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**DEVELOPMENT OF COMBINED AND INTERMODAL TRANSPORT  
AT THE PAN-EUROPEAN LEVEL**

Transmitted by the Hungarian Government

**Information  
on development of the combined transport  
in Hungary in 2003**

**1. Traffic dimensions**

Category	Quantity		Dimension	Index 2003/2002
	2002	2003		
– Rolling road	108	102	th. trailers with semi-trailer	94
– Unaccompanied traffic	266	303	th. units	114
– Ro-Ro	13	11	th. units	81

Remarks:

- Rolling road traffic, 60 trains per week in two Austrian and one Slovenian relations, declined because Romanians have turned to their new national service to Austria.
- Unaccompanied traffic, 65 trains per week in 13 international relations, increased by new block trains and better exploitation of containers backwards.

Combined transport's share in total freight transport of the national railway company reached 12 % by weight (5,3 million ton out of 43,8 million ton), outstanding in Central and Eastern Europe.

- Ro-Ro traffic, 2 ships per week to Germany on the Danube, went down on account of low water level and of saturation of the market for the cars assembled in Hungary.

## **2. Legislation**

New comprehensive decree of the Government in harmony with EU requirements came into force from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2004 on the preferences for combined transport in Hungary:

- road leg to and from the terminals up to 70 km is exempted from tax and licence obligations,
- road transport between the state border and the terminals is exempted, too,
- this traffic is absolved from the limitations of heavy road traffic in weekends.

Having closed bilateral agreements on combined transport with 10 European countries in previous years, such agreement was prepared for signing with Turkey, finalized with Serbia and Montenegro and proposed to the Russian Federation, Belarus, the Ukraine and Iran in 2003.

## **3. Investments**

The new Budapest International Logistic Center (BILK) was inaugurated on 17 November 2003 in its first phase i.e. the terminal for 150 thousand TEU/year initial capacity replacing the old and narrow container terminal in the downtown, Budapest-Józsefváros, of 90 thousand TEU capacity. As planned to couple with a logistic center as the second phase the full investment of 25 billion HUF (1 billion EUR) with one thousand workplaces will be completed for 2006.

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