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## RDC-Deutschland Starts Daily Special Train For Refugees

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**Private rail group runs daily special train from Frankfurt/Oder to Hannover-Messe on behalf of German government until further notice**

**Hamburg, Germany, March 10, 2022** — The private railroad company RDC Deutschland GmbH, headquartered in Hamburg, started on time today at 10:39 AM with the first special train from Frankfurt/Oder (on the Polish border) to Hannover-Messe-Laatzen. On board the fully loaded train are about 700 war refugees from Ukraine, a five-member train team and employees of the German Red Cross.

On behalf of the German government, the RDC special train will run this route daily without stopping until further notice. The train consists of 11 cars with seats for up to 660 passengers. The journey takes around 3 hours. In Hannover, the passengers will be taken by DRK teams to the newly established, central initial reception center in the exhibition halls adjacent on foot.

"Our team is grateful to be able to contribute what we do best in this situation: driving trains, looking after passengers in a friendly manner and bringing them safely to their destination. On board today, we have several colleagues who have experience with refugee trains and also speak Ukrainian. They all immediately declared their readiness for this assignment," says Dr. Markus Hunkel, Managing Director of RDC Deutschland GmbH.



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### About the RDC Group

The RDC Group, headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, is a subsidiary of Railroad Development Corporation (RDC). Cofounded by railroad entrepreneurs Henry Posner III and Robert "Bob" Pietrandrea, the medium-sized railroad company headquartered in Pittsburgh/USA looks back on more than 25 years of industry experience at home and abroad. The philosophy of the family-owned company RDC is to bring more environmentally friendly, passenger-oriented mobility to the rails through selected rail projects worldwide.

The RDC Group ([www.rdc-deutschland.de](http://www.rdc-deutschland.de)) has been operating successfully in Germany since 2009. It currently operates the following three companies with around 280 employees:

1. RDC AUTOZUG Sylt GmbH (headquartered in Westerland/Sylt);
2. BTE Bahntouristikexpress GmbH (headquartered in Nuremberg); and
3. RDC Asset GmbH, it operates the blue AUTOZUG Sylt ([www.autozug-sylt.de](http://www.autozug-sylt.de)), the passenger night train ALPEN-SYLT Nachtexpress ([www.nachtexpress.de](http://www.nachtexpress.de)), the freight train Schleswig-Holstein ([www.gueterzug.sh](http://www.gueterzug.sh)) and the car train ([www.bahntouristikexpress.de](http://www.bahntouristikexpress.de)) between Hamburg and Lörrach. Also on offer are rail services (personnel, terminal services, charter services) and fleet development and management. Since January 2022, RDC has also been the main shareholder of Norddeutsche Eisenbahn Niebüll GmbH (neg).

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