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**Dutch Seaport Areas**



Groningen Area (North)


Amsterdam Area

Rotterdam Area

Zeeland Area (South)

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## Dossiers

- Work programme seaports
- EU port services regulation
- EU fair competition
- Corporate taxation
- Hinterland and hinterland connections
- Freight policy

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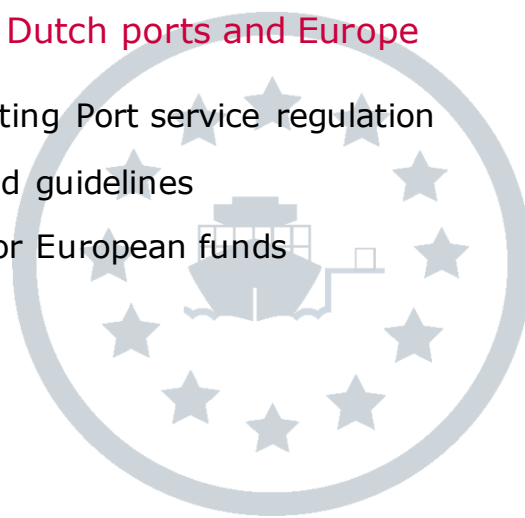
## Leading principles

1. Create added value through cooperation
2. Reinforce entrepreneurship in seaport regions
3. Promote interaction between ports, the ports industry and the surrounding environment



## Theme 1 Dutch ports and Europe

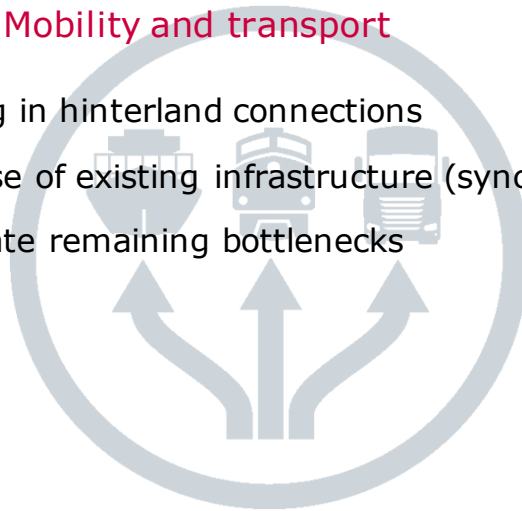
- Negotiating Port service regulation
- State aid guidelines
- Apply for European funds





## Theme 2 Mobility and transport

- Investing in hinterland connections
- Better use of existing infrastructure (synchromodality)
- Investigate remaining bottlenecks



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## Theme 3 Entrepreneurship and labour market

- Reinforce ports industry
- Reduce regulatory burden and supervision
- Educational and labour market initiatives



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## Theme 4 Sustainability and innovation

Support and facilitate the various sustainability initiatives:

- Sustainable energy
- Transition to bio-based economy
- Logistics optimization
- Use of residual heat, CCS, LNG



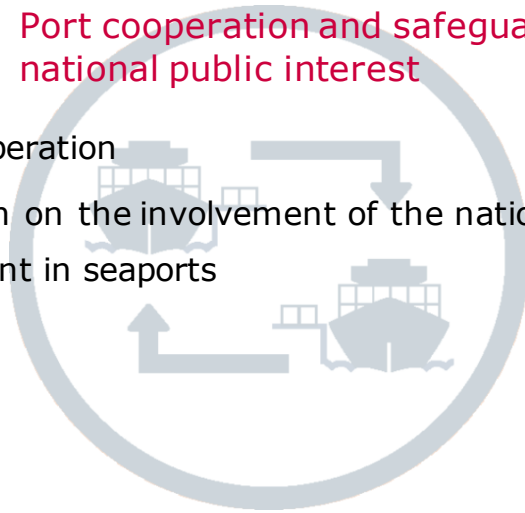
## Theme 5 Seaports and their environment

- Balance between economy and ecology (Natura 2000)
- Programmatic Approach to Nitrogen
- Optimize the use of scarce space within and between ports



## Theme 6 Port cooperation and safeguarding national public interest

- Port cooperation
- Reflection on the involvement of the national government in seaports



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## EU port services regulation

- Open market for port services
- Financial transparency in case of public funding
- Social dialogue or social paragraph
- Proces: trilog (EP, Transport council and EC) under Dutch EU presidency

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## EU fair competition

- There is no fair competition:
- Millions of state aid each year in Flemish and German ports
- EC refuses to produce state aid guidelines for ports
- On the contrary...

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## Corporate taxation

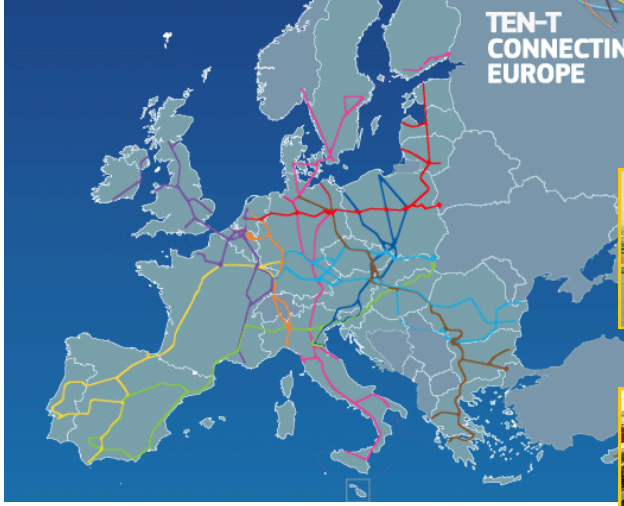
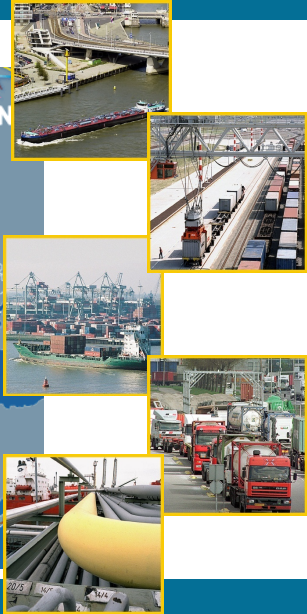
- EC forces the Netherlands to levy corporate tax from ports while no other port in Europe effectively pays corporate tax
- Thereby deliberately causing a more unlevel playing field
- How should Dutch politics respond?

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## Hinterland connections

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## Freight policy

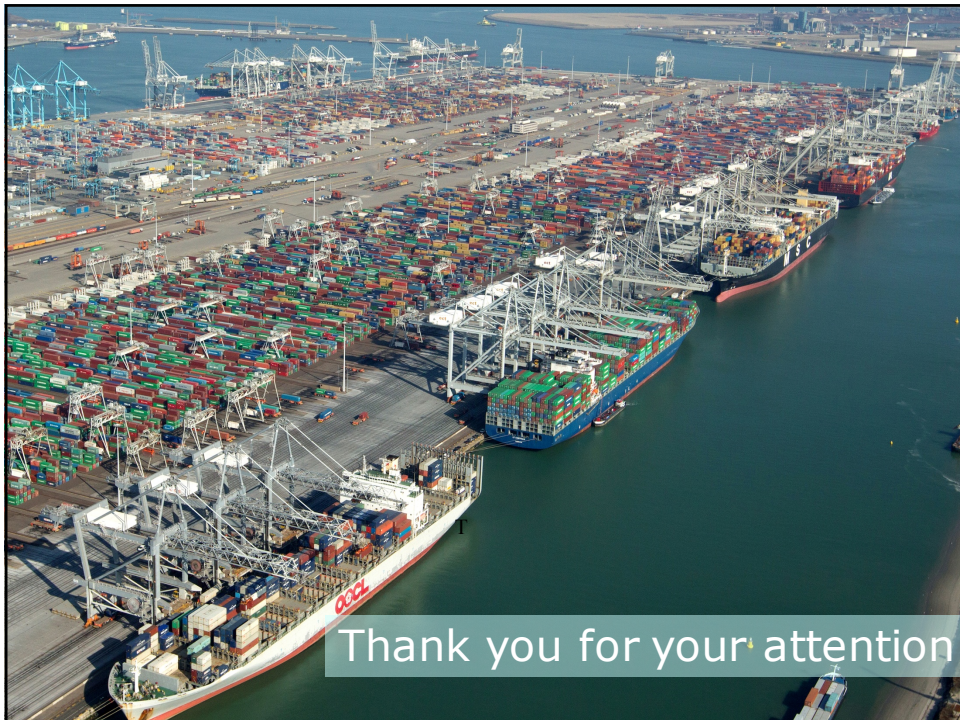
- There are a lot of mono-modal policy documents
- Few multi-modal and hardly any focused on freight
- Therefore we are now working on a multi-modal freight policy document
- What are the future innovations that will change freight logistics?
- How will this affect infrastructural developments and investments?

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## Discussion



Thank you for your attention!