

# European Road Freight Transport 2014

In-depth analysis, market sizing and company profiles of the leading European road freight operators

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## A gloomy present but a brighter future ahead?

With an industry that is directly linked to national economic growth, ongoing recovery problems in parts of the Eurozone have prolonged an atmosphere of negativity in the European road freight market.

Profitability in the sector is low with average profit margins in the UK at 2.6%, Spain 1.2% , 1.9% in Italy and 1.4% in Belgium. Worryingly, these numbers are likely to be even lower when companies which have now gone out of business are taken in to account.

However, despite this recent period of gloom, the improving economic outlook of the Eurozone economy has vastly improved the medium term prospects of the road freight market with Ti estimates of growth of 1.0% in 2013 and a further 1.5% in 2014.

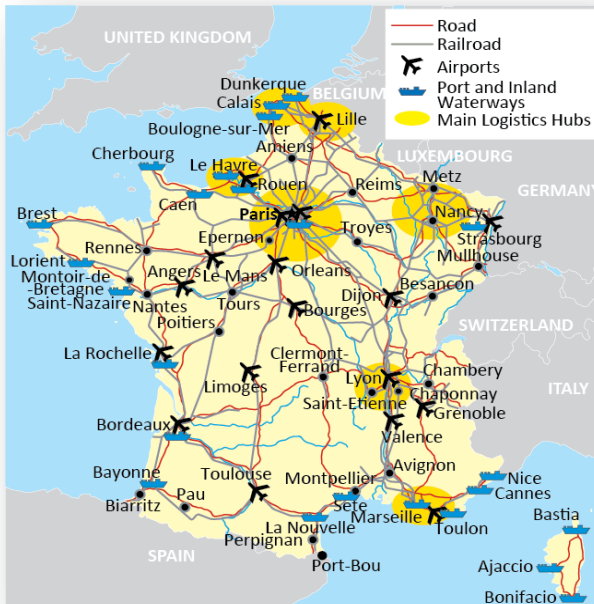
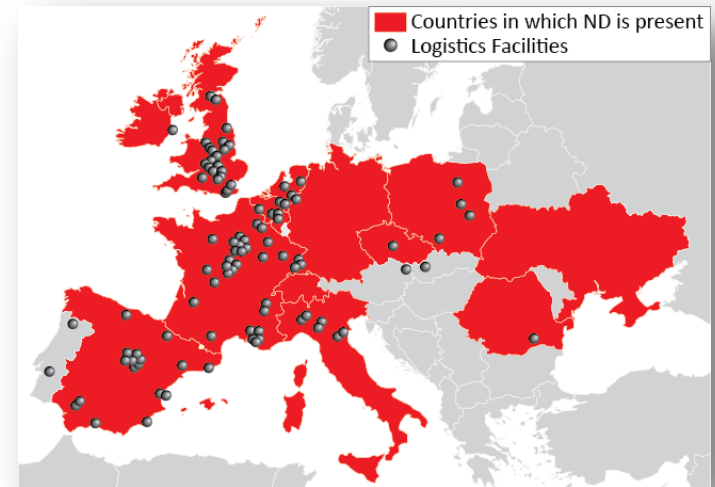


## European Road Freight Transport 2014 will enable you to:

- Find out major trends and developments in the sector and how economic development will impact on the market
- Identify the market size and growth rates of the road freight sector in Europe for both domestic and international road freight
- See how the market is forecast to develop in the next five years
- Understand the major flows of goods vehicles on a country-by-country basis looking at domestic, inter-regional and international trips
- Identify the top ten largest freight operators in Europe and in all major European countries
- Gain access to a range of useful governmental statistics, revealing the structure of the market.

**There are a number of emerging trends which are likely to have an impact the fortunes of the European Road Freight sector, including not only from technological improvements but also political, legislative and environmental developments.**

One such development is the rate at which autonomous trucks are becoming a reality. Although it will be many years before drivers are eliminated completely there are a number of attainable technological advances which will increase operational efficiency in the short term. Improved safety levels, reduced trip times and less congestion as a consequence are just a few of the benefits to be gained through the development of this technology



In terms of political change, the European market is fast becoming more liberalised. Cabotage, the right of operators from third party countries to undertake domestic movements of goods, will continue to be extended throughout the Eurozone, improving the efficiency of the industry by removing empty running. However, the additional competition in an already small margin business model will see increased opposition from local hauliers.

Potential inhibitors of growth also exist in the form of increasingly stringent environmental legislation. The European Commission has expanded its scope regarding legislation related to engine emissions (Euro 5 and 6). Until recently, regulations have largely focused on Nitrogen Oxides and particulates and have been implemented from a Public Health perspective but in the future Carbon Dioxide emissions will become the likely target.

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- Type of Traffic Originating in the country
- Key Origins and Destinations of Road Freight
- Price Index (excl. Italy, Romania and Switzerland)
- Top 10 Logistics Companies

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