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Central Division Research Management of the TÜV-Akademie Rheinland - is currently working together with several key players in the intermodal freight sector (including KombiConsult/Kombiverkehr, HaCon GmbH) to develop a proposal for Call 3A in the 6th Framework Programme.

We are interested in the coordinated action (CA) "Intermodal Freight Transport Systems, Technologies and Strategies" (see pages 13-15 of work programme). The primary tasks as described in the work programme include:

research and industrial activities that contribute directly to European transport policy objectives, particularly increasing the attractiveness, efficiency and quality of intermodal transport ,collection and organisation of an inventory of on-going and recent research and industrial activities: All aspects of intermodal operations should be covered including financial, promotional, operational, managerial and technical aspects, identification of performance indicators and benchmarks and possibly quality labels in order to facilitate self-assessment and comparability identification, definition and dissemination of best practices, business models and strategies for the enhanced planning and operation of intermodal transport and freight terminals

At the moment, we are building a core consortium - and are looking for a suitable partner in Poland. The consortium is looking primarily for a research institute. The main criteria are expertise in intermodal transport and access to research results in this field (national and EU).