Üsti nad Labem — After a little more than a quarter of its lifetime has lapsed, the transnational ChemMultimodal project invited stakeholders from the chemical industry and the logistics sector to a dissemination conference to share its achieved learning and to get input for upcoming activities.

The event took place in Ústí nad Labem on 19 April 2017. Among the about 60 participants there were public administrations and business representatives, young students as well as experienced experts, locals and international guests. The conference was consisted of a few sessions, where the benefits as well as limits of multimodal and inter-modal freight transport were discussed.

Olaf Kreutzmann and Andreas Fiedler, the representatives from Saxony-Anhalt, highlighted the benefits of a shift towards rail in the modal split for the transport of raw materials and products of the chemical industry. Nadine Moritz reminded the audience that especially for longer distances and larger amounts of cargo there are clear economic benefits from multimodal and inter-modal transport were discussed.

The complete report from the conference can be found at: http://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/ChemMultimodal.html

Brussels — The first Policy Advisory Group Meeting will take place on 21 June 2017 in Brussels. The meeting should give the opportunity to present first results of the ChemMultimodal Project and discuss with representatives from the European Union the opportunities and barriers for multimodal transport in the chemical sector in Europe.

Issues such as Transport Policy, Chances and Barriers for Multimodal Transport in the EU or Contribution from the Railway and Infrastructure Companies will be discussed. We invite interested stakeholders to join this discussion and contribute to our objectives!

For those who are interested and want to join this group meeting, please register with the help of a Google Form at: https://goo.gl/forms/aBvyTZ9G0xCTWLFe2

More information can be found at: http://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/ChemMultimodal.html

The registration is open until 2 June 2017.

Calculate the difference yourself

With the help of a new CO₂ calculator, which was developed as a part of the ChemMultimodal Project, you can easily calculate the possible CO₂ footprint caused by the chosen mean of transport.

As an example: While transporting chemical products with a weight of 2t on the track from Ústí nad Labem to Magdeburg (ca. 294 km) from 50 % by truck and 50 % by rail would make a difference of almost 12 kg CO₂.

The CO₂ calculator can be found at: http://tiny.cc/co2calculation