

AINS 2026	MONDAY 20/apr	TUESDAY 21/apr	WEDNESDAY 22/apr	THURSDAY 23/apr	FRIDAY 24/apr
Day topic	Introduction IWT fleet, market & crew	Policy & legislation	Economic research in IWT + excursion	Innovation Automation + excursion	Ports & infrastructure
8:30	Daily registration, welcome and briefing (Edwin van Hassel & Verberght)			Excursion to SEAFAR	Daily registration, welcome and briefing (Edwin van Hassel & Verberght)
9:00-10:00	Edwin van Hassel, UAntwerp: Economic Research Overview in Inland Navigation and current projects	Edwin Verberght: Inland Navigation Policy , Quadruple Helix and the institutional setting	Felipe Bedoya-Maya, UAntwerpen, Technological innovation in inland waterway transport		Juan Manuel Pulido Guzmán, UAntwerp, Data-driven synchromodality in Inland Waterway Transport
10:00-11:00	Karin De Schepper, INE, TEN-T and the European IWT	Wouter Verheyen, UAntwer, Labour law and Transport law, the case of the inland navigation	Igor Bačkalov, DST, Safety in the inland navigation		Katrien D'Hert, Brigadier General, Ass.Chief of Staff, Readiness & Operations Belgian Armed Forces, Military mobility of multimodal transport & dual-use of inland waterways
Coffee break					Coffee break
11:15 - 12:15	Norbert Kriedel, CCNR, European Market Observation	Marc De Decker: Mannheim Convention and social security of the Rhine	Kevin Lyen & Wouter De Geest, Rebelgroup, Market studies, greening and competition in IWT		Marjan Beelen, CITBO, tanker market and infrastructure
Lunch break	Agora				
14:00-15:00	Charline Daloze, 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	Vincent Denis, BASF, innovation management in IWT	Paul Goris, Dry Bulk Terminals Group
Coffee break				Coffee break	
15:15-16:15	Frank Hellebosch, CBO bv, Handbook of the IWT, perspective of investors & charteres	Kristijan Ležaić, IWT policy of the European Commission		Evert Bulcke, CEO TRESKO nv, River Information Services and TGAIN	Panel: Filip Boelaert (De Vlaamse Waterweg NV), Jurjen Limburg (Naval NV), Melina Lê (Cabinet of the Minister) and Jacques Kerkhof (ETF, ABVV BTB)
16:15-17:15	Jan D'haeyer, Shipit NV, De Vlaamse Waterweg Netwerk vzw, dry cargo market	Kim Mylle, ITB, Belgian IWT law		Erik Schrooyen, De Vlaamse Waterweg NV, Projects and Policy on automation	What does the IWT need? Presently and in the future?
17:15	Daily closing remarks and briefings for tomorrow (Edwin & Edwin)			Daily closing remarks and briefings for tomorrow (Edwin & Edwin)	Closing reception
Draft programme. TBC = to be confirmed, last-minute changes are possible					