


Efficient logistics: The key to flexibility and sustainable benefits



E/D/E logistics: reliable, efficient and sustainable.



High speed meets maximum reliability: in logistics, the E/D/E offers its members attractive added value that leads to significant competitive advantages in day-to-day business. Under challenging market conditions, the eLC logistics centre once again proved to be an important pillar of the industrial B2B sector in the 2024 financial year, thereby demonstrating a high degree of flexibility.

Direct delivery used intensively

Remarkable: the offer to supply retail customers directly from the eLC was used even more intensively in 2024. Direct deliveries now account for well over 80 per cent of total shipments – a clear sign of how efficient, reliable processes and high product availability are proving to be added value for members. The trend towards inventory optimisation in the trade itself has also increased further. In addition to flexible customer delivery, this also brings economic benefits: capital commitment and own logistics costs are significantly reduced and liquidity is optimised.

Performance and partnerships

The eLC was able to meet these requirements in full, with same-day processing once again reaching almost 100 per cent. This high level of performance was accompanied by strict cost management. This depends not least on resilient and proven partnerships. Among other things, the contract with the parcel service provider UPS was extended on a long term basis, to combine high-performance transport chains for Germany and Europe with secure conditions.

Challenges in 2025

This year will continue to be characterised by considerable challenges in the entire logistics sector. By way of targeted measures and a high level of cost awareness, the E/D/E ensures that it will continue to provide its members with the high quality they have come to expect at optimal economic conditions as added value. E/D/E anticipates a further increase in demand for centralised logistics services and is positioning itself accordingly. Continual process improvements are aimed at further optimising handling costs.

Sustainability in logistics

Other key topics include the implementation of EU regulations and supporting members with these challenges. One example of this concerns the upcoming replacement of the extinguishing agent in the hazardous materials warehouse. At the same time, the topic of sustainability remains a high priority with the optimisation of the association's carbon footprint.