

AINS 2026

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Day topic	Introduction to IWT, fleet, market & crew	Policy & legislation	Economic research in IWT + excursion	Automation + excursion	Port and infrastructure	
8:30 am	Daily registration, welcome and briefing (prof. dr. Edwin van Hassel & Verberght)					
9:00-10:00 am	Prof. dr. Edwin van Hassel, UAntwerp: Economic Research Overview in Inland Navigation and current projects	Prof. dr. Edwin Verberght: Inland Navigation Policy, Quadruple Helix and the institutional setting	Drs. Felipe, UAntwerpen, Technological innovation in inland waterway transport	Excursion to SEAFAR	Drs. Juan Manuel Pulido Guzmán, UAntwerp, Data-driven synchromodality in Inland Waterway Transport	
10:00-11:00 am	Karin De Schepper, INE, TEN-T and the European IWT	Prof. dr. Wouter Verheyen, Labour law and Transport law, the case of the inland navigation	Prof. Dr. Igor Bačkalov, DST, Safety in the inland navigation		Brigadier General Katrien D'Hert, Assist. Chief of Staff Readiness and Operations, Belgian Armed Forces, Military mobility of multimodal transport and dual-use of inland waterways	
		coffee break			coffee break	
11:15 am -12:15 pm	Dr. Norbert Kriedel, CCNR, European Market Observation	Prof. Dr. Marc De Decker: Mannheim Convention and social security of the Rhine	Kevin Lyen & Wouter De Geest, RebelGroup, Market studies, greening and competition in IWT		Dr. Marjan Beelen, CITBO, tanker market and infrastructure	
Lunch and Networking break	Agora					
14:00-15:00	Charline Daloz, CESNI, challenges of the Labour Market	Ingrid Vermeir, GO! De Scheepvaartschool & Jan Smalleganghe, STC group, crewing and competences in Flanders and the Netherlands	Excursion to NK2 training center of IWT	Vincent Denis, BASF, innovation management in IWT	Paul Goris, Dry Bulk Terminals Group	
				coffee break		
15:15-16:15	Frank Hellebosch, CBO bv, Handbook of the IWT, perspective of investors and charterers	Hugues Van Honacker, IWT policy of the European Commission		Evert Bulcke, CEO TRESCO nv, River Information Services and TGAİN	Panel: ir. Filip Boelaert (De Vlaamse Waterweg NV), Jurjen Limburg (Naval nv), Melina Lê-Tenbrock (Cabinet of the Minister) and Jacques Kerckhof (ETF, ABVV BTB) What does the IWT presently and in the future need? Moderator: prof. dr. Thierry Vanelislander	
16:15-17:15	Jan D'haeyer (MBA), Shipit NV, De Vlaamse Waterweg Netwerk vzw, dry cargo market	Kim Mylle, ITB, Belgian IWT law		Eric Schraoyen, De Vlaamse Waterweg NV Flemish projects on automation and European Policy		
17:00 daily closing remarks and briefing for tomorrow (Edwin & Edwin)	Daily closing remarks and briefings for tomorrow (Edwin & Edwin)					Closing reception

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