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**“US Freight RailRoads”**

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# OBJECTIVES - EUROPLATFORMS

Europlatforms is the European association of freight villages.

Acting in the common interests of its members, Europlatforms was established primarily with the purposes of:

- 1.promoting and expanding the concept of logistic platform in Europe and worldwide;
- 2.creating and developing relations among existing platforms in Europe and with similar Groupings internationally;
- 3.contributing at policy level to Pan-European and Cross-Mediterranean transport integration and partnership.



FS Logistica is a FS Group Company.

The main objectives are:

- improve and developing the provision of service;
- create a logistics network functional to rail transport, in partnership with logistics national and international;
- create the conditions to compete with similar companies in Europe
- enhance the redevelopment of abandoned areas of the public rail system

- Eastern Countries have recorded the highest growth of seaborne container traffic between 1997 and 2007:

Port	2007/1997 %
Costanza	1.538,7
Klaipeda	775,0
St. Petersburg	624,4
Szczecin	608,0

- Estimated decrease in freight transport in 2009 in the order of 35 / 40%.

# US FREIGHT RAILROADS – *SOME FIGURES*

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- Maily privately owned;
- Serve nearly every industrial, wholesale, retail and resource-based sector of the economy;
- Move more than 40% of the national freight;
- Spend more than \$20 billion each year maintaining, renewing and expanding their tracks and equipment;
- Contribute tens of billions of dollars each year to the economy through wages, purchases, retirement benefits and taxes;

In 2006, 561 freight railroads has aggregated freight revenue of **\$ 54 billion**

# US FREIGHT RAILROADS – CATEGORIES

## **CLASS I:** n° 7 companies

- annual operating revenue above \$346.8 million (2006 dollars)
- operate from 3.200 to more than 32.000 miles
- employ from 2.600 to more than 53.000 units
- operate many different States
- operate on long-haul, high-density intercity traffic lanes.

## **Regional:** n° 33 companies

- annual operating revenue between \$40 and \$346.8 million (2006 dollars)
- operate from 400 to 650 miles
- employ from 75 to 500 units
- operate in two, four States

## **Local linehaul:** n° 323 companies

- annual operating revenue below \$40 million
- operate less than 350 miles
- perform point to point service over short distances
- operate in a single States

## **Switching and terminals:** n° 196 companies

- annual operating revenue about \$10 million
- pick up and delivery services

# US FREIGHT RAILROADS – ADVANTAGES

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1. Categories and specialization
2. High investments in infrastructures, information technology, safety, training
3. US freight railroad both owns track and affiliated infrastructure and operate the trains over that tracks.

# FREIGHT TRANSPORT– *US VS EU*

US	EU
<b>Private culture</b> of rail infrastructure	<b>Public culture</b> of rail infrastructure
<b>Homogeneity</b> of the market and the technical solutions	<b>Fragmentation</b> of the market and the technical solutions
Relatively <b>long distances</b> for rail freight transport	Relatively <b>short distances</b> for rail freight transport
<b>Growth</b> of rail freight transport	<b>Constant decrease</b> of rail freight transport
Less intense urbanism	More intense urbanism



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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