

# THE PROGRAMME

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## ARE EUROPEAN PORTS MOVING FAST ENOUGH?

For its 2016 Annual Conference, ESPO is taking you to the Irish capital, the city of James Joyce and Samuel Beckett, Dublin.

**The 2016 ESPO Conference will look into ways to improve the efficiency of maritime transport and ports, this from different angles.**

The **first session** will focus on the different barriers to the internal market for maritime transport. For decades now, the port and shipping industry have been calling for a “true” internal market for maritime transport, but which steps are needed? What is already there? Who or what are the real barriers? As maritime policy is at the top of the 2017 Commission agenda, the ESPO conference aims at preparing the ground for this important year for the maritime and port sector and at feeding further discussions.

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enhance the role of maritime transport and convert European ports into seamless gateways and nodes in the supply chain, it is not enough in itself. Growing trade volumes and climate change policies will oblige ports and the whole logistic chain to make better use of the existing capacity in transport. The first way to address this challenge is digitalisation. Is there a digital agenda for ports? Is there a role for policy? The second way to optimise transport and port operations is to explore the world of “big data”. Information is power. But how to use large quantities of data for the port’s benefit? Are we ready to open up the flow of data? How to protect ports against risks of cybercrime? All these questions will be tackled in the **second session**.

The **third session** will address the issue of game changers and possible game stoppers when it comes to easing trade. The conference will investigate how TTIP, the trade agreement under negotiation with the US, could possibly benefit ports, on both sides of the Atlantic. The conference will further zoom into the Chinese “One Belt, One Road” policy and assess how it might affect European Port-hinterland Dynamics. At the eve of the British referendum, an insight will also be provided on the possible impact of a “Brexit” for UK and neighbouring ports. Finally, the conference will discuss how temporary border controls are impacting the European transport and logistics chain.

As usual the conference will close with a policy debate where EU High-Level policy makers will present their views on the issues discussed during the Conference and enter into a final debate with port authorities. DG MOVE’s Director General **Henrik Hololei**, **Mark Frequin**, representing the Dutch Presidency of the Council and **Pat Cox**, former President of the European Parliament and TEN-T coordinator for the Scan-Med Corridor are getting prepared for this session. **MEP Knut Fleckenstein** will address the conference at the end of day one.

## THE ADMIRAL’S BALL

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## TIME

## EVENT

*The entire conference is moderated by Claire Byrne, Radio and TV Broadcaster*

Day One: Thursday, 2 June 2016

09h00	Registration and welcome coffee
09h30	<p><a href="#">Opening Session</a></p> <p><b>Welcome by</b></p> <p><b>Santiago Garcia-Mila</b>, Chairman, ESPO</p> <p><b>Eamonn O'Reilly</b>, Chief Executive Port of Dublin</p> <p><a href="#">Opening keynote speech</a></p> <p>Irish Minister of transport (invited)</p> <p><a href="#">Outlook for shipping and ports</a></p> <p><b>Jakub Walenkiewicz</b>, Head of Market intelligence, DNV Market Analytics</p>
10h30	Coffee Break
11h00	<a href="#">Session 1 Maritime Transport without Barriers</a>
12h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Representative of the European Commission</b> (invited)</li> <li>- <b>Kristof Wuytack</b>, Director at CLdN ro-ro SA: How to Ease Maritime Transport without Barriers? (tbc)</li> <li>- <b>Carmen Caro Jaume</b>, Senior Manager, Indirect Tax Global Trade &amp; Young: the New Union Customs Code – What should ports expect?</li> <li>- <b>Alan Long</b>, Chairman, IPCSA: Port Community Systems Role in the Digitalisation of European Ports</li> <li>- <b>Capt. Stein Inge Dahn</b>, President European Maritime Pilots Association: The Efficiency of the Technical Nautical Chain</li> </ul> <p>Q &amp; A</p> <p><b>View of the ports</b></p> <p><b>Valeriu Nicolae Ionescu</b>, CEO, National Company “Maritime Fostera Constantza</p> <p><b>Hervé Martel</b>, CEO, Port of Le Havre</p> <p><b>Kurt Nagle</b>, Secretary General, AAPA, American Port Association</p>

**Julian Skelnik**, Director, Port of Gdansk Authority; Chairman,

12h30 [Launch of the ESPO Code of Practice for Cruise and Ferry Ports](#)

12h45 [Lunch](#)

14h00 [Session 2: Digital Agenda and Big Data](#)

- **Bruce Weinelt**, Head of digital Transformation, World Economic Forum: Digital transformation of Logistics and Related Sectors
- **Marc Beerlandt**, CEO, MSC Belgium: The Digital Agenda of a European Port
- **Lars Jensen**, Chief Executive, Cyberkeel: Is an Increased Digital Agenda in the Port's Hand with Increased Cyber Security Threats in Ports?
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Q & A

### **Views of the ports**

**Wolfgang Hurtienne**, Managing Director, Hamburg Port Authority

**Kimmo Mäki**, Managing Director, Port of Helsinki

**Johan Röstin**, CEO, Copenhagen Malmö Port

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15h30 **Coffee break**

15h45 [Presentation of 2016 Trends in EU Port Governance](#)

16h15 **Closing speech by Knut Fleckenstein, Member of the European Parliament on the Port Regulation**

16h30 **End of the first conference day**

18h30 **Departure for Conference Dinner and Admiral's Ball  
Round Room, Dublin Mansion House**

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Day Two: Friday, 3 June 2016

08h30 Welcome coffee

09h00 [Session 3: Potential Facilitators and Game Stoppers in International Trade](#)

- **Kurt Nagle**, President & CEO, AAPA-American Association of Foreign Port Administrators: Recent and Upcoming Developments in US' Trade Law Affecting Ports

## Energy Export Law

- **Prof. Dr. Theo Notteboom**, Full Professor and High-End Foreign Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs), Transportation Management, Maritime University (DMU): One Belt, One Road and Hundreds OBOR Policy Might Affect European Port-hinterland Dynamics
- **Sean Potter**, Managing Director DFDS Seaways, United Kingdom developments and the refugees crisis, impact on maritime trade (tbc)

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## Q &amp; A

**View of the ports****Dimitrios Makris**, CEO, Port of Thessaloniki**John Mullins**, Chairman, Port of Cork and President of the Irish**Tim Waggott**, CEO, Port of Dover

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Coffee Break

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**Session 4 – High level Policy Debate****Keynote speeches by:****Henrik Hololei**, Director General, DG MOVE European Commission**Mark Frequin**, Director General for Mobility and Transport, DG Infrastructure and the Environment**Pat Cox**, Former President of the European Parliament and EESC, Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor**View of the ports****Allard Castelein**, President and CEO, Port of Rotterdam Authority**Paolo Costa**, President, Venice Port Authority**Robin Mortimer**, Chief Executive, Port of London Authority

12h45

**Closing of the ESPO 2016 Conference****Santiago Garcia-Mila**, Chairman, ESPO

12h50

Announcing the ESPO 2017 Conference

13h00

Departure for Port Visit and lunch \*

15h45

End of the visit

16h00

Arrival back to hotel

(\*) the first 100 registrations to the port visit will be by boat with light lunch onboard. The following registrations to the port visit comprise a visit by bus with a light lunch served at the conference venue for those not participating in the boat trip.

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**The 2016 ESPO Conference will look into ways to improve the efficiency of maritime transport and ports, this from different angles: How to remove the remaining barriers in maritime transport and how to come to a real internal market for maritime transport? How to set the digital agenda for ports? Big data: what is in for European ports? How can ports benefit from new trade agreements? Are there potential game stoppers?**

Already for decades the port and shipping industry is calling for a "true" internal market for maritime transport, but which steps are needed? What is already there? Who or what are the real barriers? Since maritime policy is at the top of the 2017 Commission agenda, the ESPO conference aims at preparing the ground for this important year for the maritime and port sector and feeding further discussions.

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As usual the conference will close with a policy debate related to the issues discussed during the Conference. This debate will be opened by Henrik Hololei, Director General, DG MOVE European Commission.

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[Opening keynote speech](#)

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## Outlook for shipping and ports

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- **David Bugeja**, Harbour Master, Transport Malta - Ports and Yachting
- **(tbc)**: The Harbour Master Point of View

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