



17th ESPO Annual Conference – Europe’s ports at the crossroads of transitions

Port of Valencia 25 May – North Sea Port 26 May – Port of Oslo 28 May

DAY 1 | 25 May 2021 | Valencia

Moderator of the day: **Guillermo Marco**, Interpreter, Master of Ceremonies and university professor

9.30 Welcome by Aurelio Martínez Estévez, CEO of the Port Authority of Valencia

Opening speeches

9.40 Opening words by **Annaleena Mäkilä**, ESPO Chair, Managing Director, CEO of the Finnish Port Association

9.50 Interview with **Adina Vălean**, European Commissioner for Transport

Outlook for Europe

10.05 ‘Europe: tectonic plates are moving again’
Caroline De Gruyter, Columnist and European Affairs Correspondent

10.35 Time for a BREAK

Europe’s ports: quo vadis?

10.50 ‘Economic outlook for European ports’
Dr. **Bart Kuipers**, Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics

11.10 ‘Insight into the future role of European port authorities’
Presentation of the joint Deloitte-ESPO Study by **Indra Vonck**, Manager Deloitte Port Center of Excellence

11.30 Debate with Ports and Port Stakeholders
Ports and port stakeholders will be discussing the main outcomes of the Deloitte-ESPO study in further details.
This debate will be moderated by Dr. **Peter de Langen**, Owner and Principal Consultant, Ports & Logistics Advisory
Debate with
Josep-Vicent Boira, Commissioner of the Spanish Government for the Mediterranean Corridor

Zeno D'Agostino, ESPO Vice-Chair and President of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea

Eamonn O'Reilly, CEO of Dublin Port Company

Stéphane Raison, incoming CEO of HAROPA

Conclusion

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| 12.20 | Closing of the first Conference Regatta day by Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero , Member of the European Parliament |
| | Handover to North Sea Port by Juan Manuel Diez Orejas , Head of Strategic Planning & Innovation, Port Authority of Valencia |
| 12.35 | End |

DAY 2 | 26 May 2021 | Ghent

Moderator of the day: **Rob Heirbaut**, EU Correspondent, VRT

9.30 Handover and welcome by Astrid Vliebergh, Commercial Director, North Sea Port

Green Recovery and TEN-T

9.35 Keynote speech by **Kris Peeters**, Vice President of the European Investment Bank
Q&A

9.55 'Stepping up the maritime dimension in TEN-T'
Keynote speech by Prof. **Kurt Bodewig**, Motorways of the Sea Coordinator
Q&A

10.15 PERS certification ceremony

10.25 Time to MOVE with **David De Coninck**, Sport coach, CEO of UmoveFit Personal Training/
Kinesitherapie

Debate with the European Commission and the European Parliament on the Mobility Strategy, TEN-T Review and the Green Recovery

10.40 Debate with
Henrik Hololei, Director General, European Commission, DG MOVE
Members of the European Parliament: **Magdalena Adamovicz**, **Andris Ameriks**,
Caroline Nagtegaal, and **Johan Van Overtveldt**
Daan Schalck, ESPO Vice-Chair and CEO of North Sea Port

Debate on Hydrogen: Hype or Heaven?

Ports and experts will discuss the role of hydrogen in Europe's energy transition and will explore which role ports in Europe can play in this context. This debate must offer a platform for open and frank discussion on the potential of hydrogen for Europe.

11.35 Debate with
Bart Biebuyck, Executive Director Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking
Allard Castelein, President and CEO of the Port of Rotterdam
Ben Oudman, Director and Manager CEMEIA, DNV – Oil & Gas
Victoria Petrova, Adviser for Hydrogen Economy, European Commission, DG GROW

Kathleen Van Brempt, Member of the European Parliament

Conclusion

12.25 Closing of the second Conference Regatta day and handover to the Port of Oslo

12.30 End

Keep on moving in digital working times

Side event with **David De Coninck**, Sport coach, CEO of UmoveFit Personal Training / Kinesitherapy

13.00 *Home and digital working has made our job almost fully sedentary, which can have a negative impact on our posture and lead to injuries or stress. David De Coninck will give*
- *a unique one-hour training to delegates, to help you making your body strong and flexible and remedy this. The training is suitable for everyone and does not require you to be in sport gear.*

DAY 3 | 28 May 2021 | Oslo

Moderator of the day: **Heidi Neilson**, Chair of ESPO's Sustainable Development Committee

9.30 Handover and welcome by Ingvar Mathisen, CEO of the Port of Oslo

Europe's Climate and Greening Agenda

9.40 'Will ports really be energy hubs and key players in future zero emission logistic chains?'
Key message by **Knut Arild Hareide**, Minister of Transport, Norway

9.50 'The European Green Deal, the maritime transport sector and the ports'
Keynote speech by **Clara de la Torre**, Deputy Director General, European Commission, DG CLIMA

10.05 'Turning the climate threat into an opportunity'
Keynote speech by **Bjorn Haugland**, CEO Skift Business Climate Leaders

10.25 'Coalition building as fast track to zero emission transport solutions'
Presentation of the **Norwegian 'Green Shipping Programme'**
'The Marine Solution Readiness Level. The LR's getting to zero approach', Presentation by Dr. **Carlo Raucci**, Marine Decarbonisation Consultant, Lloyd's Register
Debate with
Lars Erik Marcussen, Project Manager Logistics, HeidelbergCement North Europe
Cécile Nourigat, Secretary General UPEI, Europe's Independent Fuel Suppliers
Stéphane Reiche, General Delegate, Marseille Fos Port Authority
Bernard Vanheule, EU Affairs Director, Costa Group

11.10 Time for a BREAK

Presentation of ESPO new Green Guide

11.25 Presentation of ESPO Green Guide by **Valter Selén**, Senior Policy Advisor, ESPO

Debate "Zero pollution ports": what do we mean and how do we get there?

11.40 *"Creating zero pollution ports" is a flagship project in the framework of the EU Mobility Strategy. What is meant, what can port authorities do? What should other port stakeholders do? Is policy needed?*
Debate with

Raúl Cascajo, Head of Environmental Policies, Port Authority of Valencia

Ville Haapasaari, CEO of Port of Helsinki

Edvard Molitor, Head of Sustainability, Port of Gothenburg

Tom Willis, CEO of Shoreham Port

Closing of the ESPO Conference Regatta 2021

12.20 Closing words by **Annaleena Mäkilä**, ESPO Chair, Managing Director, CEO of the Finnish Port Association

Announcement of the ESPO Conference 2022 in Valencia

12.30 End