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# Message of Greeting from the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

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Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE)

The Ukrainian railway sector is facing major challenges as a result of Russia's war of aggression. At the same time, rail transport remains of outstanding importance for Ukraine: it ensures mobility, supply, freight transport and exports, thereby making an important contribution to the country's economic development and resilience.

The reconstruction of the railway system is therefore not only a matter of restoring damaged infrastructure. It also offers an opportunity to modernise Ukraine's railway sector in the long term, make it more resilient and connect it more closely to European standards and transport corridors.

German companies, with their services, technologies and experience, can make an important contribution in this regard. This business initiation trip focuses on solutions for the transformation and modernisation of the Ukrainian railway system – particularly in the fields of control and safety technology, infrastructure technology, digitalisation, operations and maintenance, as well as rolling stock for rail, metro and tram systems. The trip aims to facilitate concrete business contacts, identify cooperation potential and further deepen economic cooperation between Germany and Ukraine.

On behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, I would like to thank all participating companies, partners and institutions in Germany and Ukraine for their commitment. I wish all participants successful discussions and lasting impetus for further cooperation.

# Introduction

This virtual Trade Mission with a focus on Railway Technology is carried out on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) as part of the Foreign Market Entry Programme. It is organized by [AHP International](#) in close cooperation with the [Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft \(OA\)](#) and the [German Railway Industry Association \(VDB\)](#). The priority lies on German small and medium-sized companies from the railway sector, which plan to enter the Ukrainian market or envisage extending their business activities in this target market.

This Trade Mission is part of the newly established joint platform [RailConTec Ukraine](#) that has been launched earlier this year. The Trade Mission marks the first major project within this framework.

Our virtual Trade Mission in July 2026 offers an excellent opportunity for Ukrainian companies, governmental bodies, and institutional stakeholders to engage directly with 17 leading German enterprises. The mission's objectives are twofold: firstly, to facilitate the establishment of new partnerships, and secondly, to strengthen bilateral exchange between German and German stakeholders.

As part of the programme, the participating German companies will present their products and services during the technology symposium and during networking sessions on Microsoft Teams. Individual virtual B2B meetings will enable participants from the Ukraine and Germany to explore concrete avenues for collaboration and to discuss potential joint initiatives.

We are looking forward to meeting you and exploring opportunities for sustainable and mutually beneficial cooperation.

The German delegation is a very heterogeneous group offering different solutions. Despite the investments in, and growth of the Ukraine's domestic industry, there remains a significant and ongoing demand for German expertise. The 17 participating companies offer specialized solutions for the Ukraine's ambitious rail modernization, focusing on:

- Rolling Stock & Components: High-efficiency Subsystems and Infrastructure Solutions.
- Digitalization: Smart Rail Solutions and Predictive Maintenance.

Please discover the company profiles of the German delegation in detail in this brochure.

We wish everyone fruitful discussions and are looking forward to new partnerships and cooperations!

# Participating Companies

## 1 | AXTONE GmbH



<https://www.axtoneglobal.com>

# AXTONE

### Activity: Railway safety system engineering

**AXTONE** creates solutions and technologies, that ensure safety and efficiency in passenger and freight transport. They are part of the ITT since 2017. ITT is a focused multi-industrial company that designs and manufactures highly engineered critical components and customized technology solutions in the markets of energy, transport (air, automotive, rail) and industrial.

They are a supplier of innovative, tailor-made rolling stock solutions: buffers, crash buffers, crash elements and draw gears for freight and passenger cars, locomotives and public transport vehicles. AXTONE is manufacturer of coil and leaf springs for all kinds of rail vehicles and for industry applications. Their team is committed to offering a service for railway components.

AXTONE is highly interested in the Ukrainian railway market and aims to explore it fully. They are seeking market information, valuable contacts, strong networking opportunities and support for market access. In terms of networking, they are interested in connecting with all relevant stakeholders - from the Ukrainian National Railway Company, through certification bodies, OEM producers, down to smaller workshops and service providers as well as distributors.



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## 2 | A. Rawie GmbH & Co. KG



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### Activity: Railway safety system engineering

**A. Rawie GmbH & Co. KG** is a German engineering company specializing in railway safety systems, barrier solutions, and access control technologies. Founded in 1882 and headquartered in Osnabrück, the company has evolved from a railway supply manufacturer into a globally recognized leader in dynamic track safety. Rawie is best known as the inventor of the modern friction buffer stop and today serves railway operators, infrastructure owners, and industrial clients worldwide, with products installed in rail networks across numerous countries.

The company designs and manufactures high-quality safety components including buffer stops for rail terminals, manually and electrically operated barrier systems, and access control solutions such as turnstiles and gates. These systems are used in railway infrastructure, industrial facilities, and public access areas to enhance safety, control entry, and protect critical assets. With a strong focus on engineering innovation and customer-specific solutions, Rawie supports global transportation and infrastructure projects by improving operational safety and reliability while maintaining the high standards of German manufacturing.



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### 3 | Blaschke Umwelttechnik GmbH



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#### Activity: Environmental technology in exhaust extraction and air filtration systems

**Blaschke Umwelttechnik GmbH** is a world leader in manufacturing diesel exhaust extraction systems. For 50 years, the company has been designing and installing custom extraction systems for diesel-powered vehicles in railway maintenance depots.

Each system is designed to fit the specific requirements of each site. Their high-performance technology ensures the safe removal of large volumes of exhaust gases. All products are made from the highest quality materials and require very little maintenance, making them suitable even for the most demanding environments. Blaschke Umwelttechnik offers a complete service that covers everything from design, engineering, manufacturing, and pre-assembly at their plant in Germany to installation, commissioning, and on-site maintenance. In addition to the railway sector, the company offers its solutions to fire stations and mechanical workshops.

They are ready for long-term cooperation in order to achieve joint success in projects in Ukraine.

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#### 4 | Comtec GmbH



<https://comtec1.de/en/>

#### Activity: Manufacturing cable accessories and telecommunication components

**Comtec GmbH** is a German manufacturing company specializing in cable accessories and telecommunications infrastructure components. Founded in 1975 and headquartered in Stuhr near Bremen, the company initially operated as a subsidiary of a U.S. technology firm before becoming an independent German business in 1986. Since then, Comtec has developed into an internationally active supplier, serving network operators, telecommunications providers, energy companies, and infrastructure contractors involved in the expansion and maintenance of communication networks.

The company designs and produces a wide range of technical components for cable and communication systems, including shielding connections, cable joints, connectors, and distribution solutions. In addition to its standardized products, they are known for developing customer-specific solutions, supporting clients throughout the entire project lifecycle, from consultation and prototyping to series production. By combining in-house manufacturing expertise with flexible engineering and long-term customer relationships, Comtec enables reliable and efficient deployment of cable infrastructure in telecommunications and energy networks.

Comtec is eager to explore new business opportunities in Ukraine and is looking for a fresh and new way of doing business.

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## 5 | Funkwerk Mobility Solutions GmbH



<https://www.funkwerk-mobility-solutions.com/en/>

### Activity: Software and display solutions

**Funkwerk Mobility Solutions GmbH** is a leading German technology company specializing in communication and information for the mobility sector. With decades of experience in railway and public transport environments, Funkwerk develops innovative software and hardware systems that help operators digitalize, automate, and optimize their operational processes.

At the core of its portfolio is the Funkwerk Mobility Platform, a modular, scalable, and open platform designed for passenger information, operations management, device integration, and mobility services. Built on modern microservice and event-driven architectures, the platform enables seamless integration of third-party systems and supports both cloud-based (SaaS) and on-premises deployments.

Funkwerk serves railway infrastructure managers, train operators, metro systems, and public transport authorities across Europe. The company has successfully delivered nationwide passenger information solutions for organizations such as Deutsche Bahn (DB), ÖBB (Austria), CFL (Luxembourg), and Bane NOR (Norway), demonstrating its ability to manage large-scale, mission-critical deployments. With a strong focus on reliability, cybersecurity, interoperability, and user experience, Funkwerk helps customers provide accurate, real-time passenger information while improving operational efficiency and reducing costs. Through continuous innovation and close collaboration with customers, Funkwerk is shaping the future of connected and sustainable mobility.



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## 6 | Hitachi Rail GTS Deutschland GmbH


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# HITACHI

## Activity: Signaling, control and digital rail infrastructure systems

**Hitachi Rail** is committed to driving the sustainable mobility transition and has a clear focus on partnering with customers to rethink mobility. Its mission is to help every passenger, customer and community enjoy the benefits of more connected, seamless and sustainable transport. With revenues of over €7bn and 24,000 employees across more than 50 countries, Hitachi Rail is a trusted partner to the world's best transport organisations. The company's reach is global, but the business is local - with success built on developing local talent and investing in people and communities.

Its international capabilities and expertise span every part of the urban, mainline and freight rail ecosystems – from high quality manufacturing and maintenance of rolling stock to secure digital signalling, smart operations and payment systems. Hitachi Rail, famous for Japan's iconic high speed bullet train, draws on the digital and AI expertise of Hitachi Group companies to accelerate innovation and develop new technologies. Hitachi Rails Product Portfolio is divided in Rail Control, Vehicles, Digital & Service and Turnkey Solutions.

Hitachi Rail with its own manufacturing plant in Germany is able to deliver the entire signalling portfolio. An easy and smooth market entry is usually possible through generic Wayside Products (Digital Axle Counters & Electrohydraulic Point Machines). These products are not only usable for Hitachi Rail's own signalling solutions but fit seamless with all other vendors system as well.



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### Activity: Locking technology and special engineering

**HoKon GmbH & Co. KG** is a German manufacturer and supplier specializing in hinge and fastening technology. Based in Dortmund, the company focuses on high-quality components and customized solutions for a wide range of industrial applications. With strong expertise in design and production, HoKon supports customers with both standard products and tailored engineering solutions.

The company offers comprehensive services from product selection and development to manufacturing and surface finishing. Its ability to produce individual components based on drawings or samples, combined with certified quality standards, ensures flexibility and reliability for demanding industries such as mechanical engineering, transport, and infrastructure.

HoKon's product portfolio includes a wide range of hinges (e.g., stainless steel, torque, spring, and heavy-duty hinges), as well as latching and fastening systems such as tension latches, cam locks, and rotary latches. Additional components include clamps, pipe fasteners, threaded inserts, and custom fastening solutions, all available in various materials and finishes. These products are designed for durability, flexibility, and precise integration into industrial applications, with custom configurations available through dedicated product configurators.



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## 8 | Industrie-Partner GmbH



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INDUSTRIE-PARTNER



### Activity: Mechanical engineering for tailored solutions

**Industrie-Partner GmbH (IP Coswig)** is a German mechanical engineering company specializing in custom machinery, automation systems, and industrial technology solutions. Founded in 1990 and headquartered in Coswig near Dresden, the company operates as a mid-sized, innovation-driven engineering partner delivering tailored solutions across multiple industries. Its core expertise lies in the development, design, and manufacturing of special-purpose machines, production systems, and industrial components, complemented by installation, commissioning, and after-sales services.

The company's activities are structured into several specialized divisions, including automation and robotics (IP EfficiencyEquipment), railway testing and measurement systems (IP RailEquipment), contract manufacturing (IP Production), and battery production technologies (IP PowerSystems). Key solutions include flexible CNC automation systems such as the Robo Operator® and Robo Automation Kit, certified brake testing equipment for rail operations, and advanced machines for electrolyte filling in lithium-ion battery production. By combining proprietary technologies with customer-specific engineering, Industrie-Partner supports industrial clients in improving efficiency, enabling sustainable production, and addressing future-focused challenges in sectors such as manufacturing, rail infrastructure, and e-mobility.



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## 9 | Intelligence on Wheels (IoW) GmbH



<https://www.intelligence-on-wheels.de/>



intelligence on wheels

### Activity: Train Collision Avoidance Systems

**Intelligence on Wheels (IoW)** is a spin-off from the German Aerospace Center (DLR) since 2012 on the topic of an innovative collision avoidance system (TrainCAS) and related technologies. The vision of Intelligence on Wheels is for every train to be equipped with this award-winning technology as additional technical protection. Regardless of which safety technology is already installed along the track or in the train, TrainCAS increases the level of safety. IoW's products can be retrofitted to any rail vehicle of any type or age, including construction or maintenance vehicles, whether permanently installed or mobile, to protect against collisions between trains, between trains and road users, as well as for the safety of workers along tracks.

#### Products and Services:

- Patented collision avoidance assistance overlay - for fixed or mobile installation - including onboard localization, train-to-train communication, and alerting
- **Fail-Operational Train Control in case of incidents**
- Track worker protection - an innovative product for protecting workers along the tracks
- Railroad crossing protection from the train with approved road traffic technology
- Highly accurate electronic track maps
- Precise onboard-only sensing, localizing even in long tunnels, forms the basis for various other products for:
  - o Speed Monitoring
  - o Permanent Train Length Monitoring (Integrity)
  - o Non-visual Damage Detection on Infrastructure for Predictive Maintenance
  - o Construction Site Safety
  - o Driving Assistance for Energy-Efficient Driving

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## 10 | Kloeckner Siebmaschinen Vertriebsgesellschaft mbH



<https://siebwerk.de/>



### Activity: Manufacturing screening technology for railway infrastructure projects

**Kloeckner Siebmaschinen (Siebwerk.de)** is a German engineering company specializing in screening technology for railway infrastructure projects. Founded in 1984, the company designs and manufactures compact, high-performance systems used in rail maintenance and construction. Their team combines engineering expertise with international experience, serving clients across Europe and in markets such as Brazil, Australia, and Latin America.

The company provides advanced ballast screening solutions, most notably the KS 2340 system, which is designed to process and clean railway ballast efficiently. Their technology helps rail operators improve track quality while reducing the need for costly full ballast replacement. By supplying specialized machinery and engineering solutions, Siebwerk supports rail contractors and infrastructure operators in maintaining and upgrading railway networks more sustainably and cost-effectively.



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## 11 | Neuero Railtec GmbH



<https://www.neuero-railtec.com/en/>



**NEUERO RAILTEC** GmbH  
Anlagen Maschinen Brückenbau

### Activity: From single machinery to retrofit & complete depot solutions

**Neuero Railtec GmbH** develops and delivers turnkey depot solutions for railway maintenance. As part of the Peters Group with more than 100 years of engineering excellence, we combine German engineering with international project experience - Trusted partner for railway operators worldwide.

Our expertise covers engineering, manufacturing, installation and commissioning of complete depot solutions, lifting systems, access platforms, bogie & wheelset equipment, customized steel structures and specialized cranes.

Why Neuero? One partner. One interface. One responsibility. We are looking for long-term partnerships in Ukraine to support the modernization of railway maintenance infrastructure. Together with local partners, we aim to deliver reliable, safe and sustainable depot solutions



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## 12 | HxGN Safety & Infrastructure GmbH (Octave)



<https://www.octave.com/>



### Activity: Software Solutions for critical environments

**Octave** is a global software and technology company focused on improving the performance, safety, and resilience of critical infrastructure and physical assets. With decades of combined industry expertise, the company delivers solutions that support organizations across the entire asset lifecycle, from design and construction to operation and protection.

Created in 2026 through spin-off from Hexagon AB, Octave brings together thousands of employees worldwide and serves customers in national and local government agencies, transportation, defense, utilities, communications and industrial sites. Its mission is to transform complex operational data into actionable intelligence, enabling faster decision-making and more efficient project execution in mission-critical environments.

Octave's portfolio includes asset performance and monitoring systems for real-time operational insights, geospatial and location intelligence platforms, as well as advanced engineering tools for industrial 3D modeling, simulation and project management. In addition, the company provides security and incident management technologies covering public safety, physical security, and cybersecurity. Together, these integrated solutions help customers optimize performance, reduce risk, and ensure the reliable operation of critical infrastructure.

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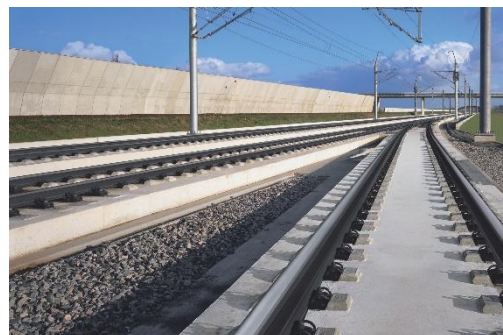

<https://www.railone.com>


### Activity: Track-systems technology & concrete sleepers manufacturing

The **PCM RAILONE Group** has been manufacturing concrete sleepers and track systems for urban transit and long-distance rail transportation for over 60 years. The technology leader also offers its expertise in the fields of engineering and plant construction. Its customer-driven innovations fulfil the highest quality standards and are installed around the world

They are comprised of several companies and eleven production facilities with a presence in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Spain, South Korea, Hungary, Turkey, Greece, Canada, the United States, and India. It maintains annual capacities of over 5 million track sleepers and about 900 thousand linear meters of turnout sleepers.

RAILONE develops customized solutions designed for the highest speeds, maximum utilization, and heavy track loads. RAILONE's pioneering railway technologies adapt to all requirements and have no geographical or technical limits. RAILONE's portfolio includes concrete sleepers and turnout sleepers, as well as advanced ballastless track systems. The flagship RHEDA 2000© system integrates the sleepers into a monolithic concrete slab, offering high durability, low maintenance, and suitability for high-speed applications, heavy loads, and tunnels.



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## 14 | Schlummer Management Consulting GmbH



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### Activity: Partner for Rolling Stock Procurement

At **Schlummer Management Consulting (SMC)**, their core mission is clear: they are your dedicated partner for the technical and commercial accompaniment of rail vehicle procurement projects. From initial fleet planning and tender specifications to manufacturing supervision and final vehicle acceptance, they guide you through every critical phase of acquiring new rolling stock.

What makes SMCs consulting special? Their team consists of seasoned engineers and industry experts who have spent their entire careers in the railway sector. With firsthand experience from leading manufacturers like Alstom and Bombardier or railway undertakings like Deutsche Bahn, they know the exact technical and operational pitfalls that can derail a procurement process. Because no two fleets and no two operators are alike, SMC reject standard answers in favor of highly customized, pragmatic solutions.

Procuring rail vehicles is highly complex. That is why they take a holistic approach, seamlessly integrating technical, commercial, legal, and procedural expertise. SMC proactively identify risks, structure undefined challenges, and never shy away from addressing uncomfortable truths to ensure your procurement project succeeds.

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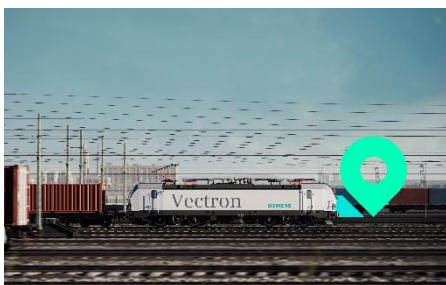
**SIEMENS**<https://www.siemens.com/mobility>**Activity: Universal provider for the railway industry**

**Siemens Mobility GmbH** connects the real and the digital world and helps their customers accelerate their digital transformation and achieve their sustainability goals. Siemens solutions deliver a seamless experience that truly delights passengers.

They empower operators to shape passenger and freight transport—today and in the future—with trains, infrastructure, automation, and electrification solutions, turnkey systems, and the associated services. These include suburban and regional trains, as well as high-speed trains, light rail and metro systems.

Siemens Mobility provides rail with a powerful and reliable foundation: up to 100% system availability. To achieve this, their maintenance offers a proactive and comprehensive performance and efficiency guarantee. Siemens domain expertise and digital know-how form the foundation for their excellent execution for their customers.

They want to support Ukraine in their needs regarding transportation covering Signalling, Rolling Stock, Services, Software solutions and more.



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BAHNKOMPETENZ AUS HALBERSTADT

### Activity: Manufacturing of Rail Vehicles

The **VIS GmbH** in Halberstadt stands for 180-year long production experience and performance competence in rail vehicle construction. They have evolved from a historic railcar manufacturer into a modern full-service provider for the railway industry, combining engineering expertise with comprehensive manufacturing and maintenance capabilities.

Today, VIS offers a broad range of services covering the entire lifecycle of rail vehicles. From modernization and refurbishment to heavy maintenance, accident repair, and component production, the company delivers tailored solutions for passenger and freight rolling stock. Its integrated approach and certified processes ensure high quality, reliability, and efficiency for customers in demanding railway environments.

The company's portfolio includes rail vehicle overhaul and modernization, bogie maintenance, and steel construction, along with surface treatment services such as blasting and painting. In addition, VIS provides inspections, testing, commissioning, and technical services, as well as custom single-part and small-series manufacturing. These capabilities enable VIS to deliver end-to-end solutions that ensure the safety, performance, and longevity of rail vehicles and their components.



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## 17 | WAGNER Rail GmbH



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## Activity: Fire protection systems for rolling stock applications

**Wagner Rail GmbH**, based in Munich, has been developing fire protection system solutions for rail vehicles since 1994 and has established itself as a leading supplier in the global market. Their goal is to work close with the customer to tailor the system solution and providing services such as engineering, documentation, commissioning, maintenance or training. The portfolio includes false alarm-proof fire detection systems, an innovative water mist system for fire fighting in the passenger area, and gas or aerosol extinguishing systems for protecting technical areas. Their highlight: a next generation water mist firefighting system designed for all types of passenger areas - requiring only ONE single cylinder.

The Wagner fire protection technology can be used either as a standalone system with direct connection to the TCMS or as an integrated system with a fire alarm control panel and software interface to the TCMS. The system's modular architecture allows full adaptability to specific needs and applications. Configurations range from detection only setups using point detectors or aspirating smoke detection systems, to integrated suppression solutions for technical compartments, and - at the highest performance level - to water mist protection for passenger areas

WAGNER Group is today the leading global manufacturer of air sampling smoke detection systems that are also widely used on rolling stock since more than 30 years. Their solutions comply with all relevant European EN standards for the railway sector. In addition, their products are certified in accordance with applicable EAC Technical Regulations and carry the EAC marking, enabling their use in rail applications across the Eurasian Economic Union.

With over 15 years of extensive experience in railway environments, they design and deliver systems that perform reliably under extreme climatic conditions. Their solutions are engineered to operate within a wide temperature range - from -40°C in severe winter conditions to +75°C in high-temperature environments, ensuring consistent performance in both cold regions and heat-intensive applications.

Worldwide reference projects include Metro Munich, Newcastle, Glasgow, Kuala Lumpur or Helsinki, many EMU trains such as Caltrain, Railjet OBB, SV Dosto from SBB, the whole Velaro and Desiro fleet from Siemens the world-record train from RhB in Switzerland and the EMU fleet from Stadler in Switzerland and other European countries. Finally, to be mentioned are many passenger coaches and sleepers such as Alstom in Canada or for Czech Railways, PKP in Poland, OBB or Stadler for Kazakhstan and as well locomotives from Siemens, SBB, Toshiba, FPS, DB, DB Cargo and Alstom.

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### Activity: Foreign Trade Consulting

AHP International is one of Germany's leading service providers in the field of international business development. The company is active in liaising with international and national clients in a global setting and with a wealth of experience in developing businesses.

In addition to supporting German companies reaching out to the global market, AHP International strives to assist foreign and overseas businesses in entering and settling new markets in Germany and Europe. The comprehensive services for international clients interested in developing their presence in the German and European markets are three-fold:

- Corporate consulting in business & market development
- Public sector trade missions like, for example, projects on behalf of the Market Entry Program of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action and trade fair projects.
- FDI promotion in Germany and selected European markets.

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## Industry Partner Ukraine: JSC “Ukrainian railways”



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### Activity: State railway company

JSC “Ukrainian Railways” (Ukrzaliznytsia) is the state-owned railway company of Ukraine, responsible for the operation, maintenance, and modernization of the national rail infrastructure as well as passenger and freight transport. As a central actor in the country’s transport sector, the company plays a key role in logistics, economic stability, and the integration of Ukraine into European transport corridors.

As Ukraine’s largest strategic enterprise, Ukrzaliznytsia employs approximately 187,000 people and serves as the primary logistics network for the transportation of both cargo and passengers in domestic and international traffic. Under wartime conditions, the company continues to ensure passenger services and a critical share of freight transport while adapting to new challenges imposed by martial law. It has modernized freight operations with state economic support, introduced medical evacuation trains, carried out special transport for high-ranking officials and diplomats as part of the Iron Diplomacy Project, adapted infrastructure under the Barrier-Free Program, and implemented a policy of Ukrainization.

Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the company has played a vital humanitarian role by organizing large-scale evacuations of civilians, as well as the relocation of material and cultural assets threatened by destruction. In total, more than 4 million passengers have been evacuated, including around 1 million children and 120,000 animals, demonstrating the critical importance of JSC “Ukrainian Railways” in supporting the population and maintaining national resilience during wartime.

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Industry Partner: German Railway  
Industry Association (VDB)



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VDB VERBAND DER BAHNINDUSTRIE IN DEUTSCHLAND E.V.

Verband der Bahnindustrie in Deutschland E.V. (VDB), the German Railway Industry Association, is the leading association for manufactures of all products required for track-based rail operations. From rail vehicles, infrastructure, planning, maintenance, control and safety technologies as well as communication systems. The VDB unites more than 250 companies with more than 56.000 employees under its roof, from worldwide leading original equipment manufacturer to highly specialized small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups.

VDB actively promotes innovation, sustainability, and digitalization within the rail sector. Its members drive forward cutting-edge technologies such as automation, alternative propulsion systems, and smart rail solutions. By fostering cooperation between industry leaders, policymakers, administrations and research institutions, VDB helps shape the future of rail transport in Germany, Europe, and beyond. VDB moderates and aligns the interests of its members and represents them vis-à-vis the sector, politicians, and the public. The Association closely works with the German Federal Government, the European Commission and European Parliament as well as rail operators and relevant regulatory authorities, both nationally and internationally.

The association also plays a crucial role in advocating for fair competition, investment in rail infrastructure, and the expansion of environmentally friendly mobility solutions. Through strategic partnerships and long-lasting international collaboration, VDB strengthens the global competitiveness of the German rail industry. Moreover, VDB provides a platform for knowledge exchange, offering conferences, workshops, and networking events where experts share insights on key industry trends. By continuously supporting its members in navigating regulatory challenges and market developments, VDB ensures that the German rail sector remains at the forefront of technological progress and sustainable mobility.

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## Industry Partner: Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft (OA)



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The Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft is the central regional initiative of the German economy for strengthening economic relations with 29 countries in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, the South Caucasus, and Central Asia. Founded in 1952, the association promotes trade, investment, and economic cooperation across these regions and represents the interests of German companies active there. It brings together more than 350 member companies, ranging from globally active corporations such as Siemens or Deutsche Bank to highly specialized medium-sized enterprises, and is supported by leading umbrella organizations of German industry.

The Ost-Ausschuss supports its members with a combination of market expertise, political advocacy, and high-level networking. It facilitates business contacts, advises on market entry and project development, and provides regular analyses of economic and regulatory developments across its partner countries. Through conferences, delegation trips, working groups, and publications, it serves as a key platform for exchange between business, policymakers, and institutions. In close coordination with the German Federal Government, the European Union, and partner country governments, the association works to reduce trade barriers, improve investment conditions, and shape economic policy frameworks in the region.

A key focus of the association's recent work is its engagement in supporting Ukraine. Through its Service Desk Ukraine, the Ost-Ausschuss consolidates requests from Ukrainian businesses and connects them with suitable partners in Germany and across Europe. It contributes to the development of reconstruction strategies, provides up-to-date information on economic developments, and facilitates cooperation between companies, institutions, and policymakers. By fostering institutional exchange and promoting favorable conditions for private investment, the Service Desk Ukraine plays an important role in mobilizing the German and European private sector for Ukraine's economic stabilization and long-term recovery.

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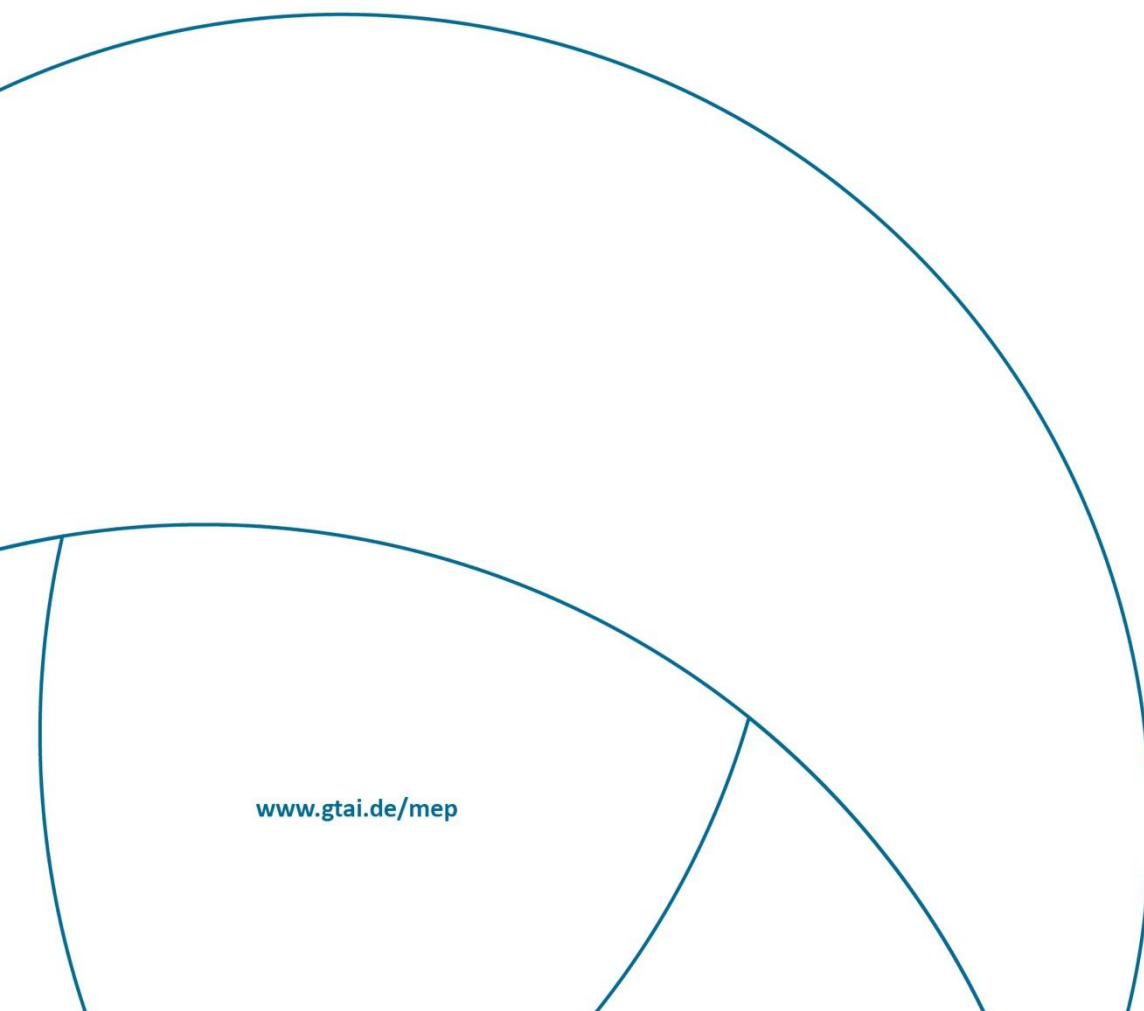
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