermodal transport
- Need for transhipment capacity
- Investment is necessary to reach policy aims
- Terminals would not be built without financial aid.
- Acceptable cost/benefit factor

Terminal funding outside CH possible Switzerland funded terminals 2002-2008 with 12 to 75 Mio CHF per year (1CHF=0.8 Euro).







resent traffic situation in Switzerland on transit reads for long-distance heavy traffic)

### Truck Information System Objectives

- Optimal use of transport capacity
- Support trip and route planning
- Support modal shift

### Main features of the service

- Real time traffic situation on road / rail
- Weather / Road Conditions forecasts
- Intermodal routing
- Explanation of permanent traffic management measures, intermodal supply, policy and legal background

### Organisation

- Public Private Partnership
- Operated by the Swiss Federal Roads Office



www.truckinfo.ch



# **National Masterplan Logistics**

### Objectives

- Coordination between land use, transport planning and requirements of logistics/transport activities
- Securing necessary space for logistics activities and capacity on transport network
- Promotion of Intermodal transport

### Content

- Freight policy objectives
- Freight relevant transport network
- Locations for Freight Villages and intermodal terminals
- Priority areas for industrial zones with rail access option
- Infrastructural and land use measures to provide space and capacity for freight/Logistics

### Responsibility

• DETEC: Department for Transport, Energy and Communication







### Trans - Alpine Crossing Freight Exchange Basic idea

• Reduction of road freight transport through the Alps for ecological reasons

- Constitution → Target of max. 650'000 trucks over the Swiss Alps
- Management of truck freight transport using economical instruments

Modal Shift

### Cap-and-Trade

- Mandatory transit pass which is tradeable
- Limitation to 650'000 truck passages
   per year





# Electronic charging and enforcement system

- telematics applications with on board units, point of sales, charging and enforcement stations
- back office system

#### **Results of studies**

- Alpine Crossing Exchange technical and operational feasible
- Target of 650'000 trucks per year could be reached

 Implementation only in coordination with neighbouring countries possible →It is still open if and when such a system will be implemented



### **Improving Intermodal Statistics**

### Situation

- Mode based statistics
- Lack of good data for intermodal transport

### Objectives

 Reliable data on intermodal transport for observation, monitoring and controlling

### **Elements/Indicators**

- Loading units, tons, ton-km per year by commodity group and traffic type and O-D pair
- Differentiation by loading unit type



- Differentiation mode combinations
- Loading-units and tons by terminal, port, etc.

### Methods

 Yearly business surveys (railways, terminal operators, port operators)



# 7. Conclusions and Recommendations

- Need for action to make freight transport more sustainable
- Increase the share of intermodal transport is one solution, but not the only one
- Different approaches possible to support intermodality
- Not one single measure but a bundle of different measures needed to support intermodality
- Measures must be based on a clear freight policy
- Measures showed **positive effects on intermodal transport**, but intermodality is not the only solution
- Measures need acceptance especially radical ones → public involvement important





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# The Research Programm «Strategies for an Appropriate Use of Transport Means in Freight Transport"

- Patronage (Lead): Swiss Federal Roads Office
- Duration: 2009-2012
- Advisory Board: Representatives of National Authorities, Logistics and Transport associations and Professional Bodies

• **Co-Financing:** Swiss Federal Office of Transport, Swiss Federal Office of Spatial Development, Swiss Federal Office of Environment, Swiss Federal Office of Statistics

• Program Manager: Christoph Stucki





## Status of projects of the Research Program

Nb	Title	Status	Results
А	Concept for the Efficient Collection and Analysis of Freight Data (A)	Running, finished in March 2012	Interim results available on freight data needs, SWOT of Swiss freight Statistics
B1	Freight Transport Intensive Industries and Freight Transport Flows in Switzerland	Completed	Complete report soon available
B2	Branch specific logistics concepts and freight volumes and their trends	Started, finished mid of 2012	No interim results available
B3	Freight Transport with Lorries: Developments and Measures	Running, finished end of 2012	Interim results available on current situation and trends
С	Logistics/freight requirements regarding the development of the transport infrastructure	Started, finished mid of 2012	Interim results available on current situation and forecast 2030
D	Regulation in Freight Transport – Impacts on the Transport Sector	Completed	Complete report soon available
E	Information Technology in Future Freight Transport Management	Running, finished end of 2012	Interim results available on technologies and their impact
F	Impact of combined measures of regulation and infor- mation technologies on transport infrastructure users	Started, finished mid of 2012	No interim results available
G	Potential to increase efficiency in the transportation industry through integrated management tools from the perspective of the infrastructure operators	Started, finished mid of 2012	No interim results available
Н	Site related measures to reduce the environmental impacts of freight transport	Started, finished mid of 2012	Results on current situation on environmental impact

# Swiss Logistics Market

### Key Figures (2010)

- 165'800 Employees
- Market volume: 28'750 mln Euro 6.5% of GDP
- Share of Services
  43.7% Transport
  23.5% Storage
  17.7% Handling/Transship.
  15.1% Various



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# Cost comparison of different modes

long distance (800-1000 km)

 2 x 50 km pre- and endhaulage (intermodal)





# CO2-Emissions of different modes

- Operation incl. energy production and veh. maintenance
- Indirect emissions: vehicle production, infrastructure construction, etc.







### CO2-Emissions by trucks on the road network (2010)







## **Decision Factors for Modal Choice**

Main Decision Makers: Shippers, Forwarders, Logistics and transport service providers, Ocean Carries

### Main decision factors

- **Cost- and quality criteria** (price, reliability, flexibility, leading time, frequency, safety, Security, added value services, etc.)
- Market criteria (Shipper characteristics as size, locations, logistics concept, commodities, shipments, distances, economical framework c.)
- Infastructure criteria (Link and node capacities and densities, private sidings, Intermodal terminals, etc.)
- Institutional criteria (Regulation, Standards, Incentives, etc.)





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# **Strengths/Weaknesses of Road Freight Transport**

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul> <li>Serving the surface</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low mass productivity</li> </ul>
High frequency	<ul> <li>Ecololigical impact (Noise,</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>High service degree</li> </ul>	Pollution, Energy Consumption,
<ul> <li>Low costs on short distances</li> </ul>	Use of Space)
High temporal flexibility	<ul> <li>Traffic Safety</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Short leading teams also with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dependency on congestion and</li> </ul>
small shipments	weather conditions
Simple information flow	Legal Restrictions (Night traffic
Personal company	ban, weekend traffic ban, bans for
<ul> <li>Strong competition</li> </ul>	

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# **Strengths/Weaknesses of Rail Freight Transport**

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul> <li>High mass productivity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Surfing the surface (last mile)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>High safety</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low temporal flexibility</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Low costs on long distances (direct</li> </ul>	• Noise
and shuttle trains)	<ul> <li>High costs on short distances and</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Low energy consumption</li> </ul>	with shunting processes
<ul> <li>Low environmental impact (esp.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Capacity conflicts</li> </ul>
Pollution)	(passenger/freight)
<ul> <li>Night transport (restrictions on</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Planning/Organisation effort</li> </ul>
road)	<ul> <li>Partly limited competition</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Low dependency on weather</li> </ul>	
conditions	



# Strengths/Weaknesses of Intermodal Rail Freight Transport

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul> <li>High mass productivity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low temporal flexibility</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>High safety</li> </ul>	• Noise
<ul> <li>Low costs on long distances (direct and shuttle trains)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High operation costs on low distances and with shunting</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Low energy consumption</li> </ul>	processes
<ul> <li>Low environmental impact (esp. Pollution)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Capacity conflicts (passenger/freight)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Night transport (restrictions on</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Planning/Organisation effort</li> </ul>
road)	<ul> <li>Partly limited competition</li> </ul>
Financial incentives	<ul> <li>Costs and time needs for</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Higher max. Weight in Pre-/Endh.</li> </ul>	transshipment



# What is the Potential for Intermodal transport (2030)? Structure

Inland: Modal Shift by O-D

#### Import/Export: Modal Shift by Distance Class





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# Intermodal Waste Logistics (1/2)

### **Situation / Problem**

- New waste incineration plant in the Canton of Thurgau → Longer distances for waste transports
- Efficient and ecological logistics and transport concept needed with the use of rail

#### **Measure/Solution**

- Integral disposal system
- Intermodal solution consisting off
  - ACTS-System with compress containers
  - 5 regional intermodal transfer points
  - 3 Regional waste treatment faciliites
  - Optimisation of collection tours



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# Intermodal Waste Logistics (2/2)

### **Effects/Experiences**

- More than 50% rail share (before 0%)
- Increasing payload of trucks (about 50%)
- Higher collection performance
- Reduction of collection vehicles by 50%

2006

2007

- Reduction of truck-km (20%)
- Reduction of overall costs (8-10%)







