

## ScandFibre Logistics has selected Forwardis to operate the Rail27 International service

Rail Logistics Europe has announced that its subsidiary Forwardis, a freight forwarder specialising in the design and organisation of rail transport solutions, has been selected by ScandFibre Logistics (SFL) to operate the international Rail27 service from mid-December 2026.

### A partnership that looks set to be a long-term one

This multi-year contract, with options to extend, covers the operation of the Rail27 rail service. This is a complex rail freight service handling an annual volume of around 12,000 wagons, linking Sweden to more than 20 terminals in continental Europe.

ScandFibre Logistics organises the rail transport of products from the Scandinavian paper industry to several European countries, notably Germany, Italy, France and the Benelux countries, whilst ensuring the return of the wagons to Sweden carrying industrial and consumer goods. The use of rail as part of Rail27 demonstrates the Nordic forestry sector's commitment to more sustainable transport solutions, contributing to a significant reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### A solution that draws on European expertise, synergies between the companies within the Rail Logistics Europe group and a network of partners

The solution designed by Forwardis, managed from Germany, is based on:

- a comprehensive design of the rail distribution network,
- an end-to-end transport service,
- a combination of block trains and single wagons,
- the integration of several European rail partners, including the Rail Logistics Europe group companies Captrain Italy, Captrain Germany and Hexafret

This project brings together a broad ecosystem of partners, demonstrating the ability of Rail Logistics Europe's companies to offer integrated rail solutions on a European scale, whilst also drawing on partners outside the group.

Following a tender process launched in 2025, Forwardis was selected for its ability to coordinate an efficient multi-stakeholder network, offering security, reliability, competitiveness and

reduced transport times, as well as for its expertise in operational management and digital solutions.

**Sabine Parmentier, Chair of Forwardis:**

*"We are very proud to have been selected by ScandFibre Logistics for this strategic project. Rail27 fully demonstrates our ability to design and manage complex international rail solutions, drawing on a strong network of European partners. With the support of Rail Logistics Europe, we are doing everything we can to ensure a safe, reliable and efficient service that supports our client's logistical and environmental ambitions. »*

**Mats Erken, CEO of ScandFibre Logistics, adds:**

*"The decision to choose Forwardis is in line with our commitment to working with a partner capable of offering reliable, competitive and innovative solutions on a European scale. Rail27 is a key component of our logistics strategy, enabling us to enhance our industrial performance and meet our carbon footprint reduction targets."*

This contract confirms Forwardis' expertise in organising and managing complex international rail freight flows and strengthens Rail Logistics Europe's position as a key player in the European rail freight sector.

The Rail27 service, initially dedicated to ScandFibre Logistics' freight flows, also provides a foundation for the future development of new transport opportunities, contributing to the transition towards more sustainable modes of transport in Europe.

**ABOUT RAIL LOGISTICS EUROPE**

Rail Logistics Europe is the group within the SNCF dedicated to logistics and rail freight transport. By creating synergies between its six companies – Hexafret, Captrain, Technis, Forwardis, Naviland Cargo and VIIA – Rail Logistics Europe offers its customers a range of end-to-end, bespoke services and solutions, drawing on its diverse areas of expertise: rail operator, combined transport, freight forwarder and locomotive maintenance provider. With its 9,000 employees, Rail Logistics Europe – the leading group in France and the second-largest in Europe – is able to offer innovative, reliable and sustainable solutions in France and internationally to meet French and European decarbonisation challenges. Find out more at [www.rle-group.com](http://www.rle-group.com).

**ABOUT SCANDFIBRE LOGISTICS & RAIL27**

ScandFibre Logistics (SFL) specialises primarily in logistics solutions and the transport of large volumes of paper and packaging materials from Swedish paper mills for export. SFL operates a logistics system called Rail27, the main aim of which is to offer its customers safe, reliable and cost-effective rail transport to around 50 destinations in Sweden and abroad.