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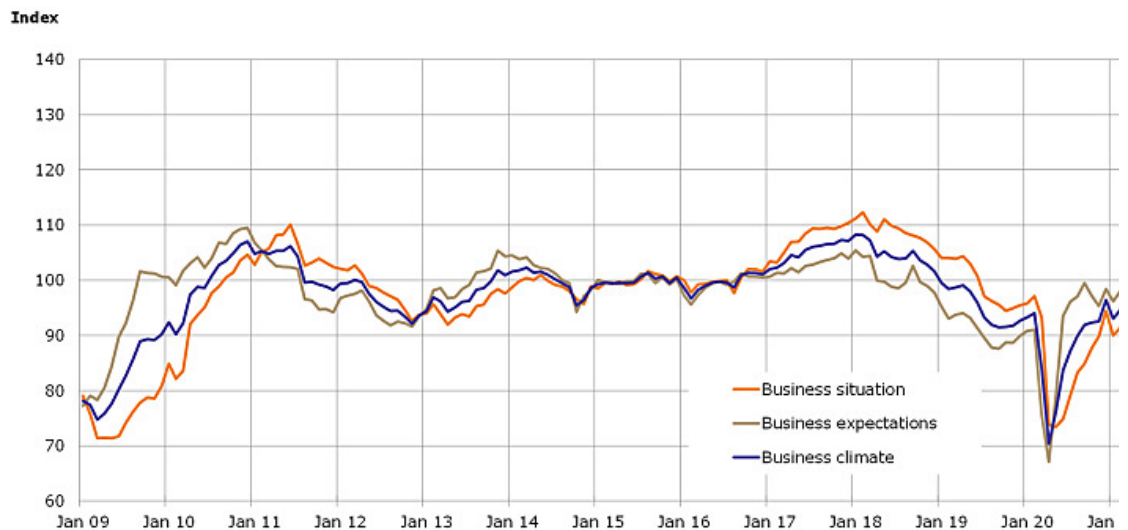
### Logistics Indicator in Q4 2021 – Dampened euphoria at year-end

A fourth wave of the corona pandemic is currently rolling through economy and society, and the fact that the vaccination campaign progress for several months means that Germany is not as well prepared to face the challenge as it could have been. The situation aggravated further by escalating supply bottlenecks and the repeated interruptions to production output. Short-time work is on the increase. All of these factors negatively impact expectations and are mirrored in the Logistics Indicator for Q4. We approach the end of this second crisis year. Assessments of the current business situation and expectations for the coming months are generally on a downtrend, but it is worth noting that the shippers in industry and trade have a more positive view of the overall indicator than the logistics service providers.

Read the full commentary by Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Wimmer, BVL Chairman of the Board.

[See the detailed results of the Logistics Indicator Q4 2021](#)

## Composite Indicator – monthly Results



### No Lost Year 2021



The year 2021 was like 2020 overshadowed by the Corona pandemic, but logistics professionals were once again showing that they can accept and master the challenges. BVL's motto for the year was appropriately: Chancen nutzen - Adapt to Lead." BVL members showed their solidarity and confirmed an increase in membership dues and a special levy to compensate for pandemic-related losses. BVL employees additionally went on short-time work for several months. Thanks to the joint commitment, it was a good year for BVL in spite of the continuing tense situation due to the adverse circumstances. Despite the different regulations in the various countries, BVL's international chapters also put on a double-digit number of events and the chapter chairpersons met to exchange experiences in virtual meet-ups. The 10th International Scientific Symposium on Logistics (ISSL), titled "Logistics for a Sustainable Future - Contributions from Science", took place as an online event. 176 participants from all over the world came together in virtual space, making the symposium, which as always was held in English, more international than ever before. The International Supply Chain Conference was held hybrid with a large on-site event in Berlin, to which BVL could welcome 1,301 participants.

### Anniversaries

The Chapters Brazil, Russia, Singapore and Turkey celebrated



their tenth anniversary in 2021. And some of the BVLs chapter chairpersons can also look back on 10 years of voluntary work: **Dominik Bühring**, Chapter China – Shanghai, **Stephan Gruener**, Chapter Brazil, **Mirco Nowak**, Chapter Russia and **Jean Wang**, Chapter China - Beijing (see picture).

Unfortunately, due to the Corona pandemic, the certificates could not be presented in person in 2020 or 2021. We would like to express our special thanks to our volunteers for their extraordinary commitment over the past 10 years. We hope that there will be another opportunity for a personal meeting next year to honour the anniversary.

### BVL wishes Happy Holidays



The year is drawing to a close. It was a year full of challenges, which cost a lot of energy, but in which there were also some highlights. In this last LOG.Mail of the year, BVL would like to wish all readers happy holidays and a good start to the new year. Chairman Prof. Thomas Wimmer addresses a few personal words to the members in a short Christmas video.

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