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Huge Storms Eleanor & Friederike Batter Europe

Winter storm Eleanor swept across Europe at the beginning of 2018 January, bringing death, damage and disruption, snarling transport networks and cutting power to tens of thousands of people. Eleanor is the fourth major storm to hit Europe since December.



A strong Atlantic extratropical cyclone, named Friederike in Germany and David in France, crossed northwest Europe on Jan 18th. Friederike brought gusts of up to 140 km/hr (87 mph), recorded in the port of Hoek van Holland in the Netherlands. Peak gusts in the lowlands of Germany were typically around 138 km/hr (86 mph).



Strong winds from Friederike blasted areas from northern France into Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Germany on Thursday, causing extensive travel delays, damage and several deaths. Friederike is being called the worst windstorm to strike Germany since Kyrill in 2007, according to the country's weather service.

➤ **[France]** --- Windstorm Friederike, known as David in France, skirted northeast France over the morning and early afternoon of Thursday January 18. Heavy winds forced authorities to close the airports in Strasbourg and Basel-Mulhouse on France's border with Germany and Switzerland before they were reopened shortly after midday.

➤ **[Netherlands]** --- Roof damage was reported at Amsterdam Schiphol airport, closing two of the three departure halls on Thursday January 18. Additionally, at least 320 flights were cancelled and many more were delayed. According to Dutch Railways (NS), overhead power lines and railway tracks have been damaged by winds. Nationwide train, tram, and bus services were severely disrupted. Shipping containers were reported damaged in Rotterdam (pop. ~600,000). Police closed the city center of Almere (pop. ~200,000), outside Amsterdam, due debris from the high winds. At least 66 trucks were blown over on the roads by high winds, causing transport disruptions.

➤ **[Germany]** --- There is damage reported to the railway station of Munster, North Rhine-Westphalia. The national railway company suspended all regional and long-distance trains in western Germany due to high winds and downed trees. According to local media, Dortmund (pop. ~ 580,000) has escaped the worst of the impacts. Flights were cancelled at Dusseldorf airport, with Cologne-Bonn airport forced to temporarily close due to strong winds. Around 100,000 people were without power in western Germany due to downed trees and electricity poles.

COSCO Shipping Adds Its 2nd 20,000 TEU Boxship



China's COSCO Shipping Lines has taken delivery of its second 20,000 TEU-class boxship, COSCO Shipping Taurus, local media reported. The delivery and naming ceremony for the ultra large container vessel (ULCV) was held in Shanghai on January 27, 2018. Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding (SWS) launched the Hong Kong-flagged ship on January 16. COSCO Shipping Taurus, which features a length of 400 meters and a width of 58.6 meters, has a market value of USD 121.35 million, Vessels Value's data shows. Earlier this month, the company took delivery of COSCO Shipping Aries — described as China's first 20,000 TEU containership — from Nantong COSCO KHI Ship Engineering (NACKS). Apart from the two recently delivered ULCVs, COSCO Shipping Lines has nine 20,000 TEU vessels on order at SWS, NACKS and Dalian Shipbuilding Industry yards.

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A Month of Leviathan Boxship Deliveries

Ten mega boxships are set to be handed over to their owners this month making January a record month for containership deliveries.



January will set the stage for the rest of the year, with a record number of ULCVs ranging between 14,000 to 21,000 TEU planned for delivery in 2018, according to Alphaliner.

OOCL Indonesia boasting 21,413 TEU will be the largest containership delivered in January based on its TEU capacity.

CMA CGM Antoine de Saint Exupery with 20,776 TEU and MOL Treasure with 20,182 TEU are set to follow suit.

Maersk Line is scheduled to take delivery of two 20,000 TEU behemoths, Manchester Maersk and Marseille Maersk of 20,568 TEU each and Maersk Hanoi of 15,282 TEU.

COSCO Shipping already took delivery of the 14,568 TEU COSCO Shipping Alps from Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding.

The newbuilding was delivered 56 days in advance on January 3, 2018.

The company will bolster its fleet with COSCO Shipping Taurus and Aries, disposing of 20,182 and 19,119 TEU respectively.

Japanese K Line will also have one containership join its fleet this month featuring 14,568 TEU.



Japan-Europe Freight To Travel — By Freight Trains Of China Railway Express

The Japan-Europe freight transport service will take Chinese railway to Europe as part of its new route in the spring of 2018 under the charge of Japanese logistics giant Nippon Express, according to Japanese media. The three-section route consists of air or ocean shipping from Japan to China, Chinese railway to Europe and truck shipping to destinations in Europe, Nihon Keizai Shimbun reports. According to the report, the new route will also use freight trains of China Railway Express running from China to Europe. The terminal stations include Shanghai, Wuhan in China and Hamburg, Duisburg in Germany. The transportation will be reduced to 20 to 30 days, 10 days faster than by ocean shipping, and the cost is half the airfare after the new project takes effect. Mainly used for carrying auto and motor parts, the new project is expected to transport 20 large containers per month to relieve transportation pressure caused by aircraft miniaturization.

Lufthansa Cargo Increases Freighter Services To Japan



The new route is operated from Frankfurt via Novosibirsk to Osaka on Wednesdays and Fridays, and adds to a total of 80 weekly flights into and out of the country – including the belly capacity on Lufthansa passenger aircraft and the carriers cooperation capacity with ANA Cargo. The first flight from Osaka took off on January 18 with 90 tonnes of cargo on board.

January 25, 2018: Lufthansa Cargo has increased its freighter services to Japan and added two weekly freighters to Osaka. The additional flights complement the already existing daily freighter from and to Tokyo-Narita as well as the Lufthansa passenger flights to Osaka-Kansai, Tokyo-Haneda, and Nagoya.



“These new flights to Osaka are strengthening our position in Japan. It is a further investment into the very important Japanese airfreight market,” says Frank Naeve, Vice President Asia-Pacific at Lufthansa Cargo.



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