



Press release from Cargo sous terrain AG

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First stage of sectoral plan for underground freight transport adopted

The Federal Council has adopted the first version of the sectoral plan for underground freight transport. The Federal Council's decision enables the targeted further development of the Cargo sous terrain (CST) project.



The sectoral plan forms the planning basis for the realisation of the future CST infrastructure.

The Federal Council has adopted the first version of the Sectoral Transport Plan on Underground Freight Transport. The decision is based on the Federal Law on Underground Transport of Goods (UGüTG), which enables the Federal Council to designate suitable areas for the realisation of CST facilities. As a first step, the Federal Council has defined interim results for the tunnel section between Härkingen and Zurich planned by CST, which will serve as the basis for further planning and coordination of the project. With its decision, the Federal Council is defining the framework for the CST project, making first results on spatial coordination binding for the authorities. This represents an important milestone for the realisation of the CST logistics solution, as the planning specifications will enhance the reliability of CST's plans.

Site selection will take place in the next stage

As a result of last year's consultation with cantons and municipalities involved, further clarifications are still required before the definitive locations for the CST hubs and the landfills as well as the routing of the tunnels can be determined. In addition, measures required for groundwater protection must be defined. CST is in the process of developing solutions for the open points from the consultation. In the next stage of the sectoral plan, the interests of the various stakeholders will be further examined and weighed up in a joint dialogue by 2027, taking into account the cantonal structure plans. Final determination of the sites will take place in this next sectoral plan stage. Once the locations have been determined, CST can apply to the Federal Office of Transport (FOT) for planning permission. In addition to the sectoral plan procedure, CST has been commissioned by the federal government to have its own project assumptions verified by an independent party in order to prove the feasibility of the project. This verification has been completed and CST has shared the results with the Federal Office of Transport as a basis for the next steps in the process.

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