

**Intermodal (road/rail) transport in Europe has grown by 6 % in 2011.
Outlook for 2012 and 2013 is bleak.**

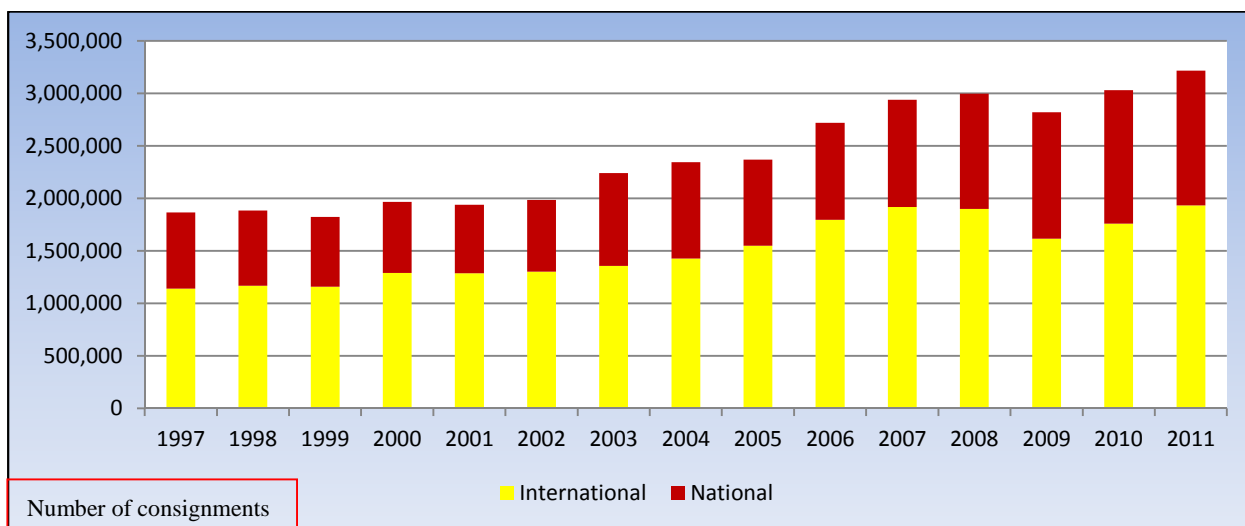
UIRR combined transport companies have recorded in 2011 a growth in traffic of 6 % and have come within 3% of their pre-crisis peak of 45,9 billion tonne-kilometres (2008). In terms of consignments shipped (one consignment equals 2 TEU), traffic volumes in 2011 were 7.3 % above the corresponding levels in 2008.

In 2011, international traffic increased by 10% compared to 2010, while national (domestic) traffic stagnated at around (+1%). Unaccompanied traffic increased by 8%, whereas accompanied (RoLa) traffic showed a decline of 5%.

In 2012, overall traffic volumes are expected to decrease due to a slowdown in economic activity in Europe and as a result of traffic interruptions along important North-South intermodal transport corridors across the Alps, i.e. on the Brenner and the Gotthard routes affecting, in particular, national accompanied traffic in Austria.

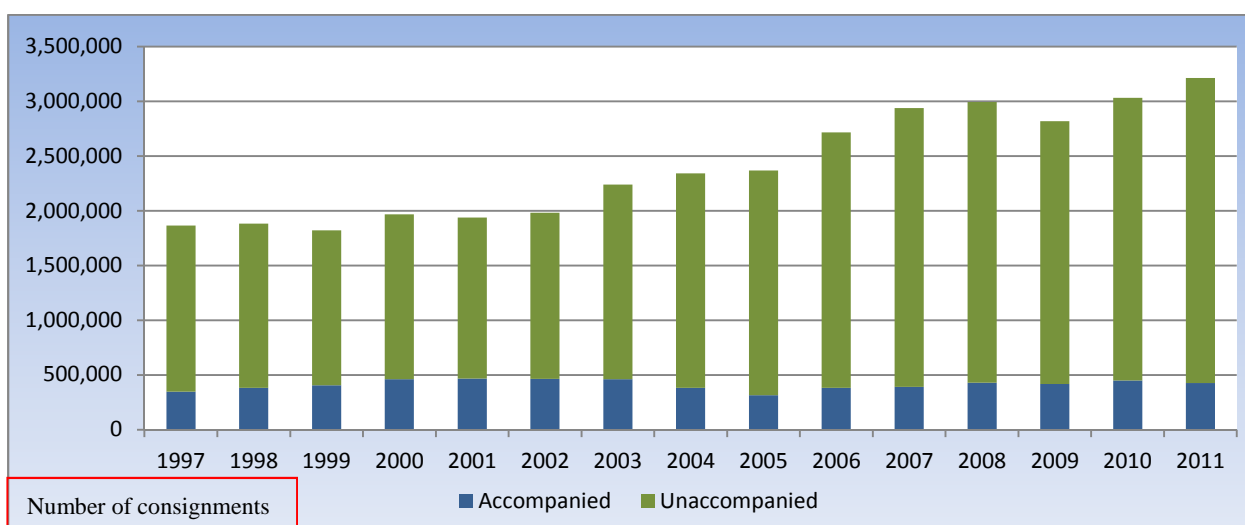
The charts below provide information on traffic trends in intermodal (road/rail) transport over the past 15 years (from 1.86 Mio consignments in 1997 to 3.2 Mio. consignments in 2011).

Intermodal road/rail transport in Europe
(UIRR companies)
Development of national and international traffic



Source: UIRR

Intermodal road/rail transport in Europe
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Development of accompanied (RoLa) and unaccompanied traffic



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