What is railway.tools?

railway.tools is the platform to facilitate the planning of combined transport (CT) between road and rail for transport logisticians and forwarders.

An interactive combined transport map of Europe gives users a transparent overview of the options for the main leg and pre- and onward carriage. Transport logistics and forwarding companies available for first and last mile road transports in Germany and other countries are also displayed.

Why railway.tools?

Freight transport and logistics are facing enormous challenges. According to the Federal Ministry of Transport, transport volume in Germany alone is expected to increase by 38 per cent by 2030 compared to 2010. At the same time, transport logistics and forwarding companies are suffering from an enormous shortage of skilled workers. This is causing bottlenecks in transport and logistics which cannot be overcome without intelligent linking of the modes of transport and optimal use of the existing infrastructure. railway.tools starts right here.

Available languages:
How can I use railway.tools?

Transport logistics and forwarding companies can use railway.tools to search for suitable combined transport links in just a few steps:

1. Click on the KV-Verbindungen [CT Links] menu item, then click on the First / Last Mile button.

2. Enter the country and the city or postcode of the starting point in the search field.

3. Now enter the country and the city or postcode of the desired destination in the search field.

4. Result: you will now see all matching links for the main leg and pre- and onward carriage between the selected starting point and destination.

You can use the filter function to limit the links according to your requirements. You can display just direct links, specify a maximum number of changes or display just the preferred operators.

You will also see:

- Information on the relevant operators (address, contact person, website)
- A timetable overview and important information on the means of transport or load unit in question
- Terminal information and first and last-mile offerings (address, contact person, website, terms of use, linked modes of transport, usable lengths, transshippable load units, etc.)

If you are interested, you can also use the menu items to obtain detailed information about various loading points, terminals and rail fuelling stations in Europe.

As a transport logistics or forwarding company, how can I offer my services via railway.tools?

Contractors can apply for access and publish their services simply, free of charge and entirely without obligation via Bundesverband Güterkraftverkehr Logistik und Entsorgung (BGL) e.V. (the National Association for Freight Transport, Logistics and Waste Disposal). You will receive your personal access data as follows:

- Send an e-mail to: railway.tools@bgl-ev.de
- The e-mail should contain the following information:
  - Company name and address
  - Postcodes of the locations from which you wish to offer transport services
  - Contact person, incl. telephone number and e-mail address
- BGL e.V. will verify your request and send you your personal access data by e-mail