After almost three years of intensive transnational cooperation to promote more multimodal transport of chemical goods the ChemMultimodal is now close to its finalisation. Before, and as a last public event, the project invited interested stakeholders from chemical industry, logistics service providers, higher education and administration to the Final Conference. The event was staged on April 12, 2019, in Saxony-Anhalt’s state capital Magdeburg. The event was opened by Thomas Webel, Minister for Regional Development and Transport of Saxony-Anhalt, who reminded participants of the need to further actions to reduce the amount of freight transported on roads. Besides disseminating the results of the project’s successful pilot phase, participants also learned how the future of rail transport of goods could look like: Within the European Union’s Shift2Rail programme, the German Aerospace Agency (DLR) and other partners currently research the next generation of trains that will be able to transport high amounts of cargo on high speed rails through Europe.

In the course of the event, recent solutions of rail freight transport between chemical industry parks in Saxony-Anhalt and the high-sea port of Antwerp and Rotterdam were presented as well as the action plans of the ChemMultimodal partners. In each of the participating countries, activities to promote multimodal transport and regular workshops to bring stakeholders from chemical industry and logistics service providers together to discuss new solutions will be continued beyond the project lifetime. Details will be published by the individual partner institutions in upcoming weeks.

Dear reader, this is the last issue of the ChemMultimodal newsletter. We would like to thank you for your interest in our project and our activities to promote multimodal transport. Please keep visiting our project website and those of our partners regularly to learn about new developments and opportunities.