

Internationalization

## Railport Launch: Türkiye's first intermodal terminal begins operations

- **Joint venture between duisport and Arkas successfully launched**
- **Powerful new link between Europe and Asia**
- **“Strategic bridgehead for international trade“**

The first freight trains are being dispatched, containers are being handled, trucks are passing through the gates, and the high-bay warehouses are filling up: Railport, the first intermodal terminal in Türkiye, has officially commenced operations. Located around 130 kilometers east of Istanbul, a new era is beginning for the Turkish logistics sector – and also for the Port of Duisburg.

“The Republic of Türkiye is a key hub for reliable supply chains between Europe and Asia. With Railport, a strategic bridgehead for international trade is being established. This strengthens the stability of global networks and promotes the competitiveness of German industry as well as the development of the Turkish market,” says duisport CEO **Markus Bangen**.

### **Stronger together: Joint Venture between duisport and Arkas**

Railport is a joint venture between duisport and the Turkish logistics group Arkas, representing the largest foreign investment in the history of Duisburger Hafen AG with a double-digit million sum. Arkas Holding contributes its local expertise and market knowledge, while duisport brings its international experience and networks. This partnership creates a high-performance terminal that meets the demands of global supply chains and strengthens Türkiye's role as a logistics hub.

**Özgür Kalelioğlu**, Port and Terminal Services Group President at Arkas: “Backed by Arkas Holding's century long heritage and international reputation, in partnership with duisport, Europe's leading logistics hubs, we are proud to bring Türkiye's first intermodal terminal Railport to life. Developed on a 265.000 square meter site, Railport marks a new phase in intermodal terminal operations along the East–West trade corridor. It will support the growth of multimodal logistics centers in Türkiye and contribute to expanding the intermodal network between Asia and Europe. Located at the heart of Türkiye's industrial region, Railport pioneers the sector by offering both rail and road transport options. With its direct links to major trade routes and its strategic position providing access to a wide geography, Railport is set to become a key hub for import, export and transit freight.”

**Fatih Yılmazkarasu**, Managing Director of Railport: “The first train departure from Railport is a clear sign of the contribution our terminal will make to rail transport in Türkiye. This operation marks

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the beginning of our long-term strategy, which aims to increase the effective use of intermodal transport in our country and offer our customers competitive options.”

**Lars Nennhaus**, duisport Board Member for Technology and Operations, praises the good and trusting cooperation with Turkish partners during the construction phase: “We have closely accompanied the project on site from the very beginning and continuously monitored the construction progress. My thanks go to the entire team, who actively contributed their experience and expertise from over 25 years of terminal development.”

### **Türkiye's growing importance as a logistics hub**

Thanks to its strategic location in Kartepe, Railport is directly connected to the industrial centers, ports, and transport networks of the Marmara region. The newly expanded BTK line (Baku – Tbilisi – Akhalkalaki), which links Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Türkiye, and the so-called Middle Corridor, simplify access to markets in Central Asia, China, and Southeast Asia. At the same time, exporters benefit from a powerful connection towards Europe.

Proximity to the Marmaray Tunnel also ensures smooth freight transport between continents – a decisive advantage for Türkiye's growing importance as a logistics hub in the context of nearshoring, diversification of international networks, and the development of a sustainable logistics structure along the rail corridor between Türkiye and Central Europe.

### **Railport at a glance**

- Terminal area: 265,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- 10,000 meters of track
- 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> covered temporary storage area
- 15,000 m<sup>2</sup> covered warehouse with space for more than 22,000 Euro pallets
- Handling capacity of 125,000 trailers per year
- Customs, storage, and CFS services at one location for fast and cost-efficient operations

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