

DHL Express spreads its wings in LogiCity

The global leader in express deliveries has consolidated its overland transports by switching one of its two Finnish cargo flights to Turku.

“The Turku region is the best place in Finland to combine air, sea and road transport networks efficiently,” says **Kenneth Palmgren**, Managing Director of DHL Express Finland.

Express air to Turku in the morning and Leipzig in the evening

DHL’s new, state-of-the-art air terminal in Leipzig, Germany has significantly boosted efficiency and reliability in its European express deliveries network. Goods carried by around 70 DHL flights pass through the terminal every day including the new Leipzig via Copenhagen to Turku morning route and direct late evening return to Germany.

“Efficient express delivery turns on minutes rather than hours and it was the time factor that prompted the new flight connection to Turku from where we can better serve our regional customers in Finland. The availability of labour also helped sway our decision.”

The DHL Express terminal in Turku is also a sorting centre for international express road shipments. “Operating via Turku we can now offer 48 hour door-to-door express road deliveries between Finland and Sweden.”

Opportunities for further development in Turku

“Turku Airport is a greenfield site offering virtually unlimited scope for air cargo and operational enhancement. DHL has a growth plan for Turku. This year was just phase I,” Mr Palmgren concludes. ●

Eliminating shortages of temporary and permanent labour at LogiCity

Pilot Turku is looking to create labour pools in the LogiCity area to address the shortfall in skilled workers experienced by many companies.

The strategy will gather together clusters of 2–4 LogiCity companies to form their own pool. The companies in each pool will not each need temporary labour at the same time. The pools would be staffed by a group of professionals moving from one company to another co-ordinated by a supervisor. This core team would be permanently attached to a temporary employment agency.

The model will decrease staff turnover and accumulate expertise, meaning more skilled permanent employees and greater efficiency. Costs will fall as companies pay for the work done rather than the hours worked, and core team employees will gain a permanent job and a wider range of skills. ●



TNT consolidates its Finnish express air operation in Turku

Yet another of the best known global operators TNT has transferred all its Finnish flights to Turku. TNT’s overland transports between Turku and the rest of Finland had already increased to make Turku the company’s largest logistics hub in the country.

TNT flies a Boeing 757 to Turku from Liège, Belgium in the morning with a return flight via Malmö the same evening. This also makes for more efficient utilisation of TNT’s overland transport network.

Reducing environmental impacts

“The new arrangements significantly improve operational factors without compromising service. We benefit from the better lorry service and customers are buffered from the fluctuating cost of aviation fuel,” says **Åke Blomqvist**, Managing Director of TNT Suomi Oy.

“Customers’ increasing awareness of environmental responsibility issues has also contributed to our greater use of overland transports, where biofuels result in a smaller environmental load.” ●

