

Press release
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Bracchi, a company supported by Argos, executes a landmark acquisition with the takeover of German heavy transport specialist Rostock Trans.

- **A major step in Bracchi’s European buy-and-build strategy, significantly expanding its scale, capabilities and presence in Germany, one of Europe’s largest and most strategic special and heavy transport markets.**
- **The Group continues its active buy-and-build strategy, building a scalable platform for further European consolidation in complex and project-based transport.**
- **Bracchi is the first Italian investment of Argos Climate Action, a fund dedicated to building European sustainable leaders by reducing portfolio companies’ CO₂ intensity by at least 7.5% annually.**

Expanding geographical coverage

Bracchi, a leading player in specialised freight transport and logistics, has acquired Rostock Trans, a German specialist in heavy and complex transport. This transaction marks Bracchi’s second acquisition, following the acquisition of Mateco in 2024, and represents a major step in the Group’s European expansion strategy.

Following the transaction, Lars Hennek, Founder & CEO of Rostock Trans, will actively contribute to the next phase of growth of the combined group and is reinvesting alongside Argos and Bracchi’s management, ensuring strong continuity and alignment of interests.

With the integration of Rostock Trans, Bracchi strengthens its footprint in Northern Europe and significantly expands its presence in Germany. The Group now exceeds €240m in revenues, employs more than 580 people, and serves more than 1,750 industrial customers.

Entering the growing wind turbine logistics market

The acquisition significantly increases Bracchi's exposure to Special & Heavy transportation, with a particular focus on the fast-growing on-shore wind energy end-market.

Rostock Trans is a German specialised heavy transport provider focused on high-complexity outbound logistics of on-shore wind turbine components, including blades, nacelles and tower segments. The company delivers engineered, project-based services across the most critical and technically demanding segments of the wind logistics value chain.

Rostock Trans operates a modern proprietary fleet comprising around 100 specialised vehicles as well as proprietary blade transport adaptations developed in-house, enabling the safe and efficient carriage of next-generation wind turbine components.

Unlocking commercial upside

By combining Bracchi's scale and integrated service capabilities with Rostock Trans's technical expertise, the Group aims to strengthen its positioning as a partner for high-complexity logistics projects, where reliability, safety and execution discipline are key differentiators.

Umberto Ferretti, CEO of Bracchi, commented: *"We are very pleased to welcome Lars Hennek and his teams to Bracchi. Rostock Trans has built a strong reputation as a high-quality specialist, and this acquisition is fully aligned with our strategy. It strengthens our position in Germany, significantly increases our exposure to special and heavy transport, and allows us to enter the fast-growing on-shore wind logistics market with a highly specialised partner."*

Laars Hennek, Founder & CEO of Rostock Trans, added: *"Rostock Trans has always competed as a high quality specialist, differentiating itself through technical expertise, route engineering capabilities and strong execution reliability. Joining Bracchi will allow us to scale our expertise within a larger European platform while preserving our operational DNA."*

Bracchi accelerates decarbonisation, supported by the Argos Climate Action Fund

The transaction is fully aligned with the objectives of Argos Climate Action, Argos' decarbonisation-focused fund.

All Rostock Trans vehicles are fully compatible with HVO fuels, enabling immediate deployment in line with Bracchi's decarbonisation roadmap. Through logistics optimisation, fleet modernisation and operational efficiency initiatives, Bracchi will continue to reduce its carbon footprint.

These actions directly contribute to Argos Climate Action's ambition to achieve an average annual CO₂ emissions reduction of at least 7.5% across its portfolio companies.

Sandra Lagumina, Lucio Ranaudo, Managing Partners at Argos, concluded *“This acquisition is a textbook buy-and-build case. The add-on strengthens Bracchi’s European footprint, adds exposure to the German on-shore wind market benefiting from strong structural tailwinds, creates meaningful operational synergies and supports the next phase of growth. The combination of growth, efficiency and decarbonisation is exactly what we look for in add-on acquisitions.”*

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With over 2.3bn€ assets under management, 35 years of experience and more than 100 businesses assisted, Argos operates in 4 regions (Benelux, DACH, France and Italy) from 6 offices in Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, Milan and Paris.

The group seeks to acquire majority stakes and invests between €15m and €100m in each investment of its two strategies:

- The Argos Mid-Market fund unlocks business potential and helps companies make it to the next level.
- The Argos Climate Action fund (SFDR art. 9) aims at shaping European sustainable leaders by making their ‘grey-to-green’ transition.