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## “Working Waterfront”: a City-Port mix in progress

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# AIVP Days's Moderator

Claire is a radio and television broadcaster with the national service provider RTÉ where she specialises in current affairs programmes. Claire presents the brand new show *Claire Byrne Live* on Monday nights on RTÉ One and RTÉ News Now. The hour-long current affairs programme features a live studio audience, along with a new set, graphics and some additional features. Previously she was part of RTÉ's flagship current affairs programme *Prime Time* which brings in-depth analysis of current issues and topical reports for two years. Claire currently hosts a current affairs programme on Saturday afternoon called *Saturday with Claire Byrne* on RTÉ Radio 1. The topical current affairs show questions agendas and dissects the week gone by along with debating the likely issues of the week to come. She joined the *Morning Ireland* team on RTÉ Radio 1 as one of the core presenters in the Autumn 2013. *Morning Ireland* is broadcast each weekday morning and is the top rated radio programme in the Republic of Ireland with an estimated listenership of 467,000 by the Joint National Listenership Survey. She has also presented *The Marion Finucane Show* for an extended period and anchored the political show, *Late Debate* in the run up to the election and also *News at One*. A native of Mountrath in County Laois, Claire began her broadcasting career in radio and worked for the BBC in the Channel Islands as a broadcast journalist before becoming News Editor with a Channel 103FM.



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## Concluding Speech

We have come to the end of our work here today. So what did we learn?

Phyllis Difeto impressed us with the scale of growth predicted in South Africa where all of the ports under her control are planning to grown to keep up with demand.

We heard about solutions arrived at in Italy, Saint Nazaire in France and the Titanic Quarter in Belfast.

Dr Jacques Charlier told us that slow development is often the key that leads to good development.

It was a common theme – the need to plan an integrated port, a port that is built as much for the people of the city as it is for the industry that uses it. Because green field sites are virtually non-existent, ports have to be more inventive and innovative, while all the time abiding by the rules – rules of planning and environmental constraints. This makes your challenge all the greater, but you saw here over the last two days how your colleagues around the world are doing it. We saw how inventiveness can extend to environmental solutions and ground-breaking developments in that area were demonstrated here from your peers in France and in Italy and further afield.

The Dublin example is a true success story – since Eamonn O'Reilly arrived and made a concerted effort to bring a city with him – he has managed to change the image of Dublin Port and the Docklands from a negative one to a positive.

We heard from Pietro Angelini that private operators understand that they need to bring the citizen with them and provide a space that is welcoming for all who use the city. By using private partners, the burden of making an attractive space with multiple uses can be shared.

Perhaps Bob Nelson from San Diego gave one of the most succinct and clear explanations when he said there are three ecosystems connected with a port – biological, industrial and social. And it seems, that both he and San Diego Port are acutely aware of the impact the Port has on the local community. But in the context, of

making a port more than just a working port, Bob said that tourism jobs are simply not worth sacrificing industrial jobs for.

That all ports will have to strike. Nigel Bodell from Dover Port in England told us about maximising the space that they have available to them in their port. His redevelopment plans have strong leanings towards preserving the historic links to the past, so that the story of the port becomes something to celebrate as we look to the future. Also, the fact that there were no objections to his major redevelopment plans show us how important public consultation is.

As part of my preparation for this event, I took a tour of Dublin Port – much like the technical visit that you had as part of this conference. I am someone who has lived in Dublin for many years – indeed my home is just down the road from the port and yet I had never been to Dublin Port before. I had never seen the city from that side before and it gave me a renewed sense of pride in Dublin. All of these people working so hard welcoming goods, services and people to our shores and sending our goods, services and people to other parts of the world – and doing it all so seamlessly, quietly and efficiently. It is something that everyone should see and be a part of.

And so I encourage you to tell the people of your cities about your ports, educate the children in the schools, show them and tell them about your work and allow them in to see the great feats of shipping and engineering that you do every day of the year.

AIVP has a programme specially tailored to show you how to do just that and I now invite Olivier Lemaire to officially welcome Transnet South Africa and Dublin Port to sign the AIVP Mission Charter of a Port Centre.