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## DAY ONE - Wednesday 15th October 2025

**08:30 Coffee & Registration**

**09:30 Welcome by Chairmen**

*Christopher Wooldridge, Science Coordinator EcoPorts EcoSLC*

*Mark van der Veen, Director of the Graduate School of Business, University of Amsterdam*

**09:40 Welcome Address**

*Hon Dr Chris Bonett, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works*

*Kurt Farrugia, CEO, Transport Malta*

### Session 1.1: Developing a Sustainable Port Community

**09:55 ESPO Environmental Report**

*Tim Verhoeven, Senior Policy Advisor – Sustainable Development, ESPO*

**10:20 ECOSLC Environmental Report**

*Marti Puig Duran, Chemical Engineer & University Lecturer, Polytechnic University of Catalonia*

**10:45 Question & Answer Session**

**11:00 Coffee & Networking**

### Session 2: Harboursing the Future: Infrastructure for a Stronger Port Ecosystem

**Moderator:** *Mark van der Veen, Director of the Graduate School of Business, University of Amsterdam*

**11:30 The sH2unter@ports project**

The sH2unter@ports project, consisting of six project partners ranging from port operators and rail transport companies to research institutes, investigated the conversion of shunting operations in the ports of Hamburg and Bremerhaven to climate-neutral drives.

*Insa Pohlenga, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ports and Transformation, Unit 32 – Environmental and Climate Matters, Free Hanseatic City of Bremen*

**11:45 Port of Hamburg as a Centre for Green Hydrogen**

*Manfred Lebmeier, Senior Environmental Advisor, Hamburg Port Authority*



\*invited



- 12:00 How targeted lubrication strategies can support sustainability in the port industry**  
 Klüber Lubrication helped VLI cut energy use by over 5%, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and extend equipment life through a gear oil upgrade, enhancing efficiency and sustainability in port operations  
*Christian Kiefer, Business Development Manager, Klüber Lubrication*
- 12:15 The BlueBARGE Project**  
 The BlueBARGE Project addresses the design, development, and demonstration of an optimum power-barge solution to support offshore power supply to moored and anchored vessels, limiting local polluting emissions and global GHG footprint in a life cycle perspective, following a modular, scalable, adaptable, and flexible design approach.  
*Ignacio Benitez, PhD, Senior Project Manager - Innovation & Port Cluster Development, Fundacion Valenciaport*
- 12:30 Question & Answer Session**

## 12:45 Lunch & Networking

3.1 Renewables, Reclamation & Responsible Economic Growth	3.2 Workshop 1
<p><b>Moderator: Christopher Wooldridge, Science Coordinator EcoPorts EcoSLC</b></p> <p><b>14:10 Nature-Based Solutions</b>                      A promising future for ports amidst an increasingly complex political, environmental, and economic landscape.  <i>Niels van Kouwen, Maritime and Resilience Consultant/ Specialist, Haskoning</i></p> <p><b>14:25 ISO Guidance on In-Water Cleaning</b>                      The upcoming ISO 6319 standard will guide ports in approving in-water hull cleaning, preventing invasive species spread and reducing emissions through improved hull smoothness and reduced fuel use.  <i>Irene O. Tvedten PhD, Senior Advisor, Bellona Foundation</i></p> <p><b>14:40 Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure: The Port Focus</b>  <i>Arnold de Bruijn, Director, IADC</i></p> <p><b>15:10 Question &amp; Answer Session</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator: Marti Puig Duran, Chemical Engineer &amp; University Lecturer, Polytechnic University of Catalonia</b></p> <p><b>The workshop will explore: What is the role of circular economy in port sustainability?</b>                      How can ports measure circularity through meaningful indicators? What are the benefits of integrating circular strategies into port operations and reporting? And how can ports foster innovation and collaboration through circular practices?</p> <p><i>Note: workshops must be booked in advance due to limited numbers. Please contact the team at <a href="mailto:info@greenportcongress.com">info@greenportcongress.com</a> to confirm.</i></p> <p><b>15:10 Question &amp; Answer Session</b></p>

## 15:30 Coffee & Networking



## 4. Ports of the Future. Innovation, energy transition and new roles for the port beyond 2050. How will ports contribute to decarbonization

## 4.2 Workshop 2

**Moderator: Dr. Mark van der Veen**, Director of the Graduate School of Business, University of Amsterdam

**16:00** **Edvard Molitor**, Head of International Public Affairs and Sustainability, Port of Gothenburg & Chair, IAPH Climate and Energy Committee  
**Tim Verhoeven**, Senior Policy Advisor Sustainable Development, EcoPorts Coördinator, ESPO  
**Jan Egbertsen**, Manager - Innovation, Port of Amsterdam  
**Koen Hamels**, Port Environment Advisor, Port of Antwerp-Bruges

**Moderators: Marti Puig Duran**, Chemical Engineer & University Lecturer, Polytechnic University of Catalonia  
**Chris Wooldridge**, Science Coordinator EcoPorts EcoSLC

### Calming the Waters – Delivering Sustainable Cruise Operations\*

This workshop will explore both the positive impacts and contentious challenges of cruise operations—shifting the focus from purely economic concerns to the environmental, social, and cultural dimensions of sustainability. Key questions to be debated:

- What challenges and strategic recommendations could shape sustainability in the cruise industry?
- How can we bridge the gap between policy and practice to better support local communities and economies?

*\*Note: We are limited to 35 participants per workshop.*

**17:20** Day 1 Round Up with Chairs

**17:30** Conference Close

## 19:00 Conference Dinner - Hosted by Transport Malta

Join us for 3 courses in Taste History. On arrival guests will be welcomed with a glass of prosecco followed by flowing wine and water served throughout the experience. The menu will be thematic and historical with chefs providing a bespoke menu as researched by their curatorial team.

*The Malta Maritime Museum, Xatt l-Assedju l-Kbir, Birgu BRG 1721, Malta*



## DAY TWO - Thursday 16th October 2025

### 08:30 Coffee & Registration

### 09:00 Opening by Chairman/Moderator

*Christopher Wooldridge, Science Coordinator EcoPorts EcoSLC*

### 09:10 Keynote 1: Strategy for Resilience and Decarbonisation

Challenges for EU ports from the perspective of Port Authorities and Terminals are particularly relevant, this session will look at macro and micro challenges faced by members, and outline their expectations at a time when the European Commission is developing the EU Ports Strategy.

**Panel Moderator:** *Christopher Wooldridge, Science Coordinator EcoPorts EcoSLC*

**Panellists include:**

*Isabelle Ryckbost, Secretary General, ESPO*

*Lamia Kerdjoudj, Secretary General, FEPORT*

### 09:40 1.2 Plug in for the Planet: Shore Power Contracts and the Path to Implementation

*speakers to be announced*

### 10:25 Coffee & Networking

## Session 5: Managing Cyber Risk in Automating Processes

### 10:50 Panel Moderator: *Nicolette van der Jagt,*

**Panellists include:**

*Lamia Kerdjoudj, Secretary General, FEPORT*

*Jon Kuiper, Senior Policy Advisor – Dutch Supply Chain Digitalisation,  
Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure*

### 12:10 Roundup with chairs

### 12:20 Lunch & Networking

### Handover to Day 1 of Decarbonising The Future

**Including the following sessions:**

- 2030 and Beyond: Steering European Ports Towards Emissions Compliance and Growth
- Regulating for the Future: A Framework for Greener Seas and Smarter Ports
- Delivering Energy Infrastructure for a Carbon-Neutral Maritime Sector
- The Port Gridlock: Can National Energy Systems Support Electrified Harbours?

*Featuring speakers from Port of Oslo, Port of Helsinki, Port of Koper, Valletta Cruise Port and more.*

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### 16:00 Boat tour of Valletta Grand Harbour

A boat port tour of Valletta's Grand Harbour and a chance to see Phase 1 of Malta's OPS port electrification projects in action. With over 73 vessel connections in one operational year, this port tour will also give delegates an insight into Phase 2 and what's in store for future cargo and RoPax vessel connections.

### 19:00 Networking Drinks - Hosted by Transport Malta

The **Networking Reception** is a networking icebreaker, which provides the perfect opportunity to consider the topics and working groups during the previous two days.

*Gardjola Gardens, Senglea, Malta*



## DAY THREE - Friday 17th October 2025 - PORT TOUR

### 16:00 A coach tour to Port of Marsaxlokk run by Malta Freeport Corporation which will showcase the plans for the Phase 1 construction and Phase 2 tender.



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