

ESPO 2013 CONFERENCE

Melia Grand Hermitage Hotel***** - Varna, 30-31 May 2013

Programme

Theme: Port Development through Cooperation - Towards new Synergies

Day 1: Thursday 30 May 2013

08:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 Special Interest Seminar: Regional cooperation within the Black Sea and beyond

Welcome and keynote speeches:

The EU strategy for the Black Sea
European Commission (*invited*)

Trends in Black Sea port development:

Containers: Eero Vanaale, Consultant, Drewry
Industry: NN

Cruise: Mikhail Sokolov, first Deputy General Manager, Odessa Commercial Sea Port

Are Black Sea ports ready to face the future ? Panel discussion with:

Olena Losevska, Attorney at Law, InterLegal Ukraine

Patrick Uyttendaele, Director, MTBS

Jean-Paul Siccard, Executive Member of the Board of Directors, Solvay (*invited*)

Sofia Neiryneck, Area Manager Eastern Europe, DEME (*invited*)

Maersk Ltd. (*invited*)

11:00 Coffee

11:15 Opening session ESPO Conference

Welcome:

Santiago Garcia-Milà, Chairman, ESPO

Stefan Neychev, Chairman, Bulgarian Port Infrastructure Company

Opening keynote speech:

Bulgarian (Deputy) Minister of Transport

Economic outlook for Europe, shipping and ports:

Sylviane Delcuve, Senior Economist, BNP Fortis Bank (Europe)

NN, Boston Consulting Group (shipping) (*invited*)

Prof Dr Theo Notteboom, University of Antwerp ITMMA (ports)

Q&A

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Perspectives on cooperative synergies (parallel sessions)

<i>Session A : Integration of ports in infrastructure corridors</i>	<i>Session B : Marketing and promotion of port regions</i>	<i>Session C: Intercontinental strategies of port authorities</i>
Chair: Isabelle Ryckbost, Director, European Federation of Inland Ports (EFIP)	Chair: NN	Chair: Larissa van der Lugt, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Cases:	Cases:	Cases: <i>in preparation</i>
Ports & TEN-T Corridors Christopher North, Head of Unit, TEN-T Executive Agency (<i>invited</i>)	Marketing West-Mediterranean Ports Mario Caselli, Intermed / Port of Genoa (<i>invited</i>)	
Greening Corridors Manfred Seitz, General Secretary, Pro Danube International (<i>invited</i>)	Flanders Port Area Nathalie Balcaen, Head of Cabinet Flemish Minister of Mobility (<i>invited</i>)	
Great Axis Rail Networks Joan Amorós, Secretary General, Ferrmed (<i>invited</i>)	Promoting Cruise in the Mediterranean Stavros Hatzakos, President MedCruise	

15:30 Tea

16:00 Port development through regional cooperation: the CEO Perspective

Roundtable discussion with:

Eddy Bruyninckx, CEO, Port of Antwerp

Paolo Costa, President, Port of Venice

Johan Röstin, CEO Copenhagen-Malmö Port (*invited*)

Hervé Martel, CEO, Port of Le Havre

Moderator: NN

17:00 Closing keynote speech Day One

Markku Mylly, Executive Director, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) (*invited*)

17:30 End of the first conference day

19:30 Departure for Conference Dinner

Day 2: Friday, 31 May 2013

08:30 Welcome coffee

09:00 **EU Ports Policy – setting the scene**

Port performance indicators

Patrick Verhoeven, Secretary General, ESPO

Administrative simplification in ports

Richard Morton, Secretary General, EPCSA

Port labour in Europe

Prof. Dr. Eric Van Hooydonk, Portius / University of Ghent

10:00 **EU Ports Policy – presentation and evaluation of the new proposals**

Interactive session with representatives of the European Commission, the European Parliament, Member States and EU stakeholder organisations.

Further details on structure and speakers to be confirmed subject to the planning of the European Commission.

12:00 **Closing keynote speech**

Siim Kallas, Vice-President of the European Commission (*invited*)

12:30 **Closing of the ESPO 2013 Conference**

Santiago Garcia-Milà, Chairman, ESPO

Magnus Kårestedt, CEO, Port of Gothenburg, Host of the ESPO 2014 Conference

12:45 Departure to Varna Passenger Terminal for lunch

14:00 – **Visit to the Port of Varna** **16:00**