Open Logistics Foundation and IATA improve access to digital standards for all

**World Cargo Symposium 2025: Building a new open source community**

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**At the World Cargo Symposium from 15 to 17 April in Dubai, the Open Logistics Foundation (OLF) and IATA will be drawing attention to an important topic: How can the air freight industry master digital transformation even with limited IT capacities? Their approach: open source solutions that make new digital standards available to everyone. The partners want to establish an independent open source expert community for the air cargo sector.**

For OLF partner Henk Mulder, Head of Digital Cargo at IATA, there is no question that the air freight industry needs to engage with open source: “Open source solutions based on IATA’s ONE Record standard are indispensable for our sector - especially organisations with few IT staff and hardly any developer capacities need to act in order to remain competitive. The Open Logistics Foundation contributes valuable experience here and has already been able to launch large-scale open source projects in the areas of eCMR, track & trace and emissions reporting.”

**Open digital solutions for all – new air freight community**

“The joint initiative of the Open Logistics Foundation and IATA is to establish an independent community of experts to create new, open digital solutions for the standardisation and automation of freight processes in the air freight industry,” explains Andreas Nettsträter, CEO of OLF. “And everyone should be able to use these solutions. For us, open source is therefore the key to a new and creative air freight community.”

This is also about multimodal transport, the connection to road logistics and many other challenges facing the industry. Andreas Nettsträter and OLF COO Carina Tüllmann will be presenting their core message on 16 April in Dubai on the topic of ‘Global open source community for digital freight: the importance of a global digital cargo community and how it improves collaboration and efficiency in the industry’.

OLF and IATA are supported in their initiative by the Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics (IML), a leading international research organisation. As part of the Digital Testbed Air Cargo (DTAC) project, which is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport Affairs (BMDV), the IML played a leading role in developing the open source software NE:ONE. NE:ONE facilitates the open exchange of data based on the IATA ONE record standard and is made publicly available via the repository of the Open Logistics Foundation

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**Image 1: Henk Mulder, Head of Digital Cargo at IATA.**

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**Image 2: Andreas Nettsträter, CEO of the Open Logistics Foundation.**

**About**

The Open Logistics Foundation and its supporting association Open Logistics e.V. were founded in 2021 and are independent and neutral organisations. The non-profit and commonbenefit foundation based in Dortmund is completely financed by industry partners and is dedicated to the voluntary development of innovative open source solutions at a commodity level for the logistics industry. The focus is on open and fair cooperation between different companies, which can also be competitors in the free market. The overarching goal is to solve the most pressing existing problems of the logistics and supply chain management (SCM) community with uniform standards, tools and services, based on open source.

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