

Flemish reflection on current EU initiatives



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EU 'wet' initiatives

- 10/10/2007 : communication of the commission on an integrated maritime policy for the European Union
- 18/10/2007 : package of measures to support freight transport (logistic action plan, port policy, maritime and short sea shipping,...)

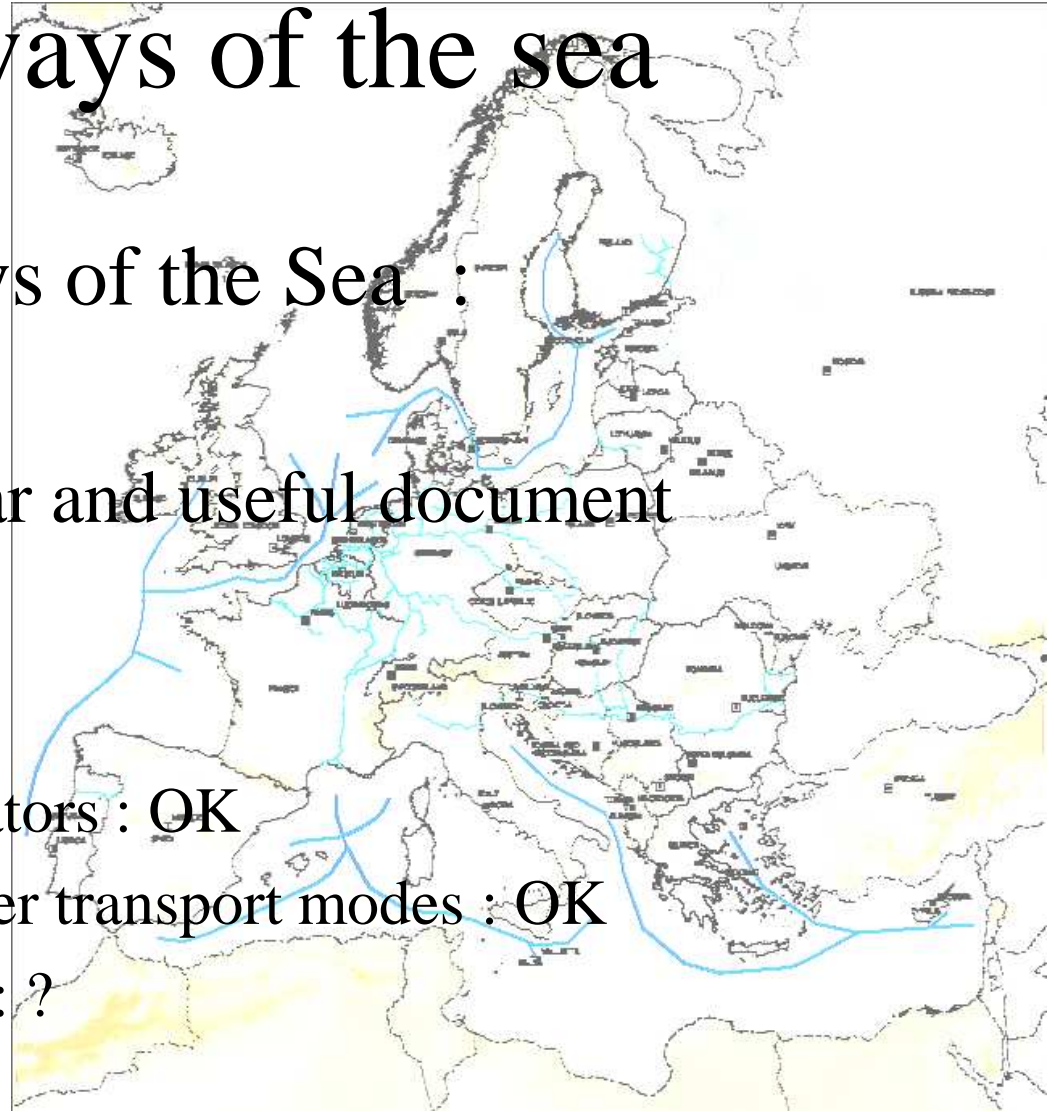
Overview

1. Motorways of the sea
 - Report on MoS – state of play and consultation
 - North Sea MoS taskforce
2. European maritime transport space without barriers
3. Freight transport logistics action plan
4. European Ports policy, linked with Flanders Port Area

1. Motorways of the sea

1.1. Report on Motorways of the Sea :

- State of play : very clear and useful document
- Consultation on :
 - Key performance indicators : OK
 - Benchmarking with other transport modes : OK
 - Awarding MoS status : ?



1.2. North Sea Motorways of the Sea taskforce (1)

- Composition :
 - High-level officials from relevant ministries or maritime authorities:

Flanders/Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, United Kingdom, Denmark, Sweden and Norway.
 - European Commission (DG TREN)
 - Stakeholder organisations:

ESPO, ECSA, European Shortsea Network, Northern Maritime Corridor.

1.2. North Sea Motorways of the Sea taskforce (2)

- General approach: governments play a facilitating role, avoid distortion of competition
- Brainstorm on relevant topics for MoS development in the North Sea region
- Special attention to infrastructure (hinterland connections) and quality of services (but not to a quality label as such).

1.2. North Sea Motorways of the Sea taskforce (3)

- Joint call :
 - Elaboration of a joint call for tender for MoS projects in the North Sea region.
 - project proposals are under evaluation

2. European maritime transport space without barriers

- Administrative procedures
 - ‘old’ problem
 - Important problem
 - Urgent problem
- Consultation
 - to do nothing => no option
 - To propose a regulation => an option



3. Freight transport logistics action plan

- Link Flanders Logistics
- extending the scope of Shortsea Promotion Centres into inland transport logistics
- Update the 2003 proposal on Intermodal Loading Units to technical progress



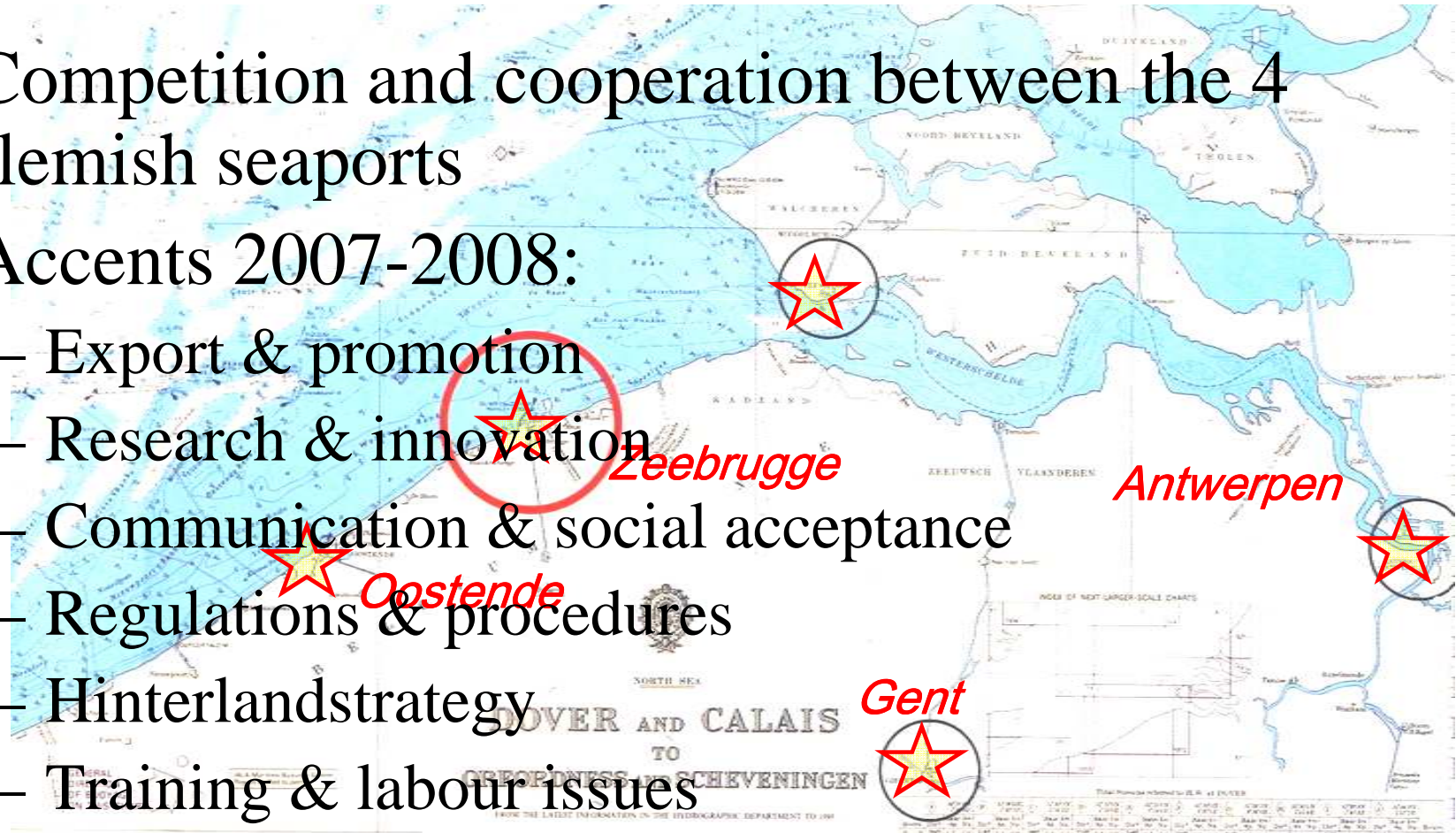
3. European Ports policy

3.1. Communication on European Ports Policy :

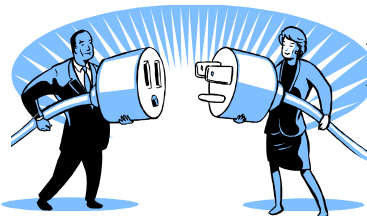
- Port performance and hinterland connections
- Expanding capacity while respecting the environment
- Modernisation
- Level playing field
- A structured dialogue between ports and cities
- Work in ports

3.2. Flanders Port Area

- Competition and cooperation between the 4 flemish seaports
- Accents 2007-2008:
 - Export & promotion
 - Research & innovation
 - Communication & social acceptance
 - Regulations & procedures
 - Hinterlandstrategy
 - Training & labour issues



3.3. European ports policy, linked with Flanders Port Area (1)



European Port Policy

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3.3. European ports policy, linked with Flanders Port Area (2)

Research & innovation

- Needs and feasibility of a digital platform of knowledge in port logistics and port technology
- Needs and feasibility of tracking and tracing of goods
- “Expert meeting” on trends on the long term in a worldwide context
- ...

Modernisation

- *deployment of an “e-maritime” programma*
- *relevant research and innovation on port infrastructure and operations.*

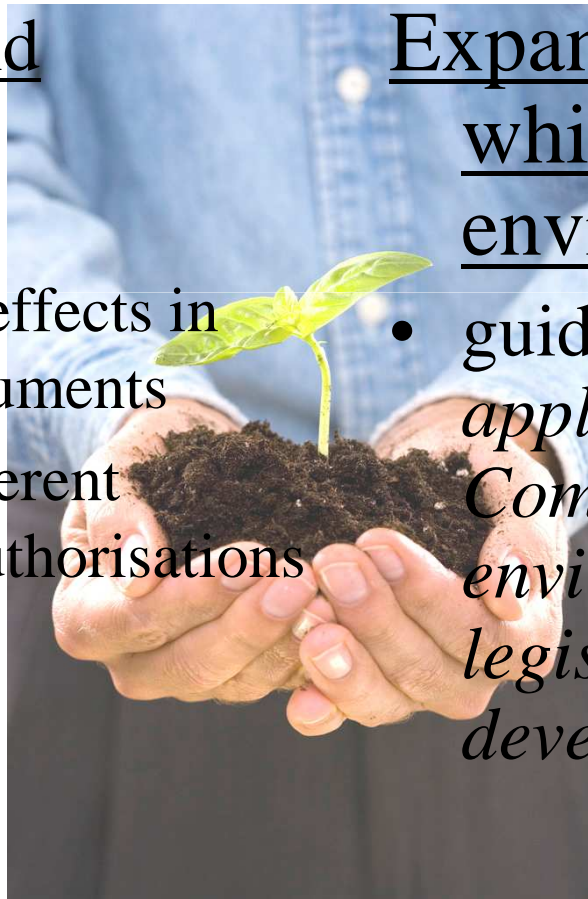
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Regulations and procedures

- Translation of environmental effects in planning instruments
- Tuning of different permits and authorisations

Expanding capacity while respecting the environment :

- guidelines *on the application of the Community environment legislation to port development*



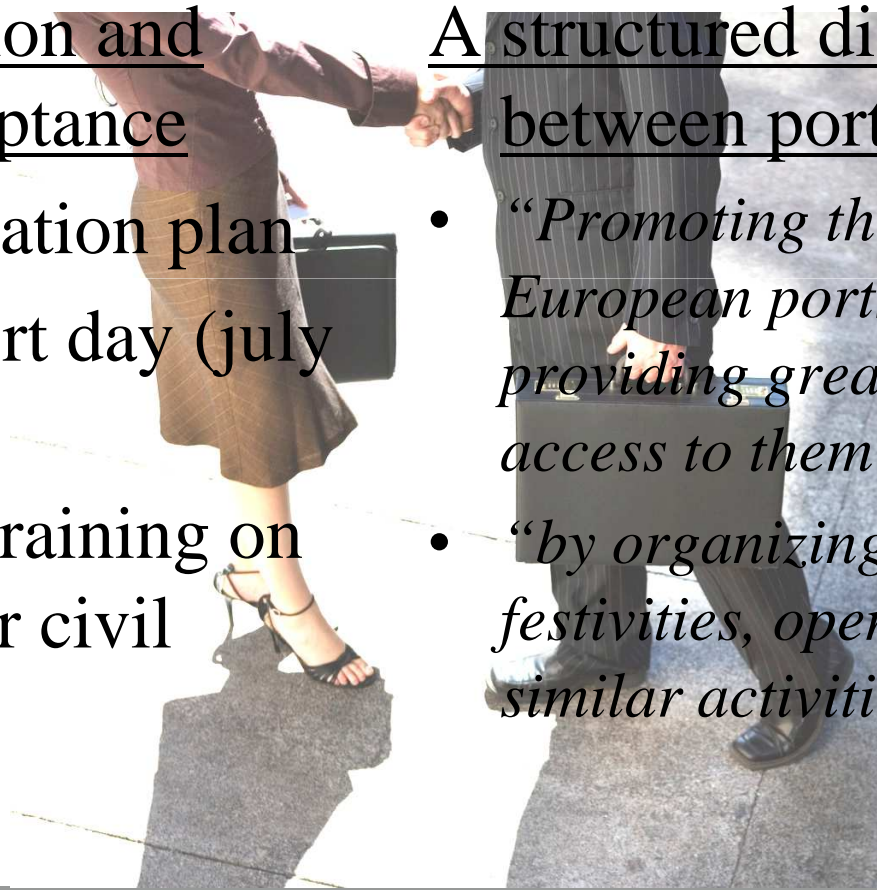
3.3. European ports policy, linked with Flanders Port Area (4)

Communication and social acceptance

- Communication plan
- Flemish port day (july 5th, 2008)
- Port visit, training on the field for civil servants

A structured dialogue between ports & cities

- *“Promoting the image of European ports and providing greater public access to them...”*
- *“by organizing port festivities, open days, or similar activities”*



4. Conclusion

We're on the right track...