

## **Working for the climate**

Combined transport is the preferred transport system for eco-friendly logistics processes. Hupac sees its task in providing the freight transport industry with a reliable, marketable network in intermodal transport. The central challenge here is efficient management, because environmentally friendly transport must be neither more expensive nor of inferior quality to comparable offers.

Together with its partners – railways, terminal operators, rolling stock manufacturers and maintenance companies – Hupac has been committed to the further development of combined transport for over fifty years.

## Active support of the modal shift policy

In 2019 Hupac achieved a transport volume of 551,042 road consignments or 10.5 million net tons in the segment of transalpine transport through Switzerland. The company is thus an important player in Swiss transport policy, whose constitutionally anchored goal is to shift transalpine freight traffic from road to rail.

In the year under review, we succeeded in convincing Swiss politics that operating subsidies will also be necessary to a lesser extent from 2024 if the shift in Alpine transit is to be maintained or further expanded. The reason for this

is the delayed implementation of the railway parameters on the Rhine-Alpine corridor, which allow for higher productivity.

The Federal Council's corresponding proposal to Parliament in November 2019 was modest. However, Hupac, together with the Swiss transport industry, presented its ideas to the public. At the beginning of 2020, Parliament approved an increase and extension of the subsidy framework as a bridging measure until the necessary productivity improvements are achieved on the north-south corridor.

## **Positive footprint**

Last year, Hupac Intermodal's freight transport achieved total savings of 1.1 million tonnes of  ${\rm CO_2}$  and 12.6 billion megajoules of energy compared with pure road transport.

Via the customer platform WOLF, every customer can view and document the  ${\rm CO_2}$  balance of his transports. The calculations are based on the EcoTransIt system.

## Caring for the environment

The consideration of environmental aspects is a multi-faceted, ongoing issue with large, but also with many small projects. The SPEAK project, which has made significant progress in 2019, promises to improve the use of train capacity and thus reduce environmental impact. The ETA/ETP (Estimated Time of Arrival/of Pick-up) project will help avoid empty truck runs and optimise resources. A first phase of implementation was completed in January 2020.

Consistent investment in low-noise rolling stock is significantly reducing the noise pollution of rail freight traffic. Hupac's wagon fleet has been completely low-noise since the end of 2016.

Equally relevant are the issues which directly and personally affect the employees of the Hupac Group. These include the elimination of one-way plastic, the introduction of paperless processes, the promotion of teleconferencing and home office to reduce travel activity and the conversion of the company's fleet to e-mobility.