

EPG Expands EPG ONE Suite with Acquisition of byways Powering Smart Dock and Yard Management

Loading dock operations and yard space management rank among the most complex and critical aspects of logistics — yet they have long depended on manual planning. At the same time, it's clear that scalable distribution centres are no longer exclusive to major shipping and retail players; they've become a vital backbone of modern supply chains. To meet rising demands, EPG (Ehrhardt Partner Group) is expanding its Supply Chain Execution Suite, EPG ONE, through the full acquisition of the Berlin-based company byways. With its all-in-one dock and yard management solution, EPG now offers an innovative platform for dock and yard operations — enabling significant competitive advantages through real-time coordination and full transparency across warehouses, carriers, suppliers, and freight forwarders.

Time slot management at loading docks remains one of the key inefficiency drivers in logistics. Delays, extended waiting times, and limited terminal capacity can quickly escalate into substantial costs for all parties involved. “Dock and yard management brings together a wide range of stakeholders,” explains Peter Bollinger, CEO at EPG. “The direct connectivity and real-time coordination between the warehouse and the carriers not only enables optimized inventory management but also sustainably reduces transportation and operational costs. By integrating byways' innovative approach into our EPG ONE Suite, users can utilize their resources and warehouse capacities more efficiently and identify bottlenecks at an early stage.”

Expertise Meets Innovation

The Berlin-based company byways was founded with a clear mission: to transform one of the most overlooked and manually intensive areas of the supply chain — time slot scheduling and yard operations. These processes, long dominated by phone calls, emails, and spreadsheets, are now being reimaged through intelligent automation and real-time visibility.

Byways offers a scalable, plug-and-play solution that supports operations of all sizes — from agile warehouses to global logistics leaders across Europe, North America, and Asia. Its platform replaces fragmented coordination methods with a centralized system that delivers clarity, control, and streamlined execution.

As an integrated addition, byways enhances the platform with a dynamic digital layer that introduces greater structure, real-time transparency, and seamless collaboration at key operational touchpoints. This integration significantly reduces manual workload, minimizes the risk of errors, and drives measurable gains in overall efficiency with an easy-to-use platform. As Alexander Palffy, CEO and Founder of byways, explains: “byways is moving forward as part of EPG, the leading provider of supply chain execution suite software solutions. This strategic integration will further accelerate byways’ growth.”

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Through the strategic acquisition of byways, EPG strengthens its position as a leading provider of an comprehensive supply chain execution suite. By directly connecting dock and yard management into an overarching warehouse or transportation management system, users benefit from a holistic platform that digitizes, simplifies, and future-proofs all processes. “The acquisition of byways is a strategic step to enhance our dock and yard management capabilities,” concludes Jens Heinrich, Chief Technology Officer at EPG. “This integration enables proactive, data-driven decision-making — an approach that perfectly aligns with our product philosophy, which combines decades of experience with cutting-edge technology. As a result, we can now offer a powerful dock and yard management solution to our customers globally.”

EPG ONE Dock and Yard Management System (DOCK)

With the integration of byways' technology into the EPG ONE Suite, EPG's Dock Management links warehouse and transportation for improved transparency and efficiency by up to 20% in warehouse processes, including door assignment and order control. The system combine precise real-time information from transport logistics with the operational processes in the warehouse. This not only enables active time slot booking for deliveries and pickups but also ensures seamless networking between logistics operators and freight carriers via the integrated web portal. Thanks to this transparent platform, goods are made available at exactly the right time — efficiently and without delays. The precise time window management also ensures that workloads are evenly distributed throughout the day, avoiding unnecessary idle times for trucks at freight terminals. Additionally, an intelligent planning automation optimizes internal warehouse processes, reduces handling distances, and increases flexibility, for instance, in the case of unexpected delays.

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