



Speakers Overview

Day One: Thursday, 15 May 2014

09h30 Opening Session

Santiago Garcia-Milà, Chairman of ESPO, Deputy Director General, Barcelona Port Authority

Santiago Garcia-Milà is, besides Chairman of ESPO, Deputy Director General of Barcelona Port Authority. He is a long-standing member of ESPO, where he chaired for several years the organisation's Intermodal and Logistics Committee. Next to his functions in the Port of Barcelona and ESPO, he is also Vice-President of the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) and Secretary of Intermed, the North-West Mediterranean Ports Association. Prior to his appointment with the Port of Barcelona, he worked for twenty years with different private companies in the area of international marketing.



Anneli Hulthén, Chairman of the Gothenburg Municipality Executive Board



Anneli Hulthén is the Mayor and Chairman of the City Executive in Gothenburg and former Chairman of the Traffic and Transport Committee and the Housing and Planning Committee in Gothenburg. In this role she has for a long time been deeply committed to the task of further developing Gothenburg into an urban sustainable city and also to strengthen the city as an attractive center of the western region of Sweden, in close collaboration with local, regional and national level. As former Chairman in the EC Civitas committee and the Chair of Mistra, she has also been highly involved in strategic environmental research and the development of smarter cities.



Magnus Karestedt, CEO, Port of Gothenburg

Magnus Karestedt has been President and CEO Port of Gothenburg since 2003. As a Building Engineer, he started his career as a Marketing Manager at the Swedish Trade Council Stockholm and was responsible for the offices in Berlin, Hamburg and Munich. In 1994, he became Marketing Manager at OK Syd-Väst AB, running petrol stations and in 1996 he was appointed Managing Director for Uponor AB, the producer of plastic pipes. Before joining the port of Gothenburg, he worked a few years as Managing Director at Wirsbo bruk AB.



Opening keynote speeches

Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, Greek Minister of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean and President of the Transport Council of the European Union

Miltiadis Varvitsiotis is Greek Minister of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean and President of the Transport Council of the European Union. His political activity began in O.N.N.E.D., the Youth Organisation of the New Democracy Party. In 1997, he was elected Member of the Central Committee of the New Democracy Party. He has been elected to Parliament with the New Democracy Party for the Athens B' precinct since 2000. He is also a regular member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and of the Western-European Union Assembly, A positions he has held since 2004. From 2001 to 2004, he was Chairman of the Mercantile Marine section and from 2004 to 2007 he was Chairman of the Development section of the New Democracy Party. He was also the alternate Party leader representative in Parliament (2006-2007). From September 2007 till January 2009, he was the Chairman of the Standing Parliamentary Committee for Foreign Affairs and Defense, a position he again obtained in July 2012 and held till June 2013. On June 25 2013, he was appointed Minister of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean.





Political Outlook for Europe

Dr Adriaan Schout, Senior Research Fellow/ Coordinator Europe, Clingendael

Dr Adriaan Schout is Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator Europe at the Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael'. He combines research and consultancy on European governance questions for national and European institutions. He has worked on projects addressing issues of the EU presidency, EU integration and Improving EU regulation, amongst others. He is Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment (CSERGE) of the University of East Anglia (UK) and a member of the Dutch governmental advisory body on EU affairs. Prior to joining Clingendael, he served as an independent expert in the field of EU governance for the Economic and Social Committee (2006) and for the Directorate-General for Research of the European Commission, supporting the multilevel coordination questions in the process of writing the White Paper on the European Research Area (European Commission, 2007).



Outlook for European ports

Prof Dr Theo Notteboom, University of Antwerp ITMMA

Prof Dr Theo Notteboom is President of ITMMA (an institute of the University of Antwerp), Professor at the University of Antwerp, part-time Professor at the Antwerp Maritime Academy, Visiting Professor at Dalian Maritime University in China and World Maritime University in Sweden and formerly holder of the MPA Visiting Professorship in port management at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. He is also President of International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME), Co-Director of the PortEconomics.eu initiative and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Belgian Institute of Transport Organisers (BITO), an institute of the Belgian Federal Government. Since 2010, Theo Notteboom has been involved in the ESPO PPRISM project on port performance, representing the University of Antwerp (ITMMA) as one of the 5 academic partners, he is now also a partner in the PORTOPIA project, which started in September 2013.





11h00 Ports Facing increasing Market Forces: a Race to the Bottom or a Boost for Competitiveness for Ports?

Cecilia Carlsson, Corporate Communication Manager, Gothenburg Port Authority

Cecilia Carlsson is Head of Communications at the port of Gothenburg and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and Media. Before joining the Port of Gothenburg in 2007, she worked as an External Relations Manager at the National Agency for Higher Education and the National Board of Health and Welfare and at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.



Tim Power, Director, Head of Maritime Advisors, Drewry



Tim Power is the operational Head of Maritime Advisors within Drewry and a director of Drewry Group. Tim joined Drewry in 2004 having formerly been a director and general manager with P&O logistics, vice president of International Asset Systems and director of Power Projects. He has considerable experience - at both a strategic and operational level - helping clients increase performance in business strategy, supply chain engineering, e-business and container logistics. Tim holds a MBA from Warwick Business School and an MA in biochemistry.



Chris Welsh, Secretary General of the of the Global Shippers' Forum

Chris Welsh is Secretary General of the Global Shipper's Forum since July 2011. From 1997-2002 Chris was Secretary General of the European Shippers' Council (ESC) where he played the prominent role in deregulating EU shipping and air cargo markets, spearheading a series of successful maritime legal cases culminating in the repeal of anti-trust immunity for liner shipping conferences in trades to and from Europe in 2006. Chris has held a variety of senior management roles for the UK Freight Transport Association,



and is currently Director of Global and European Policy and is a member of FTA's Leadership Board. In 1992 he establishing FTA's Brussels operations and in 2010 set up FTA Ireland a new independent multimodal logistics trade association for Irish shippers and logistics interests.

Marc Desmons, Engineering Services Manager, Terminal Investment Limited SA

Marc Desmons is Engineering Services Manager at Terminal Investment Limited SA since 2012. He is responsible for all of TiL container terminals equipment procurement, major upgrade, modification, and repair, maintenance and repair budget. Until 2011, he was Crane and Equipment Manager for Terminal Investment Limited (TiL, terminal division of MSC). Before joining Terminal Investment Limited, he worked as an Operation manager for Konecranes Port Service Benelux, and was in charge of all maintenance and repair activities for Benelux customers. Prior to that position, he was International project manager for Konecranes Port Services, for the Americas, and managed upgrading and major repair project in North, Central and South America. Mr Desmons' career started in 1982, when he joined the Royal Canadian Navy.





Eddy Bruyninckx, CEO, Port of Antwerp



Eddy Bruyninckx is CEO of the Port of Antwerp. He has headed the Antwerp Port Authority since 1992, first as general manager of the Antwerp Municipal Port Company, and for the last fifteen years as CEO of the Authority in its present form. As CEO he forged the Authority into an efficient, independent company under public ownership, while at the same time establishing peaceful industrial relations within the port of Antwerp. For this successful turnaround and modernisation he was awarded the title of “Public Sector Manager of the Year,” conferred for modern public management by the Flemish Association for Management and Administration Science. Before joining the Port of Antwerp, Mr Bruyninckx worked as inspector of finance, and later joined the ministerial offices of the Christian Democrat politicians Rika De Backer and Gaston Geens. From 1987 to 1990 he was general secretary of the Social-Economic Council of Flanders. Eddy Bruyninckx is currently also a director of the Belgian National Railway Company (NMBS/SNCB), as well as a number of other organisations.

Giuliano Gallanti, President, Port Authority of Livorno

Giuliano Gallanti, President, Port Authority of Livorno. Mr Gallanti comes with a long-standing experience in the port sector. He was President of the Port of Genoa from 1996 to 2004 and Chairman of ESPO from 2005 until 2008. In 1994 and 1995 he was respectively: Vice President of the regional executive and President of the Ligurian Regional Council. From 1996 to 2004, Mr Gallanti headed the Port Authority of Genoa for two terms. On 28 May 2007, Mr Gallanti was also appointed as a member of the Regional Oversight Committee of the Corte dei Conti. He was appointed President of the Livorno Port Authority on 13 April 2011, after a brief period as interim President.





Julian Skelnik, Marketing Director, Port of Gdansk



Julian Skelnik is Marketing Director of the Port of Gdansk Authority, BPO Chairman and ESPO Vice-Chairman. Mr Skelnik started his career at C.Hartwig Gdynia Forwarding Company, after which he became lecturer and researcher at Gdańsk University and this during 7 years at the Port Economics Faculty. He then became General Director of The Economic Foundation of “Solidarity”, after which he was appointed Director of the Investment Fund at the Company of Bank Handlowy (a member of City Group) Gdańsk Branch. Mr Skelnik joined the Port of Gdansk Authority in 2005, where he became Marketing Director.

13h30 Keynote speech

Olivier Onidi, Director, European Commission, DG MOVE

Olivier Onidi is since 2013, Director for the European Mobility Network within the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport at the European Commission. Mr Onidi oversees the Directorate with responsibility for the promotion of the Trans-European Transport Network policy, the implementation of the single European rail area, inland navigation and port policy and the development of infrastructure innovation and investment strategies. His last assignment was as Director for Innovative and Sustainable Mobility within the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport. Before, he was Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Energy Commissioner, Mr Günther H. Oettinger. He also worked as Head of Unit for air transport and Head of the satellite navigation system programme - GALILEO, as assistant to Directors-General in the areas of Energy & Transport, External Relations, in the Secretariat General and in the cabinet of the Commissioner for Research and Development, innovation, education and training. Before joining the Commission, he worked as adviser to the Executive Committee of Belgacom and as public policy Manager at American Express International.





14h00 External Factors that Influence the Playing Field between European Ports

Moderator

Olaf Merk, Administrator Ports and Shipping, OECD



Olaf Merk is the Administrator of the OECD Port-Cities Programme. As such, he directed various studies on port-cities, including on Hamburg, Marseille and Mersin. He is also lecturer on the Governance of Port-Cities at Sciences Po in Paris. Olaf Merk has worked for the OECD since 2005, on urban development, transport and public finance. Before joining OECD, Olaf Merk worked for the Netherlands Ministry of Finance.

Felix H. Tschudi, Chairman and owner of the Tschudi Group

Felix H. Tschudi is the Chairman and owner of the Tschudi Group, a shipping and logistics group focusing on cargo flows between North-West Europe, Russia and the Central Asian Republics including logistics in the High North. Mr Tschudi is the Chairman of the Centre for High North Logistics, a non-profit research foundation focusing on transportation solutions in the Arctic. He is also a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Arctic, the Committee of the P&I Club Skuld, the board of the Norwegian publishing house Aschehoug & Co, chairman of the board of Maritimt Forum Oslofjord and a former president of the Oslo Shipowners Association.





Manuel Benitez, Deputy Administrator, Panama Canal Authority

Manuel Eduardo Benítez Hawkins is the Deputy Administrator of the Panama Canal Authority, the autonomous agency that manages the Panama Canal. He joined the Panama Canal workforce in 1978 and held several positions in the years that followed. In March 2007, Mr. Benítez was appointed Executive Vice-President of Operations responsible for all maritime operations, canal's security, emergency response, dredging operations, and maintenance of canal's infrastructures, floating and rolling equipment. On August 31, 2012, the Board of Directors announced Mr. Benitez' appointment as Deputy Administrator of the Panama Canal, beginning September 4, 2012.



Steven Bouckaert, Senior Manager, Maritime Transport and Business solutions

Steven Bouckaert is a Senior Manager at Maritime & Transport Business Solutions B.V. (MTBS). His maritime career started at Hesselatie N.V., which was a front running stevedore of reference with a proud, long and solid tradition in the stevedoring and logistics activities in the ports of Antwerp and Zeebrugge. After the merger of Hesselatie N.V., with Noordnatie N.V. (the second largest stevedoring company in Antwerp), and the subsequent sale of the merged company to PSA (Singapore), he became responsible for business development for the PSA Group in Europe, CIS and Mediterranean (incl. Northern Africa), reporting to the CEO of PSA Europe and to the Management in Singapore.





The view of the ports:

Rune Arnoy, CEO, Narvik Havn KfK



Rune Arnoy is CEO and Port Director of Narvik Havn KfK. Before joining the port, he worked in banking and business administration. He was also part of different Board and Trustee Commissions. He was acknowledged by the Norwegian Committee of Sports and the Olympic committee with the “Fair Play” price in 1997 for the effort of promoting the basic values of sports-joy, health, fellowship and honesty.

Airam Diaz Pastor, Commercial Manager, Ports of Tenerife

Airam Díaz Pastor is Commercial Manager at the Port of Tenerife since 2012 and is responsible for overseeing all the company’s commercial activities. This includes the container transport and general cargo business in the region. He joined the Ports of Tenerife in 2011 after more than 10 years of experience in West Africa shipping trade. Previously he was the Key Account Manager of Grimaldi Lines in Naples, where he oversaw the company’s interests in the Mediterranean Sea focusing in North Africa counties such as Tunis, Libya and Morocco. He was appointed for the start up of Grimaldi Lines with the agency in Tangier Med. Prior to that Airam was the Account Manager of Civitavecchia inland port, at I.C.P.L, focusing on the Royal Caribbean customer.



Alecos Michaelides, Chairman, Cyprus Ports Authority



Alecos Michaelides is the President of Cyprus Port Authority, in addition and in parallel to his duties as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Communication and Works (since 31st December 2013)



David Appleton, Principle Advisor to Peel Ports for Container Shipping

David J. Appleton is Principle Advisor to Peel Ports for Container Shipping. In addition, he is also Principle and owner of Focus Maritime Ltd - a UK based Maritime Consultancy firm and he is Non-Executive Director of the Port of Tyne. Previously he was President - Europe Region, Neptune Orient Lines and Senior Vice President Global Liner Trades, based in Singapore with APL.



17h00 Closing keynote speech:

Yves Leterme, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD (Belgian Prime Minister 2008-2011)



Yves Leterme was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD on 8 December 2011. He is in charge of Social Affairs, Education, Governance and Entrepreneurship. Before joining the OECD, Yves Leterme held a variety of political posts in Belgium at all levels and in all areas of government. After starting his career as an alderman in his home town of Ypres, he became a Deputy in the Chamber of Representatives, Group Chairman, National Secretary and Chairman of the CD&V party, Minister-President of the Flemish Government, Federal Senator, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Budget and Mobility, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister. Yves Leterme is currently municipal councillor in Ypres and Minister of State. Furthermore, Mr Leterme has worked, inter alia, as a deputy auditor at the Belgian Court of Audit and as an administrator at the European Parliament.



Day Two: Friday, 16 May 2014

09h00 Role of Ports, Transport and Transport Policy in Keeping Industry in Europe

Moderator

Jean-Louis Vandevorde, Journalist, Flows

Jean-Louis Vandevorde is Freelance Journalist. He has been active for more than 25 years in the field of transport journalism, with a special focus on ports and maritime transport. He started his career with the Belgian shipping newspaper De Lloyd in 1987. Since 2010, he works as a freelance journalist for several specialised publications, which today include the newspaper Flows (the successor to De Lloyd), the new quarterly magazine Ports & Business, the French monthly magazine NPI (Navigation, Ports & Intermodalité) and the British publication 'Heavy Lift & Project Forwarding International'.



Knut Hansen, Senior Vice President, Stora Enso Logistics



Knut Hansen is Senior Vice-President Logistics at Stora Enso & md Stora Enso Logistics AB. The company is the global rethinker of paper, biomaterials, wood products and packaging industry in order to offer innovative solutions based on renewable materials. Mr Hansen previous positions include: Marketing Director at Aditro Logistics, CEO at Nordwaggon AB and Marketing Director at Electrolux Logististics AB.



Paul Kyprianou, External relations Manager, Grimaldi Goup

Paul Kyprianou is External Relations Manager at Grimaldi Goup. He started his career in the Group in 1995 when he was appointed as Commercial Executive at Associated Oceanic Agencies Ltd, the commercial offices of the Grimaldi Group in London. In 1997 he was transferred to the Grimaldi Group's Headquarters in Naples as Area Manager for Greece and Cyprus, a position that he still holds. Since 2000, he also holds the position of External Relations Manager. Since 1998 he represents the Group at the European RoRo Carriers' Action Group, special committee of ECSA (European Community Shipowners' Associations). He has been Chairman of the Group from 2003 to 2009. From 2005 to 2010 he was also Managing Director of Grimaldi & Louis Dreyfus Lines, a joint venture between the Grimaldi Group and Louis Dreyfus Armateurs which run a maritime service for freight and passengers between Civitavecchia (Italy) and Toulon (France). Since January 2012 he is alternate Board Member of the association Interferry Europe.



Per Bondemark, Chairman of the Swedish Shippers' Council



Per Bondemark is Vice President and Head of Production for SSAB. SSAB is a global leader in high strength steel. Prior to that Mr. Bondemark held positions in Supply Chain and Marketing within SSAB. In addition to these responsibilities, he is chairman of the board for one of Sweden's major ports, the port of Oxelösund. Prior to joining SAB, he had 10 years of experience in the telecom business with Ericsson, mainly in investment programmes and production. Mr Bondemark is also well known from his engagement as chairman of the Swedish Shipper's Council and can often be seen and heard in the public arena

debating infrastructure related issues.



Luc T'Joen, Principal Auditor, European Court of Auditors, Transport and Energy - Performance Audit

Luc T'Joen is Principal Auditor at the European Court of Auditors Transport and Energy, Performance Audit. Having a fiscal economy background, Mr T'Joen worked for ten years in the Belgian Ministry of Finances, dealing with economic customs policy legislation and controls. For 19 years, he worked as a Commission official in the Directorates-General Taxation and Customs Union, Budget and Eurostat, where he has been involved in legislation, revenue controls, investigations and financial audits. Mr T'Joen joined the European Court of Auditors in 2008, to lead teams dealing with



performance audits in the fields of transport, research and energy. The most recent special reports on transport of his teams, published by the European Court of Auditors are: Special report on effectiveness of cohesion policy spending for seaport infrastructures, Special Report on the effectiveness of the Marco Polo programmes and an upcoming Special Report on the cost-effectiveness of cohesion policy spending for airport infrastructures.

The view of the ports

Joachim Coens, President-CEO, Port of Zeebrugge



Joachim Coens is Managing director of the Port Authority Bruges-Zeebrugge. He started his professional career as supervisor of several harbour building projects in the Middle East (UAE) for the Besix Group and was responsible for project developments in Eastern Europe for Besix between 1990 and 1995. In May 1995, he was also elected as a Representative in the Flemish Parliament, where he seated in several commissions, mostly with a connotation of Environment, Finances, Culture, Public Works, Mobility and Energy. He resigned from this on 15 March 2001, in order to be Managing Director of the Bruges-Zeebrugge Port Authority. He is also

member of the board of several port related companies and organisations.



Santiago Garcia-Mila, Deputy General Manager Strategy and Business, Port Authority of Barcelona and ESPO Chairman

Santiago Garcia-Milà is, besides Chairman of ESPO, Deputy Director General of Barcelona Port Authority. He is a long-standing member of ESPO, where he chaired for several years the organisation's Intermodal and Logistics Committee. Next to his functions in the Port of Barcelona and ESPO, he is also Vice-President of the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) and Secretary of Intermed, the North-West Mediterranean Ports Association. Prior to his appointment with the Port of Barcelona, he worked for twenty years with different private companies in the area of international marketing.



Hervé Martel, CEO, Port of Le Havre

Hervé Martel is CEO of the Grand Port Maritime du Havre since 2012. He is also member of the Board of Directors of HAROPA, a collaboration between the ports of Le Havre, Rouen and Paris. Before joining Le Havre, Mr Martel was CEO of the first French inland port, the ports de Paris since 2009. His maritime career started at the Port of Reunion in 1989. From 2001 to 2004, he was Director of the Port Agency of Seine-Amont in the ports de Paris and Head of the District for the Navigation Service de la Seine. In 2004, he joined the Departmental Direction of Equipment of Seine-et-Marne as Deputy Director for transportation infrastructure. From 2006 to 2007, he served as Deputy Director of Maritime and River Transport before joining the Office of the State Minister as a technical advisor in charge of ports and maritime transport and civil aviation.





Johan Röstin, CEO, Copenhagen Malmö Port



Johan Röstin is CEO of the Copenhagen Malmö Port since 2009. Before joining the port, Mr Röstin was Division Director, Air and Ocean Scandinavia at Schenker AB. Previously, he also held commercial positions with responsibility for Sweden and Scandinavia in Sales and Marketing at SAS Cargo.

10h45 The Role of Policy in Enhancing the Level Playing Field between European Ports

Moderator

David Whitehead, Director, British Ports Association

David Whitehead is Director of the British Ports Association. He joined the ports industry in 1990 as Director of Policy of the British Ports Federation and subsequently became Director of the BPA. He has been closely involved in the major policy changes that have occurred since then, including port privatisation and the corporate governance of the UK's trust and municipal ports. As well as involvement in many UK industry and government groups he has been Chairman of the ESPO, a board member of the EcoPorts Foundation, a member of the UK Government's Ports Advisory Group and a board member of "Freight by Water". He is currently a member of the Greenwich Forum and of the Industrial Advisory Panel to the Marine Geography Department, Cardiff University. In 2011, he was awarded an OBE for services to the ports industry.





The Commission's perspective

Dimitrios Theologitis, Head of Unit “Ports and Inland Navigation”, European Mobility Network Directorate, Directorate General for Mobility and Transport



Dimitrios Theologitis is Head of Unit Ports and Inland Navigation for European Mobility Network Directorate at the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG Move) of the European Commission since 2011. He is responsible for the development and implementation of a new European ports policy to promote further growth and the establishment of a policy framework to support and optimise the functioning of the inland waterway transport. He has been working for the European Commission since 1984. He has held various Head of Unit posts including Computer Aids for Translation, Road Safety, Security Policy and Maritime Security and Maritime Transport and Ports Policy and Maritime Security.

Joachim Luecking, European Commission, DG Competition, Head of Unit, State Aids: industrial restructuring

Joachim Luecking is Head of Unit, State Aids - industrial restructuring in the Competition Directorate-General of the European Commission. He holds this position since 1 April 2011, and his responsibilities include state aids to industry as well as parts of the transport sector (rescue and restructuring aid, ports, road transport). After having worked as an academic and in industry, Joachim joined the European Commission in 1995 and has held a range of management positions in the Competition DG, including Acting Director for Information, Communication and Media, Head of Unit for Antitrust - Telecommunications and Head of Unit - Mergers.





Thomas Verheye, European Commission, DG Environment, Head of Unit Air & Industrial Emissions



Thomas Verheye is the Head DG Environments' Unit responsible for Industrial Emissions and Air Quality. The unit's portfolio includes about 20 legislative instruments in these policy fields including for industrial accidents and the environmental management of mercury. The unit also services several Multinational Environmental Agreements including the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution and its Protocols. Prior to taking up his present function, he held several other positions in the Commission including Deputy Head of Unit responsible for ozone depleting substances and fluorinated gases and desk officer in charge of technology transfer and innovative financing mechanisms in the climate and energy area. His previous employers included the Bank of New York (Vice President corporate action at the bank's global custody branch), the International Monetary Fund (Treasurer's department), and Ernst & Young (Auditing branch). He holds a bachelor and master's degree in Business Economics from the University of Ghent.

Parliament's views

Knut Fleckenstein, MEP and Rapporteur for the Ports Policy Regulation

Knut Fleckenstein is MEP and Rapporteur for the Ports Policy Regulation. He is presently the Chairman of the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee in the European Parliament. He is also a member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, and of the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. Mr. Fleckenstein joined the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in 1974. From 1994-2004 and since 2007, he has served as a member of the Hamburg executive of the SPD. Mr. Fleckenstein has also been a member of the European Affairs Committee of the SPD Executive since 2008. Previously, he was the Spokesman and Head of Protocol of the State Parliament of Hamburg, and the Spokesperson and Head of Cabinet of Vice Mayor, Head of European Affairs Department, in the State Government Hamburg.





The view of the ports

Victor Schoenmakers, Director European & International Affairs, Port of Rotterdam Authority



Victor Schoenmakers is Director of the European & International Affairs at the Port of Rotterdam Authority where he held various positions since 1993. Amongst other responsibilities, he was closely involved in reorganising the municipal port authority into an autonomous limited company. Mr Schoenmakers was Chairman of ESPO from 2008 till 2012.

Stavros Hatzakos, General Manager, Piraeus Port Authority

Stavros Hatzakos is President of MedCruise and General Manager of Piraeus Port Authority. He has been working in the Port sector for the last 30 years and has served in various managerial positions. Mr Hatzakos is a founding member of the Mediterranean Association of Cruise Ports (MedCruise) and served as Vice President of the association. In 2011 he was elected as president of MedCruise. He is responsible for the international relationships of Piraeus Port Authority since 1993 and he is also the representative of Piraeus and Greece in the Executive Committee of ESPO since its establishment in 1993. Next year, the Port of Piraeus is going to be the host of the ESPO Conference. Stavros Hatzakos is the President of MedCruise and the General Manager of Piraeus Port Authority. Since March 2012 he is also Chairman of the “The Global Coalition of Cruise Ports Associations”.





Eamonn O'Reilly, Chief Executive, Dublin Port Company



Eamonn O'Reilly is Chief Executive of the Dublin Port Company. He joined Dublin Port Company in 2010 from Portroe Stevedores, where he was Chief Executive of the Dublin Port-based cargo handling business for five years. During that time, he was also Group Business Development Manager of Portroe's parent company, Doyle Shipping Group. Prior to joining the Doyle Shipping Group he was Business Development Manager for Securicor Ireland. An electrical engineer by profession, he is a graduate of University College Dublin and holds an MBA from Trinity College Dublin. He has also worked as a management

consultant with KPMG and previously served as Chief Executive of Marine Terminals Limited in Dublin Port between 1992 and 1996.

12h15 Presentation of ESPO's Memorandum for the European Elections

Isabelle Ryckbost, Director, Secretary General, ESPO

Isabelle Ryckbost is Secretary General of the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO)



since last year. Before taking up this function, Isabelle was Director of the European Federation of Inland Ports (EFIP) and Senior Advisor of ESPO for four years. Before joining EFIP, she worked in EU Public Affairs for almost 20 years. After a short period at the European Commission (DG Agriculture), she worked in an EU Public Affairs consultancy. In 1994 she started working in the European Parliament, as a political assistant and between 1999 and 2009 she was the political assistant of Dirk Sterckx, where she was mainly active in transport and port-related fields. She is co-author of the handbook "Zo Werkt Europa" (1st edition 2007, 2nd edition 2010).



12h30 Closing of the ESPO 2014 Conference

Santiago Garcia-Milà, Chairman of ESPO, Deputy Director General, Barcelona Port Authority

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Stavros Hatzakos, General Manager, Piraeus Port Authority, Host of the ESPO 2015 Conference



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Roundtable Coordinators (Day One: Thursday, 15 May 2014)

Kathrin Obst, TEN-T Information Desk, ESPO

Kathrin Obst is Director of the European Federation of Inland Ports (EFIP) and responsible to the TEN-T Information Desk at ESPO. Before joining EFIP and ESPO, she worked for three years as a Senior Policy Adviser for the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER), where she became familiar with EU structures and decision making procedures. By working for CER, she also developed an in depth knowledge of Europe's transport policy and a good network of contacts in the transport and railway sector. Before joining CER, Kathrin worked in both the Commission and the Council of the EU.



Eugenio Quintieri, Policy Advisor, ESPO



Eugenio Quintieri is Policy Advisor at ESPO, the European Sea Ports Organisation. He deals with social and labour issues, intermodal transport and statistics. Eugenio has BA and MSc in Political Science from University of Calabria and MA in European Interdisciplinary Studies from the College of Europe (Warsaw). Before joining ESPO, he had a short-term work experience at the European Commission in the Directorate-General Transports & Mobility (Unit B3 - Ports and Inland Navigation).



Prof Dr Michaël Dooms, Program Director, Unit Management and Strategy, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Dr Michaël Dooms is affiliated as assistant professor with the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management at the University of Brussels (VUB). He won the 2011 Palgrave MacMillan MEL PhD Competition (4th edition) with his PhD Thesis. He is an associate member of PortEconomics.eu and a member of the Port Performance Research Network (PPRN), where he co-animates the port authority strategy group. He teaches courses at the Institute of Transport and Maritime Management (ITMMA) in Antwerp as well as the Erasmus University Rotterdam, as coordinator of the port management 1&2 modules of the MEL programme. In the field of strategic management and organisational development, he was closely involved in the development and implementation of a strategic plan for the Belgian rail infrastructure manager Infrabel. From 2013 onwards, he is the scientific and administrative coordinator of PORTOPIA, a large EU-FP7 collaborative research project on port performance measurement.



Dr Chris Wooldridge, Science Coordinator EcoPorts, Senior Trainer ECO Sustainable Logistic Chain Foundation, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Cardiff University, UK

Dr Chris Wooldridge has worked on Research & Development, and Training with the port sector since 1982 specialising in hydrography and the environmental management of port and shipping operations. He contributed to the development of the EcoPorts tools and methodologies, and is active in their implementation internationally supported by the cooperation between ECOSLC, ESPO and the American Association of Port Authorities. He acts as Reviewer of the EcoPorts' Self-Diagnosis Methodology (SDM). Dr Wooldridge has delivered training courses on a range of environmental issues throughout Europe, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Taiwan, and Colombia. He was Director of Studies, Marine Geography in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University, UK until 2011.





Eeva Hietanen, Chairman of ESPO's Passenger Committee



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