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## Press release

rail cargo Turkey:

### logitrans 2018 has a new special section

**The New Silk Road initiative is designed to substantially increase the volume of freight shipped by rail between Europe and Asia too. Railway cargo traffic is also becoming much more important in Turkey thanks to growing investments. This is the reason why this year's logitrans trade fair, which is taking place in İstanbul on 14 – 16 November 2018, is dedicating a special section specifically to this subject – the "rail cargo Turkey".**

According to a report by GTAI (Germany Trade and Invest), investments amounting to EUR 2.3 billion have been planned for developing new railway lines in Turkey in 2018 alone. Messe München has responded to these current developments with its "rail cargo Turkey" and created a new special section for the growing rail transport business in Turkey and the rapid progress being made in the "One Belt One Road" initiative.

"We're noticing a huge increase in the level of interest in the market for rail cargo traffic in this region and we now want to take this into account by highlighting this segment," explains Gerhard Gerritzen, Member of the Management Team at Messe München GmbH.

The most important trends in the sector will also be discussed during the conference programme. Turkey is, for example, one of the major participants in the development of the railway line known as the "Trans-Caspian Corridor", which links Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Georgia. The route, which is 850 kilometres long, was only opened last year and forms part of the "One Belt One Road" initiative to connect China with Europe. Experts are assuming that about 1 million passengers and 6.5 million tonnes of freight will use the route during the initial phase. The figures are set to rise to as many as 3 million passengers and 17 million tonnes of freight by 2034. Work is also going ahead to privatise the railway lines in order to further increase investments in infrastructure by the private sector.

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**International Transport Logistics Exhibition**  
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### **logitrans**

With 13,700 participants from more than 50 different countries and 150 exhibitors from 24 nations most recently, the logitrans has developed into the leading trade fair for the complete value-added chain in the fields of logistics, telematics and transport in the Eurasian region. The logitrans is organised by EKO MMI Fuarçılık Ltd. Şti., the joint venture involving Messe München and EKO Fair Limited. The logitrans is held every year at the Expo Center ifm in İstanbul in Turkey. The next logitrans will take place on 14 – 16 November 2018.

### **transport logistic around the globe**

There are four other events abroad in addition to the transport logistic trade fair in Munich. Alongside the transport logistic China flagship fair, which also involves the air cargo China event in Shanghai, Messe München organizes the logitrans International Transport Logistics Exhibition in İstanbul in conjunction with EKO Fair Limited and is involved in the transport logistic India @ CTL in Mumbai through a cooperation arrangement too. Messe München also cooperates with the CCTA Chinese logistics association at the transport logistic China and provides support for its China International Transportation & Logistics Expo in Chengdu.

### **Messe München**

Messe München is one of the world's leading trade fair organisers with more than 50 of its own specialist exhibitions covering investment goods, consumer goods and new technologies. More than 50,000 exhibitors and about three million visitors attend more than 200 of its events at the trade fair site in Munich, the ICM, the International Congress Center München, at the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München as well as abroad every year. Messe München also arranges trade fairs in China, India, Brazil, Russia, Turkey, South Africa, Nigeria, Vietnam and Iran in conjunction with its subsidiaries. Messe München has a global presence with a network of holding companies in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America and about 70 foreign representative offices that are responsible for more than 100 countries.

