

Evaluation of the EU policy framework for ports: state of play and way forward



National ports policy perspectives : Flanders



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The challenge

- How can the Flemish government maximise the social/societal surplus value through a seaports policy?



The legal framework

- **Port decree (1999)**

- Main leading principles:
- Clear and transparant relation between port authorities and government
- Bigger autonomy for port authorities related to management and exploitation of the port area
- Level playing field
- Port financing policy



The challenge

- **maximise the social/societal surplus value**
- optimise the internal functioning of the administration towards the seaports
 - **Infrastructure in port and hinterland**
 - **Spatial planning**
 - **Nature/environmental policy**
- work on the synergy between seaports and logistics
 - **Flanders Port Area within Flanders Logistics**
- engage seaports in the sustainable development of industries and transport
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Expectations towards EU

- Facilitator
- level playing field
- Legal certainty
- Policy framework

- Out of the (port)box into the hinterlandconnections
- Finance/state aid
- Technical nautical services
- Environmental performance
- sustainable transport flows