



Press Release

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Fourth ALICE Logistic Innovation Award Announced



The Award Selection Committee has chosen the winners of the fourth ALICE Logistics Innovation Award, dedicated to Logistic Networks. The Selection Committee has decided to give awards to three categories: Gold award; Silver award and two Bronze awards.

The Winners

- **The Gold award was given to Ekol for Multimodal short sea – Rail transport service.** The committee decided to award this case based on its scalability and relevance targeting more holistic multimodal services across Europe. The service-offering has been perceived as pragmatic and highly applicable. It has shown that the right connection of transport modes in a network makes a significant difference to eliminate real problems and convey tangible benefits.
- **The Silver award was given to Kombiverkehr for Intermodal Network 2015.** The committee decided to award this case based on its design that facilitates the integration and connection of small and medium-sized intermodal terminals to hinterland networks. These cover transport volumes that are insufficient to operate direct trains.
- **Two Bronze awards were given to Hacon for Train Monitor.** The committee decided to award this case as it leverages integrated systems which support and improve railway operations. This contributes to an increased modal-shift and effective planning; this appeared to the jury as a robust and durable solution with forward-looking applications; and to **VTG for Retrack Network.** The committee decided to award this case due to the project's development of a sustainable innovative rail-freight service "single-wagon transport" concept. The solution improves transport efficiency, reliability, and responsiveness in order to reach a significant modal-shift.



About the Award:

The ALICE Logistics Innovation awards were organized in the framework of the BOOSTLOG project, aiming to recognize those companies and organizations that have successfully managed to transform knowledge generated in R&I-funded projects into innovations in the market, transformative changes in society and markets or implemented effectively as part of policies and policy guides.

The Selection Committee consists of five highly experienced experts:

- Godfried Smit – Secretary General – [European Shippers’ Council](#)
- Zisis Palaskas – General Manager – [Inlecom Group BV](#)
- José Andrés Giménez Maldonado – Port Logistics Director [Valenciaport Foundation](#) and [TIC4.0](#) Secretary General
- Ralf-Charley Schultze President – [International Union for Road-Rail Combined Transport](#)

Evaluation for the ALICE Logistics Innovation Award was based on the following criteria: Impact on Logistics Networks and Market / Modal shift; Scalability, potential growth and impact; Innovation; Sustainability, Durability; Simplicity of implementation; Transferability of solution.

Details about the achievements of the award holders and selection of the candidates have been detailed described in the [BOOSTLOG](#) Cloud Report on Logistics Networks (download the report).

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About ALICE: [ALICE](#), the **Alliance for Logistics Innovation through Collaboration in Europe** is a non-for-profit industry-led association based in Brussels with 160+ [members](#). ALICE is the Alliance of European leading companies and experts in implementing logistics and supply chain innovation and reaching the full stakeholders’ groups in the field. ALICE’s vision is to achieve an affordable [transition towards zero emissions logistics](#). To that end, logistics, from global to urban, need to evolve. Assets and resources, including transportation means, need to be better utilized. By creating seamlessly interconnected logistics networks through the [Physical Internet \(PI\)](#) better conditions for affordability of zero emissions solutions will be created through improved asset sharing and efficiency, contributing also to improved agility and resilience of supply chains. ALICE supports, assists, and advises the European Commission in the definition and implementation of the EU Program for research: Horizon Europe in Logistics. For more information about ALICE, please visit the website: <https://www.etp-logistics.eu/>, [follow ALICE on LinkedIn](#) and join our [LinkedIn discussion group](#), and sign up for the ALICE newsletter [here](#).

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