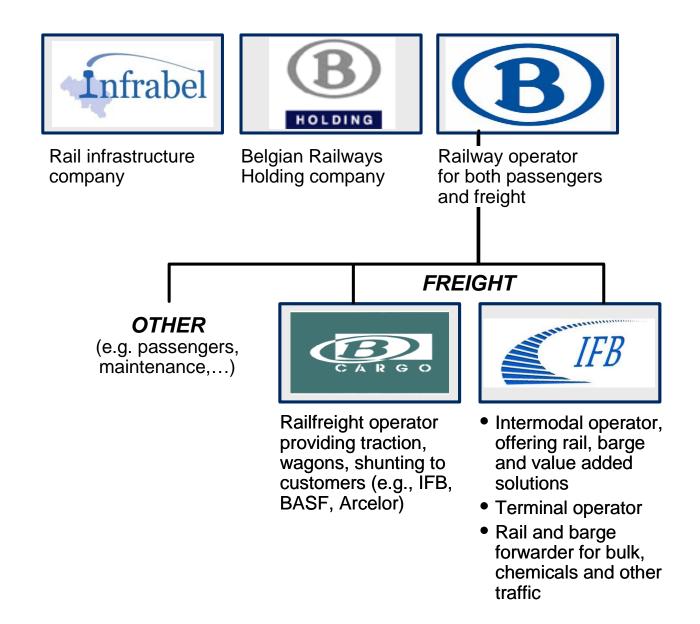






POSITION OF B CARGO and IFB WITHIN SNCB



B-CARGO ACTIVITIES

Turnover 331 mio €- 60,9 mio Tons – 950 freight trains a day – 8,1 billion ton-km – 74% = international transport

Local Operator



Strategy

- Consolidate the market share in the ports and in the large industrial areas
- Completely supervise the fixed assets: wagons; tractions, planning; shunting, interface with the customers
- Optimize the transport plan Quowadis
- Deliver tailor-made logistic services

Corridor Manager



- Three corridors cover 80% of the international flows
- Alliance-strategy with historical RU's
- Upgrade the quality: more punctual, more frequent and faster service, "rolling carpet": regular interval transport, train-shuttles
- Save costs by better management of stocks and staff, interoperability
- Optimize the loc fleet and staff, interoperability

Segment specialist



- Specialized branches for the most important markets
- Offer specific and integrated logistic solutions
- Work together with foreign partners to be able to follow up the customer in their European development

IFB ACTIVITIES

Turnover 76,8 mio € 550.000TEU as trainoperator, 450.000 units as Terminal operator, 2,8 mio Ton conventional traffic

Description

Main partners / **subsidiaries**

TERMINALS



- 4 rail terminals in Antwerp (MainHub, Zomerweg, Cirkeldyck and Schijnpoort), • DPMLi, (Mouscron) one in Muizen and a trimodal terminal in Renory
- Trucking services; stuffing & stripping,...
- Terminal Athus,
- CDP (Charleroi)
- LLI (Liège)

INTERMODAL



- National and European rail connections
- Tailor made rail products
- Barge Rhine transport
- Agency services

- H&S CL (Rhine barge operator)
- Unilog (UK)
- TRW (Italy & Spain)
- Naviland Cargo (France)

BULK



- Integrated solutions for bulk transport (rail, barge, truck, transshipment,...)
- H&S International (Rhine barge operator)
- RKE (barge forwarder)
- RIL (Rail Infra logistics)
- Coil terminal

CHEMICALS AND **FORWARDING**



- Rail traffic for chemical companies
- Door-to-door solutions for any transport, linked to rail (tiles, wood, tobacco)





Situation of national combined traffic before june 2004

- Short distances
- Several hinterland terminals linking with several maritime terminals in Antwerp and Zeebrugge
- Specific situation in Antwerp with 4 major deep sea terminals on right bank and two new major terminals on Left Bank
- Rail production system over shunting station Antwerp North
 - Less reliability (interference with conventional traffic)
 - No specific grip on the timings
 - Several players, no clear co-ordination
 - Too many wagons in the system
 - Hidden costs





Message was clear

- The situation in 2004, combining:
 - growth of container traffic in Antwerp and Zeebrugge
 - major infrastructure works on the Ring of Antwerp
 - major refurbishment of the motorways in the Ardennes
 - a policy of the Belgian Government favouring the modal shift
 - acceptance by Europe of the Government's proposals
 - market study by B-Cargo and IFB

was the ideal environment to launch a new production system

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National Rail Container Network

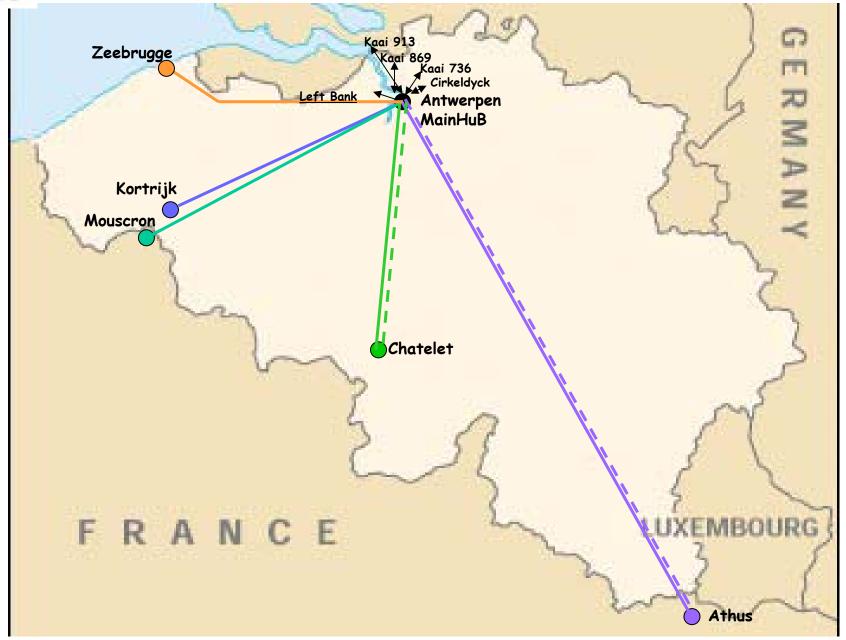


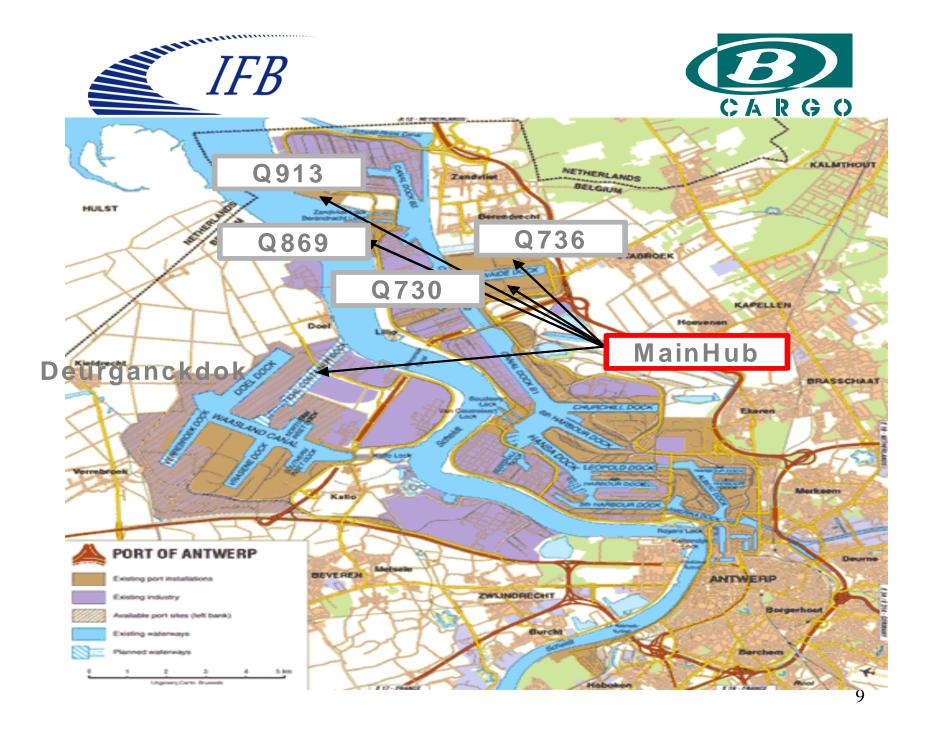


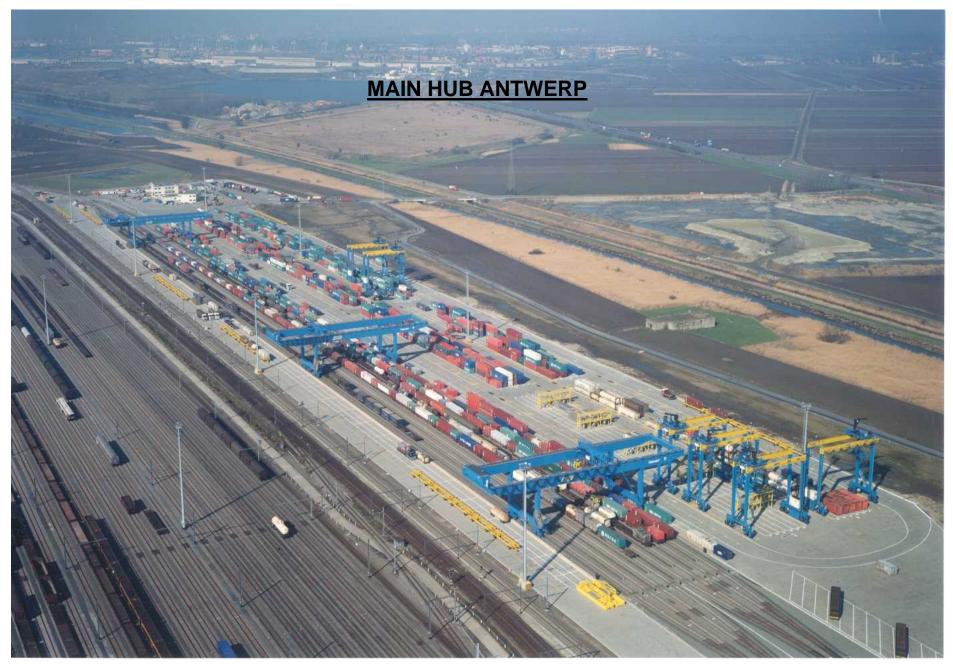
Narcon: bringing the actors together

- Bringing the actors together was the trigger to build up a new transport system based on quality and reliability
 - Belgian Railways, B-Cargo: rail operations and wagon management
 - Hinterland Terminals: commercial and operational partners, knowing exactly the needs in their area
 - Deep sea Stevedores: fixed timeslots and commitments for rail traffic
 - IFB: overall organisation including monitoring, handlings, documents, last mile truckings, one clear responsible towards the clients.
 - Major clients , directly or via the hinterland terminals











Euroterminal DPMLi



Charleroi Dry Port



Lauwe Lar Kortrijk



Terminal Athus















Deurganckdok Antwerp Left Bank

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Zeebrugge CHZ







The operational facts & figures

- Focal point : Main Hub Terminal, vertical shunting and additional services
- 6 round trips per day to and from the hinterland
- 6 round trips per day to and from the quays
- Fixed wagon sets, 27 x 60' wagons (older low cost wagons)
- 6000 trains/year
- Max. actual capacity = 243.000 TEU/year
- Late A/ early B transit-time
- 25 Millions trucks-km / year shifted from road to rail





Actual situation

- <u>Reliable network</u> (more than 99% on time delivery = closings on quay)
- Optimized network
 - Optimization of train capacity (one train for all maritime quays)
 - Optimization of terminal capacity (vertical shunting during night and additional gate moves from an towards empty container depots and "smaller" quays)
 - Less wagons
 - No hidden costs
- One interface towards the clients
- Growing business
- System is <u>still developing</u>
 - linking national and international traffic through hubs
 - Additional hinterland terminals to be served
 - Direct shuttles where possible

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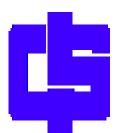
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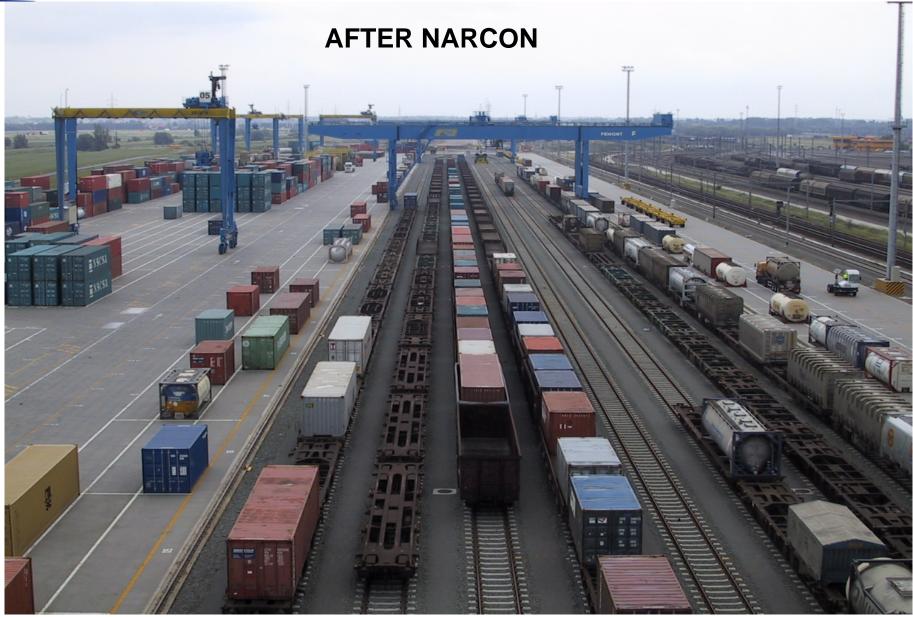


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