

Rotterdam, your world-class Rail port



Ready for the future

Today, Rotterdam is the only European rail port with a dedicated railway line. Our modern, linear rail infrastructure reduces the need for time-consuming and costly shunting and is freely accessible to all rail parties. Every week, over 340 rail shuttles link the port with all major European destinations. Also, as Port of Rotterdam Authority, we join forces with the market to do everything we can to facilitate even more new services and attract extra cargo.

DIRECT LINE TO GERMANY

Rotterdam has a direct link with Germany via a new, 160-kilometre long freight rail connection – the so-called Betuwe Route. This state-of-the-art railway line will operate 24/7, without any restrictions, for the sole benefit of the rail freight sector. Europe has never been so easily accessible.

ROTTERDAM GETS CONNECTED

In connection with the Betuwe Route, the rail infrastructure in the port has been completely modernised in the last decade. The two-track port railway line runs from the North Sea in a straight line eastwards, right through the port. Loading and unloading occurs at central points connected to the port railway, with more than sufficient handling capacity. Time-consuming and costly shunting is unnecessary in Rotterdam. This system increases the reliability of the service. Cargo trains can get in and out of the port in one go.

FREE ACCESS TO ALL RAIL PARTIES

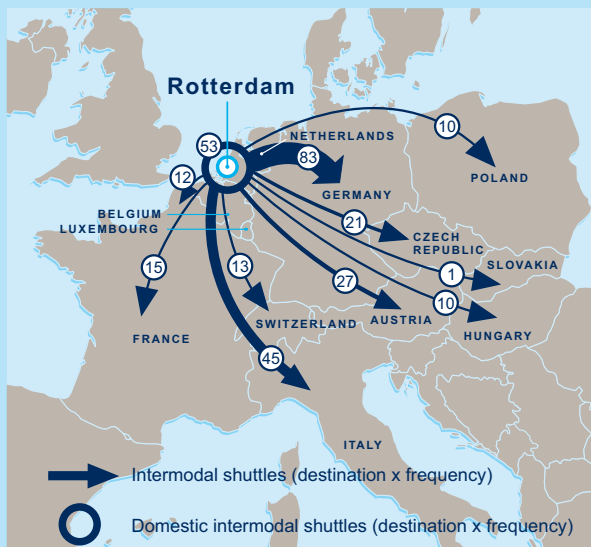
The port is also truly European in its market approach. Whilst others pay less attention to liberalisation, we put it into practice. In Rotterdam, clients are free to choose between 14 different traction providers and 21 intermodal rail operators. A market mechanism that results in high quality for a keen price.

ROTTERDAM: A RELIABLE PORT

Together with Keyrail – the independent operator of the Betuwe Route – and market parties, we strive towards the optimum deployment of all available capacity, both in the port and with respect to the hinterland. Many market parties are working on high quality services to achieve reliability for our customers.

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RAILSHUTTLE DESTINATIONS - ROTTERDAM



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DAILY SERVICE THROUGHOUT EUROPE

Rotterdam is already the starting point and terminus of over 340 rail shuttles a week. These trains travel between the port and dozens of economic centres, deep into Europe, according to a set timetable. They carry containers, but there are also many services for general cargo, as well as dry and liquid bulk.

YOUR PARTNER IN BUSINESS

As Port of Rotterdam Authority, we actively assist freight forwarders, shippers, shipping lines and carriers to create new connections together. At the request of the market, we are pleased to act as intermediary, bringing shipping companies, freight forwarders, shippers and carriers together around the table. Our role can vary from approaching as many participants as possible and organising the initial discussions, to helping in the search for the best traction provider and/or operator. The starting point is that the parties want to cooperate and together generate enough volume. The desired outcome is new, attractive rail products which can stand on their own two feet. A new connection must prove itself in terms of volume and competitiveness in price and frequency.

A STRATEGY THAT WORKS

The innovative range of products and Rotterdam's proactive strategy are successful. For example, new direct connections were established - next to the broad network of existing shuttles - to the Czech Republic (Prague), Austria (various destinations), Hungary (Budapest, Győr) and France (Lyon). Thanks partly to these new shuttles, the port is also proving to be an increasingly attractive rail hub for those parties with cargo arriving from or destined for Central Europe.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RAIL:

- www.portofrotterdam.com (your entry for business opportunities and service providers)
- www.railcargo.nl (promotion center for rail freight)
- www.keyrail.nl (Betuweroute operating company)
- www.prorail.nl (rail infra manager in the Netherlands)

THE PORT OF ROTTERDAM ON THE WEB

The official website - www.portofrotterdam.com - offers a comprehensive range of information about the port and industrial complex and about doing business in Rotterdam. You will also find an overview of the Rotterdam Representatives who are active all over the world.

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