

Trimodal Europe launches its own train on 30 July

Green light for Maasvlakte shuttle

Trimodal Europe B.V. will soon be launching its own shuttle train 'with a timetable' in the port of Rotterdam. From 30 July, 16 test trains a week will run between the RSC Terminal in the Waalhaven and three deep-sea terminals on the Maasvlakte (RWG, EMX and APM2).

This Hoogvliet-based company, which is a freight forwarder specialised in intermodal rail transport and the conventional transport of gases and liquids, strongly believes in the future of environmentally friendly transport solutions. Hence the initiative to launch its own 'Maasvlakte shuttle train'. „Roads are becoming increasingly congested and rail transport is a more sustainable transport solution. Because of long tailbacks on the roads, strict regulations on driving hours and rest periods, increases in tolls and a shortage of drivers, we believe that the only solution for the future is a modal shift," says Don van Riel, managing director of Trimodal.

Reliability

The former railwayman of the year, who is also chairman of the NVPG and the BZE, is the initiator of the new shuttle train. After a long period of preparation and the necessary investments, all the lights are now on green. The rolling stock has been ordered, the contract has been drawn up with the rental company and LTE is arranging the locomotive. What characterises this shuttle train is that it offers better accessibility, efficiency and reliability. It is becoming increasingly difficult to transport goods by road and during the holiday period the congestion is even worse. Roadworks on the A15 motorway also affect Maasvlakte and Voorne-Putten.

Fixed schedule

On top of that, up to now there have been delays in the trains entering the port from the hinterland, so everything has to be adjusted each time. „We will therefore be operating according to a fixed schedule, so that everyone knows when a train is due to leave and where it is going. A 40-hour buffer will be built in per week to make up for any lost time. For

inland shipping, visiting a deep-sea terminal with 10 containers is not an attractive proposition. With our Maasvlakte shuttle train, we combine 108 teu of unloading with 108 teu of loading at the deep-sea terminals. That is much more efficient", Van Riel emphasises.

About Trimodal

Trimodal acts as an agent in handling complete trains on behalf of third parties. They unburden the customer by managing the rolling stock, checking the cargo, preparing documents and tracking & tracing. Service and personal contact are given the highest priority by this independent rail-freight forwarder.

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