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Supply Chain Awards 2022: These are the eight finalists

BSH, Knorr-Bremse, MediaMarktSaturn and Schaeffler – these are the finalists for the Supply Chain Management Award 2022. The final round of the Smart Solution Award 2022 will be contested by Colonia Technologies, Flexport, Prewave and Trucksters. The finalists pitches for the Supply Chain Awards 2022 and the awards ceremony will take place on 15 November in Frankfurt am Main.

Munich, September 19, 2022. The eight finalists for the Supply Chain Awards 2022 have now been announced: BSH, Knorr-Bremse, MediaMarktSaturn and Schaeffler will compete in the final for the Supply Chain Management Award 2022. Colonia Technologies, Flexport, Prewave and Trucksters will enter the race for the Smart Solution Award 2022. The finalists for both awards will present their concepts to the audience and jury members on 15 November in Frankfurt am Main.

The independent jury of experts will determine the winners after the final round, but participants can also vote live during the event – the audience vote for the Supply Chain Management Award and for the Smart Solution Award will be included in the jury vote. The awards ceremony for the Supply Chain Awards 2022 will take place following the final rounds on the same evening.

The award winners and the event participants can also look forward to the speeches of the laudators and the exchange within the supply chain community at the awards ceremony. Interesting keynotes, group discussions, an exciting panel discussion, workshop sessions and numerous opportunities for networking will be on offer as well.

"Especially in the difficult situations in which many companies currently find themselves, efficient and innovative supply chain management proves to be a trump card," says Stefan Schrauf, Global Supply Chain and EMEA Operations Lead, PwC Germany. "We are looking forward to the finalists pitches for the Supply Chain Management Award and for the Smart Solution Award. We are very excited about the presentations of the finalists." "By qualifying for the finalists pitches, the eight finalists have already achieved a lot. It will not be an easy task for the expert jury of the Supply Chain Awards to select the winners," adds Matthias Pieringer, editor-in-chief of the trade magazine LOGISTIK HEUTE from the Munich-based HUSS-VERLAG.

About the awards

The Supply Chain Management Award will be presented for the 17th time by PwC and Strategy&, and the industry trade journal LOGISTIK HEUTE, a publication of HUSS-VERLAG in Munich. The award honors outstanding SCM concepts that have been developed and implemented and can serve as a model for other companies. The aim is to optimize supply chains, lower costs, increase transparency, or improve collaboration between teams. The last winner in 2021 was the meal kit company Hello Fresh.

The Smart Solution Award will be presented for the fifth time, honoring particularly innovative concepts that are still in an early stage of implementation. The prize highlights solutions with the potential to fundamentally transform traditional value chains. The Smart Solution Award 2021 was given to fulfillmenttools, provider of modular, cloud-based software solutions.

Patron of the Supply Chain Awards 2022 is Oliver Luksic, Member of the German Bundestag and Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport.

Finalists of the Supply Chain Management Award 2022

BSH:

BSH Hausgeräte GmbH is one of the world's leading companies in the industry. With the needs of consumers always in mind, it is the task of the supply chain management and logistics to manage the complexity of 41 production and 140 warehouse locations worldwide and to ensure the timely availability and delivery of products. The decisive success factor is consistent transparency in the supply chain from planning to execution, from the customer to the supplier. This includes all key figures and information on sales and production planning, storage, stocks, transport, costs and order processing. With the Control Tower solution from the Global Planning and Logistics (GPL) department, BSH has created a comprehensive initiative for digital reporting, operational control with automated forecasts and detailed root cause analysis for fast data-based decisions worldwide. The Performance Management Team is not only driving the digital transformation within the company, but also sustainably changing the exchange of knowledge and information across organisational boundaries. The team has succeeded in creating enthusiasm for the developed solution by intensively involving various stakeholders from the operational level to the management at an early stage, thus making a significant contribution to a real digital transformation in the company.

Knorr-Bremse:

Knorr-Bremse sets the strategic direction of driving improvement programs, projects and activities for the rail vehicle system division based on a framework including eleven clearly defined cornerstones. As one part of this framework, RVS had to redesign its European Logistics Footprint due to shifts in material flows in Europe and (geo-) political drivers in recent years. The key target of this initiative was the identification of an optimal logistics footprint in Europe for the coming years with focus on reduced logistic cost, increased logistic performance and the identification of synergies and opportunities to reduce the carbon footprint. During the last 4 years, RVS has transformed its European logistics footprint parallel to its running set-up using a holistic approach to optimize both efficiency and carbon footprint meeting future requirements. By optimizing the logistic footprint driven by fundamental structural changes, logistic cost (-15%) and tons traveled (-20%) were reduced dramatically. With the additional developed digital capabilities („Digital Twin“) and the gained transparency on the supply chain network, Knorr-Bremse RVS will further pursue its efficiency journey in all aspects during the next few years. With a history spanning more than 115 years, Knorr-Bremse strives to develop the best solutions for its customers in its two business areas, Rail Vehicle Systems (RVS) and Commercial Vehicle Systems (CVS). Knorr-Bremse has about 30,500 employees at more than 100 locations worldwide - including about 80 production sites - in more than 30 countries and is therefore globally present.

MediaMarktSaturn:

MediaMarktSaturn is building an omnichannel supply chain platform to deepen relationships with customers, be the first choice for consumer electronics and thus to create stickiness. This requires a truly differentiating experience for customers, which only an omnichannel model can deliver. An integrated omni-physical and -digital supply chain infrastructure is managed by motivated employees and partners who strive for excellence. Regardless of which touchpoint the customer chooses, such as stores, online, social media platforms – the centralised supply chain platform puts customers at the centre of all activities and enables them to move frictionless between channels. Since inventory can be moved in the most efficient way regardless of the sales channel, it also improves operational efficiency. Customers benefit from better product availability, improved delivery promises and more (sustainable) delivery & pickup options at checkout.

Schaeffler:

How much does a shipment from A to B cost and how long will it take? It sounds like a very simple question – and the information is easy to get for single shipments. But how can this data be processed en masse, on a large scale, and used for the entire supply chain? Due to its global presence with automotive and industrial solutions, the Schaeffler Group is faced with millions of highly diverse shipments every year. Large quantities of data are generated for each of these shipments, which, to name just a few examples, provide information about the costs, reliability, and speed of the transport routes. Schaeffler has been developing the “Transportation Data Cube” (TDC) over a period of more than two years for the purposes of collecting and processing this data. The aim of this development was to achieve complete transparency and constant data consistency across the Schaeffler transport network, and to improve risk management along the entire supply chain. Schaeffler is now able to map shipments and the associated freight rates in the TDC on a standardized and fully flexible basis as well as perform associated automated checks and make dedicated corrections. The “Transportation Data

Cube” also enables the standardized calculation of a detailed CO2 footprint, a digital twin of the transport routes, and price benchmarking for shipments. The development of this transport database with its additional functionalities enables Schaeffler to operate as both transport manager and optimizer, and work in cooperation with its partners to shape the supply chain. The collected data and logic are also made available to other internal and external systems via interfaces. As a leading global supplier to the automotive and industrial sectors, the Schaeffler Group has been driving forward groundbreaking inventions and developments in the fields of motion and mobility for over 75 years. The Schaeffler Group generated sales of approximately EUR 13.9 billion in 2021. With about 83,000 employees, the Schaeffler Group is one of the world's largest family companies

Finalists of the Smart Solution Award 2022

Colonia Technologies:

The start-up Colonia Technology GmbH, founded in 2021, is a provider of a digital sharing platform for commercial vehicles. The company’s target is to make the transport capacities of unused commercial vehicles available to the logistics market. Fleet owners can rent out their unused vehicles via the platform, thereby creating a new source of income. At the same time, transport and logistics companies gain quick and easy access to a wide range of vehicles that they can book in a flexible rental model and full-service package as their order books increase. Simple digital processes enable the required speed and user-friendliness.

In addition to the vehicle rental, Colonia aims to offer other services on its platform in the future and further optimize the user experience via digital fleet management and fintech solutions. By improving the utilization of transport capacities, the start-up aims to contribute to more sustainable logistics. The sharing model also aims to make alternative drives more attractive by reducing the risk of underutilization with a high investment.

Flexport:

Flexport is a digital freight forwarder that is providing a customer-centric technology platform in addition to its logistics expertise and global network. Founded in 2013, the company offers a cloud-based platform that maps the supply chain in real time, providing greater transparency, control, and sustainability. End-to-end tracking, streamlined workflows, and all key insights such as transit times, landed costs, and container utilization at a glance, help Flexport customers operate a high-performing and sustainable supply chain. In 2021, companies of all sizes - from emerging brands to the Fortune 500 - used Flexport's technology and services to move more than EUR 17 billion worth of goods between 112 countries. Flexport is driven by a vision to make global trade simple and transparent for all - regardless of physical borders or country boundaries. Headquartered in San Francisco, California, and also with European offices in Hamburg, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, and London, the company works with approximately 102 partners in 87 regions and has more than 3,700 employees.

Prowave:

Prowave was founded as a spin-off from Vienna University of Technology in 2017 as an AI platform that enables companies to predict, monitor and react to risks affecting their supply chains. Prowave is suited for a large variety of industries and enables end-to-end supply chain transparency. Their solutions range from real time monitoring of disruptions and sustainability issues at suppliers to providing compliance solutions for international supply chain legislation. The key differentiator is the holistic approach Prowave takes: from identifying risks, evaluating and prioritizing them, to supporting companies mitigate, control and report risks. The result is earlier anticipation of risks and a therefore more resilient supply chain supporting the business.

Trucksters:

Founded in 2018, road transport start-up Trucksters cuts transit times by up to 50% and offers cost savings of 20% by using a relay system between truck drivers based on big data and artificial intelligence. As specialists in long-distance haulage, Trucksters also minimises the risk of cargo theft as goods never stand still, and allows drivers to sleep more nights at home as they travel shorter distances. This is made possible by relays and using corridors that function in a similar way to airlines and span the whole of Europe. Currently, Trucksters' route network comprises four corridors, but the company's goal is to expand its route network in Europe to eight corridors by the end of 2023.

The Spanish company currently employs about 100 people who take care of more than 600 well-known customers (e.g. Kimberly Clark, Amazon, Nike.) on a daily basis and ensure that the movement of over 1,000 FTL per month runs smoothly.

Further information on the Supply Chain Awards can be found here: <https://supply-chain-awards.com>

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Attachment: LOGISTIK HEUTE and PwC and Strategy& will again present the Supply Chain Awards in 2022: the Smart Solution Award (left) and the Supply Chain Management Award.

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