



Automated waterborne
seaport hinterland transport

Future is ready – are we, too?

Antwerp – 21 October 2026



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09:00 Welcome

Bob Spanoghe, Port of Antwerp-Bruges
Nikolaos P. Ventikos, Nat. Tech. Univ. Athens
Susanne Lanzerstorfer, CINEA



09:20 Keynote: The policy-making perspective

Sifis Papageorgiou, DG MOVE
Marta Wolska, DG MOVE



09:30 Keynote: The logistics perspective

Erwin Verstraelen, Port of Antwerp-Bruges



09:40 Keynote: The technology perspective

Lucie Addicks, MacGregor



09:50 Focus: Policy-making for the future

Lucie Addicks, MacGregor
Sifis Papageorgiou, DG MOVE
Nikolaos P. Ventikos, Nat. Tech. Univ. Athens
Marta Wolska, DG MOVE
Moderation: **Odd Erik Mørkrid**, SINTEF Ocean





10:20 Spotlight on SEAMLESS

Vasileios Podimatas, Nat. Tech. Univ. Athens
Morten Ingebretsen, Kongsberg Maritime
Cyril Alias, DST



10:45 – Coffee break –



11:00 Spotlight on SEAMLESS

Jorge L. Lopez & Daniel Segura, Fundación ValenciaPort
Sofia Kokonezi, Nat. Tech. Univ. Athens
Janne Suominen, MacGregor
Frédéric E. Kracht & Stephan Schweig, DST
Simo Salminen, AWAKE.AI



12:00 Focus: Future Shipping Business

Henk Heuvelman, HTS Group
Alexander Lutz, Argonics
Erik Schrooyen, De Vlaamse Waterweg
Gino Vink, Rivage Binnenvaartonderneming
Moderation: Edwin van Hassel, Universiteit Antwerpen



12:30 – Lunch –





13:30 – Bus transfer –



13:45 Spotlight on SEAMLESS

Hugo Rosano, MacGregor



14:30 – Bus transfer –



15:00 Spotlight on Smart Shipping Flanders

Nancy Scheijven, Seafar

Erik Schrooyen, De Vlaamse Waterweg

Pieter Maes, Antwerp Maritime Academy



15:30 Focus: Future Port Operation

Ori Marom, Port of Rotterdam

Ferenc Szilágyi, Ports de Lille

Erwin Verstraelen, Port of Antwerp-Bruges

Ben Wassener-Jühe, Duisburger Hafen

Moderation: Giuseppe Luppino, ALICE ETP



16:00 – Coffee break –





16:30 Spotlight on Fellow Research Projects

Kristine B. Ludvigsen, SINTEF Ocean [AUTOFLEX]

Valentin Carlan, Universiteit Antwerpen [HERFRIED]

Florin Păcuraru, Univ. din Galați [WATERWAY ONE]



17:00 Round-up: The insights for North Rhine-W.

Marcus Voelker, NRW State Ministry for Environment,
Nature Conservation and Transport



17:10 Round-up: The insights for Flanders

Edwin Verberght, Universiteit Antwerpen



17:20 Closing remarks

Nikolaos P. Ventikos, Nat. Tech. Univ. Athens



17:30 Closure & networking reception

Event moderation: **Anastasiya Azarko**, PNO Innovation

Demo coordination: **Marvin Budde & Cyril Alias**, DST



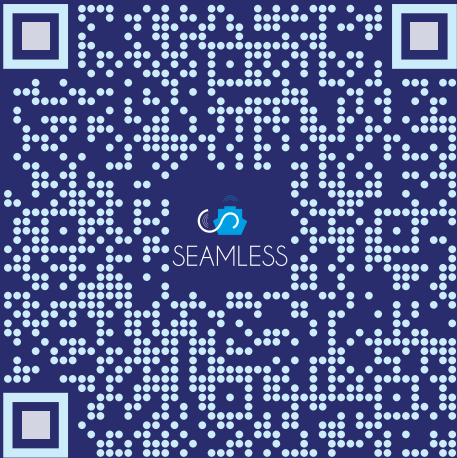
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