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# Dennie Lockefeer Chair

Towards a vision for sustainable inland container shipping



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# Lecture 1

Adequate data, a key step that will benefit inland shipping



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# Program

<b>5 pm – 5.10 pm</b>	Welcome by Dean Koen Vandenbempt, Faculty Business, and Economics
<b>5.10 pm – 5.30 pm</b>	Research “What is the impact of a disruption (read COVID-19 and climate) on the inland navigation sector” by Noemi van Meir, researcher University of Antwerp and Katrien Storms, holder Dennie Lockefer Chair
<b>5.30 pm – 6 pm</b>	Pitch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Norbert Kriedel (CCR)</li><li>• Mr. Frederic Swiderski (ITB)</li><li>• Ms. Herlinde Liégeois (De Vlaamse Waterweg nv)</li></ul>
<b>6 pm – 6.40 pm</b>	Panel Discussion ‘Data collection’ moderated by prof. Thierry Vanellander, promotor Dennie Lockefer Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Norbert Kriedel (CCR)</li><li>• Dr. Martijn van der Horst (KiM)</li><li>• Dr. Theresia Hacksteiner (EBU)</li><li>• Prof. Dr. Christa Sys (UA)</li></ul>
<b>6.40 pm</b>	Closing by prof. Christa Sys, promotor Dennie Lockefer Chair

# Welcome

Koen Vandenbempt

*Dean Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE), University of Antwerp*



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# Dennie Lockefer Chair: what?

Unique crowdfunding through a contract (companies) or gift ('Friends of the chair Dennie Lockefer')



Gold



Silver

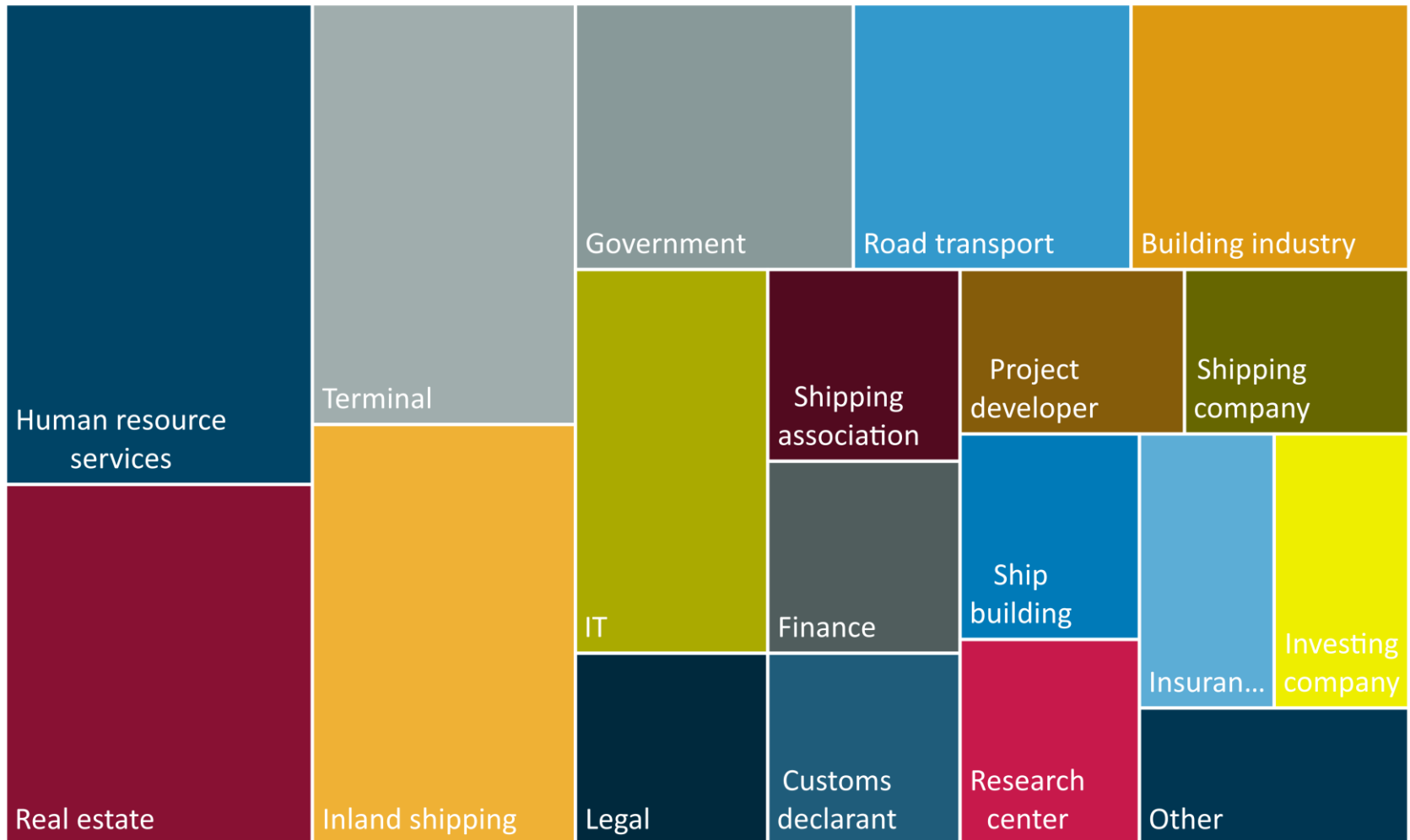


Bronze



# Dennie Lockfeer Chair: what?

Unique ecosystem of 32 companies (2020: + 3/2021: +1)





# Dennie Lockfeer Chair: three pillars

Supporting the container inland shipping and developing innovative inland navigation concepts



## Research

- PhD research: container inland shipping and capacity
- Short term research
  - Research 'Impact of COVID-19'
  - Demurrage & detention



## Education

- Annual best thesis award
- Biennial Antwerp Inland Navigation School



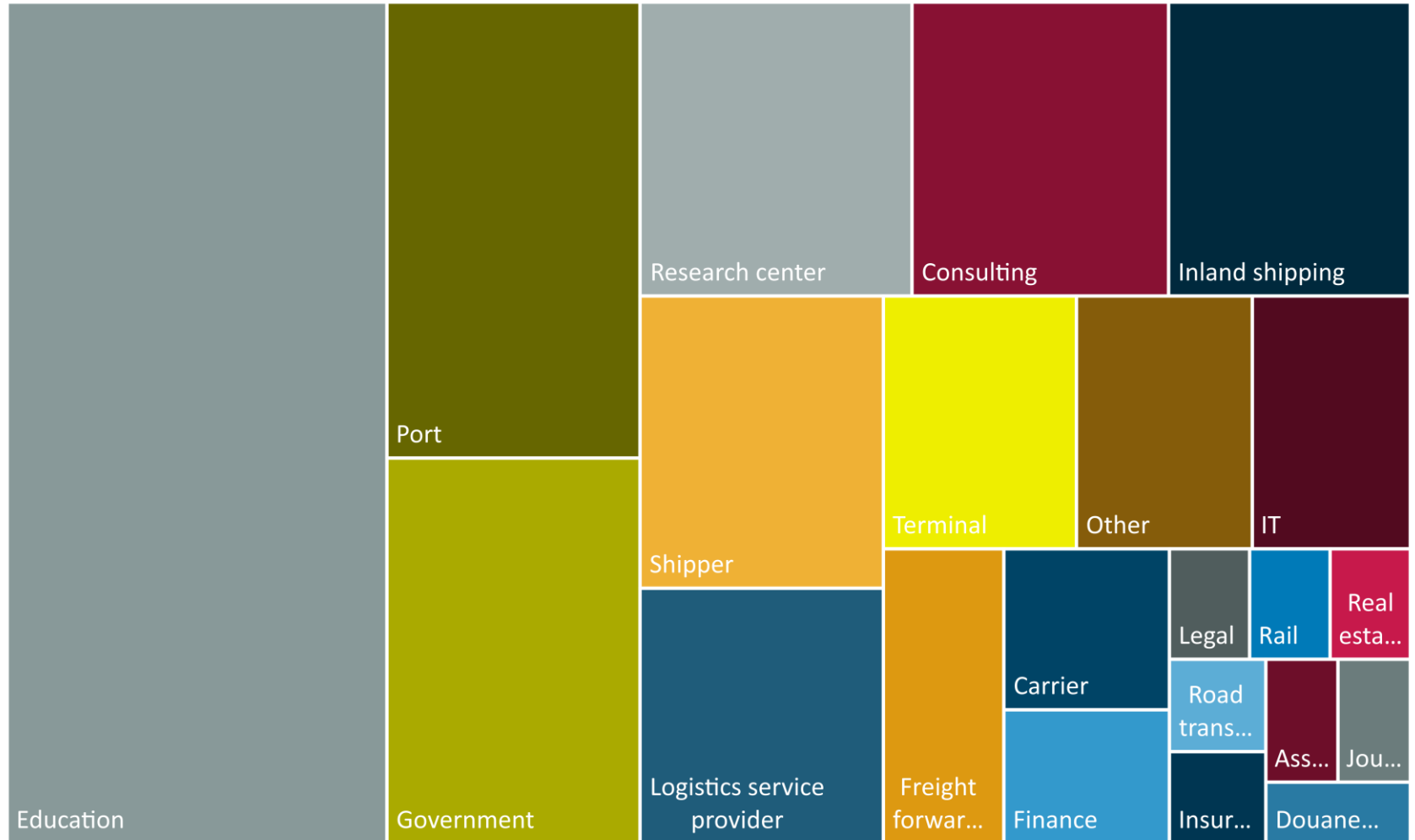
## Services

- Lecture 1 'Adequate data'

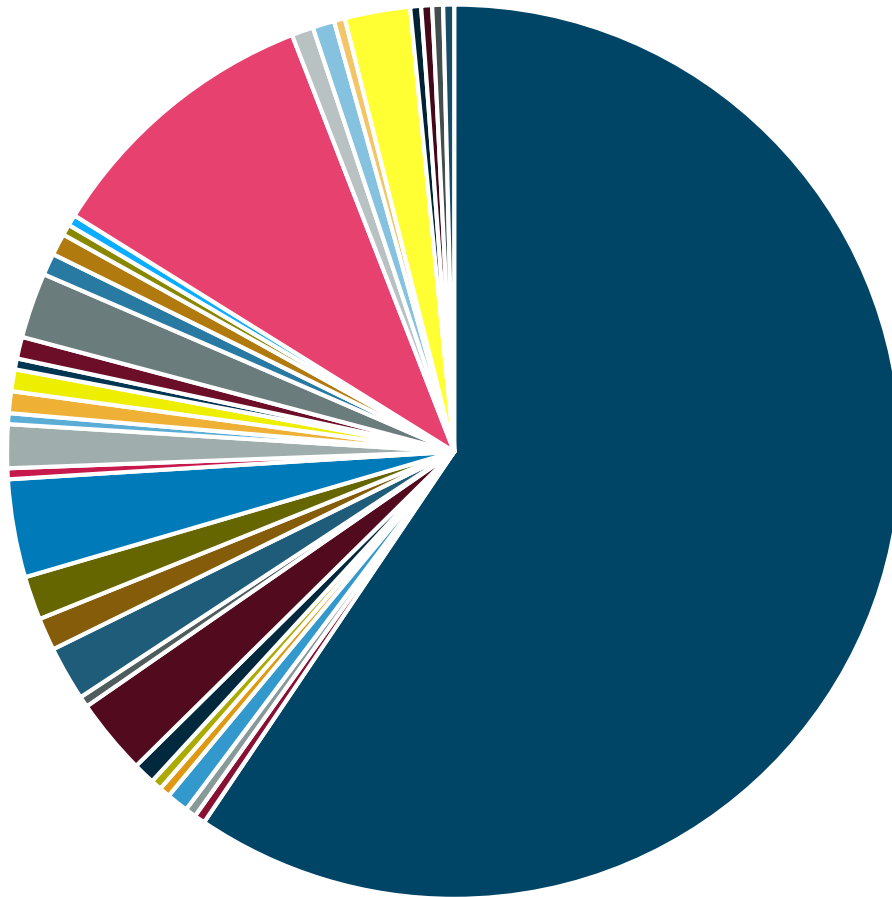
# Dennie Lockefer Chair: organizational structure



# Participants (266 registrations)



# Participants (33 countries)



- Belgium
- Benin
- Bulgaria
- Denmark
- Georgia
- Greece
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Portugal
- Serbia
- Sri Lanka
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- Nepal
- Saudi Arabia
- Belgium/Nigeria
- Brazil
- Croatia
- France
- Germany
- India
- Kenya
- Malta
- Norway
- Poland
- Russia
- Spain
- The Netherlands
- UK
- USA
- Switzerland
- Egypt

# What is the impact of a disruption on the inland navigation sector?

Van Meir, N., Storms, K.,  
Rashed, Y., Sys, C.,  
Vanellander, T., van Hassel, E.  
and Verberght, E.



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# Context

## Interested in

- the relation between maritime container transport and inland navigation
  - the impact of COVID-19 on maritime shipping and particularly on inland navigation
  - corridor: Port of Antwerp towards and from the hinterland
- too early to make a statement as things may evolve in the next five years

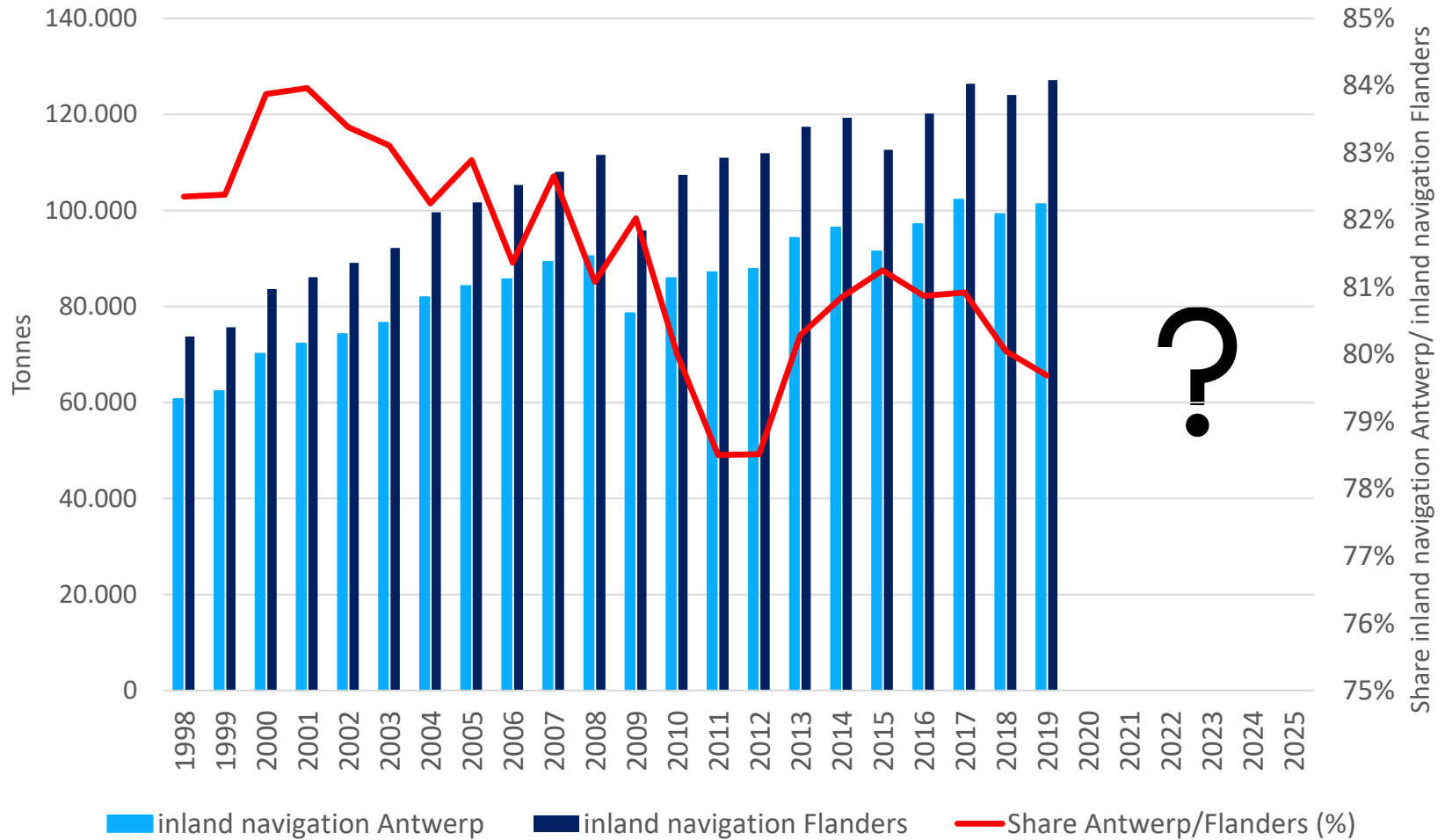
Objective: to measure is to know for

- policy decisions
- business decisions

# COVID-19 > maritime container transport and particularly on inland navigation



# Rationale (1/2)

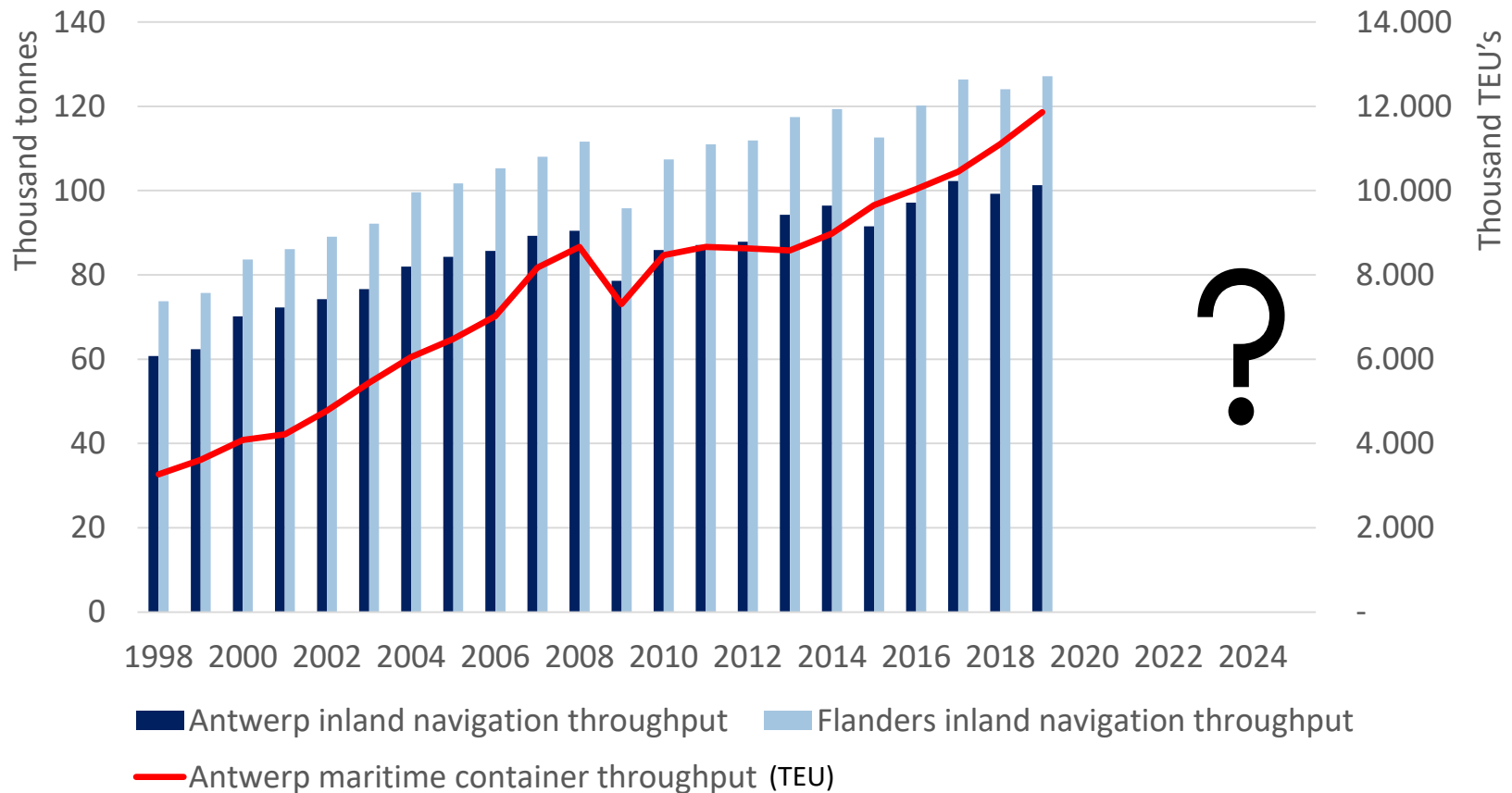


Source: Sys& Hellebosch, 2021



# Example (2/2): Include maritime container throughput POA

ANT/FL inland navigation throughput compared to the maritime container throughput in the port of Antwerp



Source: Own composition of Sys & Hellebosch, 2021 & Port of Antwerp, 2020

# Data collection: a challenge





# Data collection: challenges



Confidentially/limited open access data



Gaps in time series



Level of frequency & level of aggregation

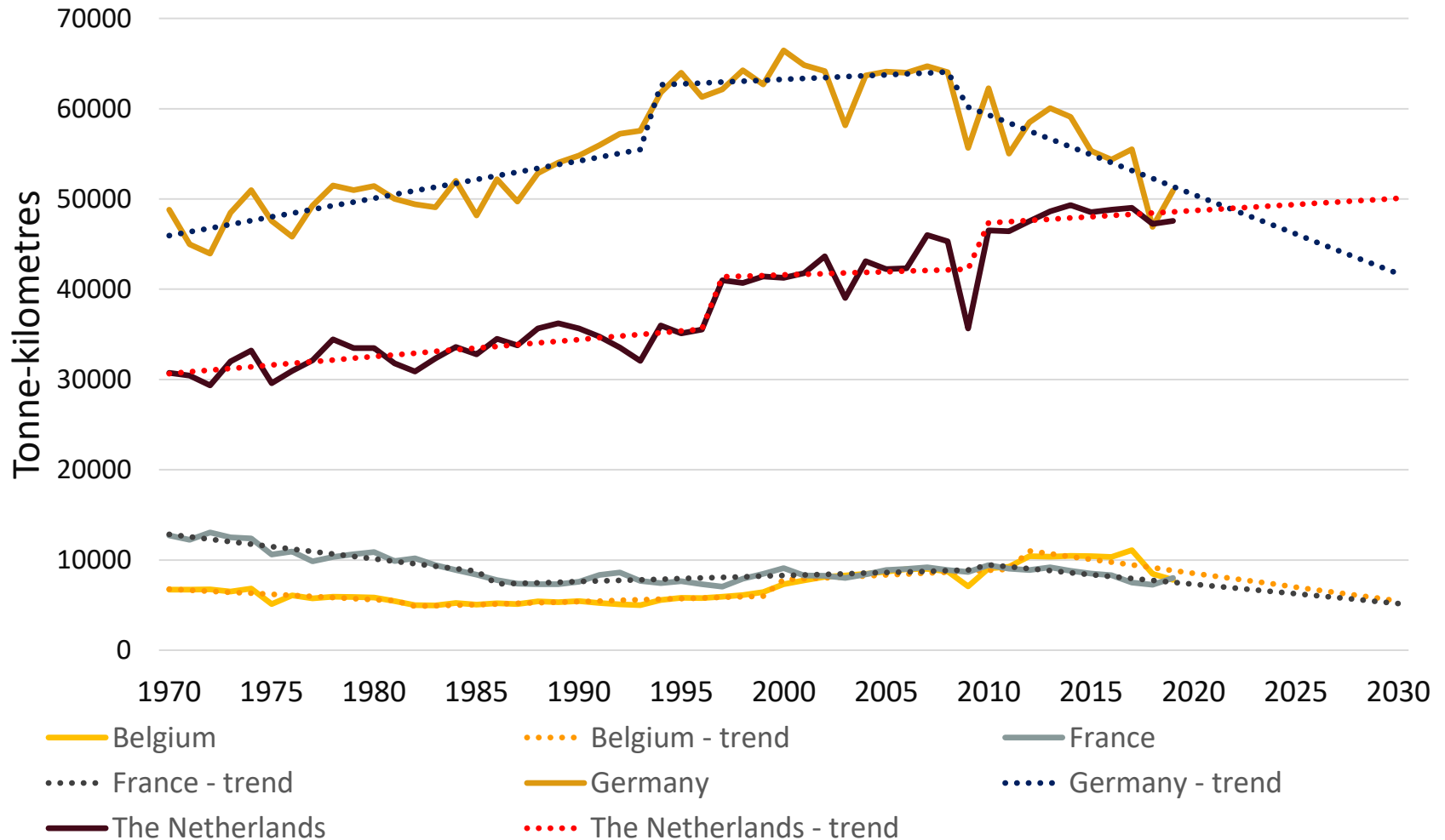


No (access to) long time series

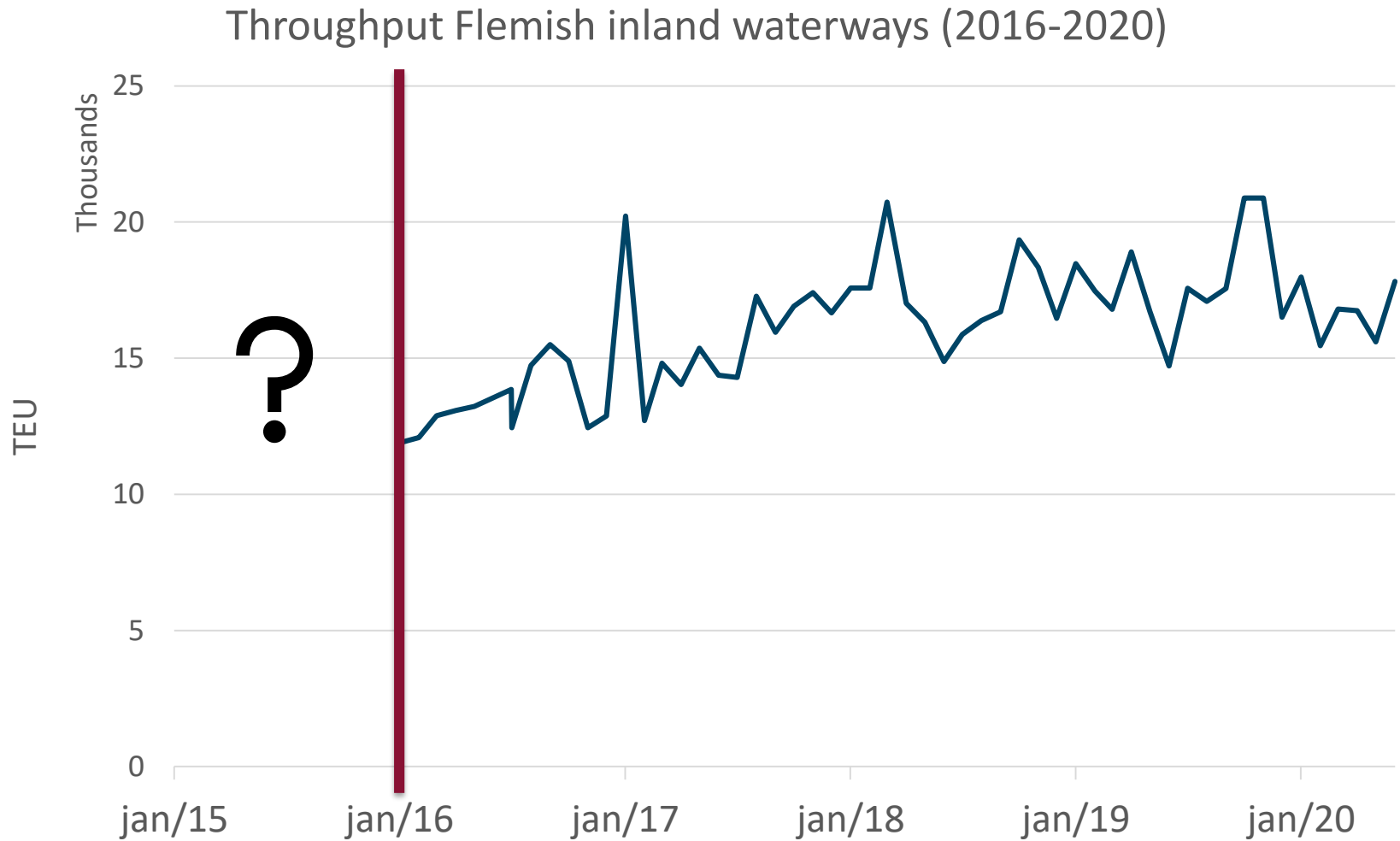


Different institutions, different definitions, different methodologies

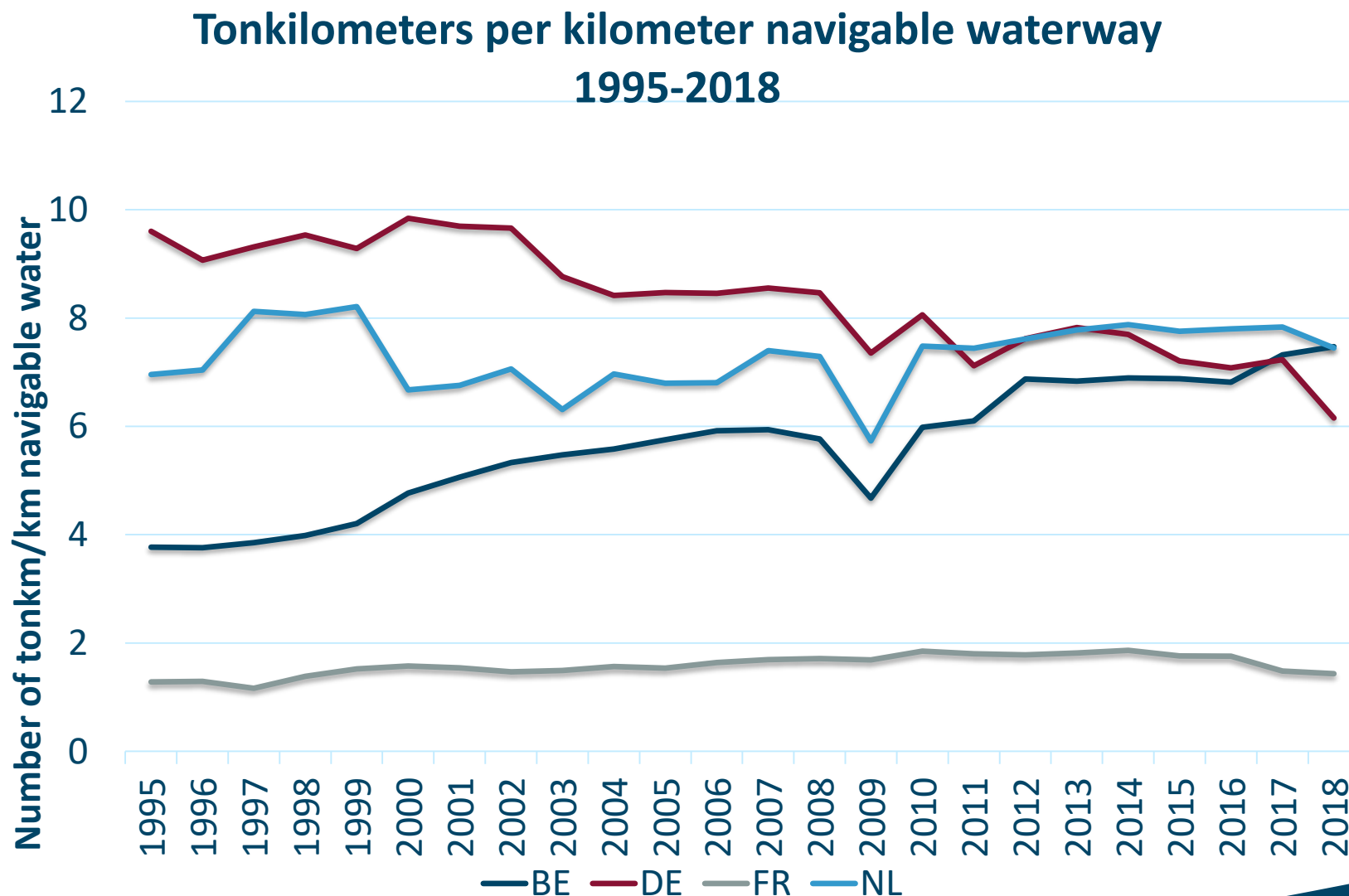
# Example 1: too aggregated



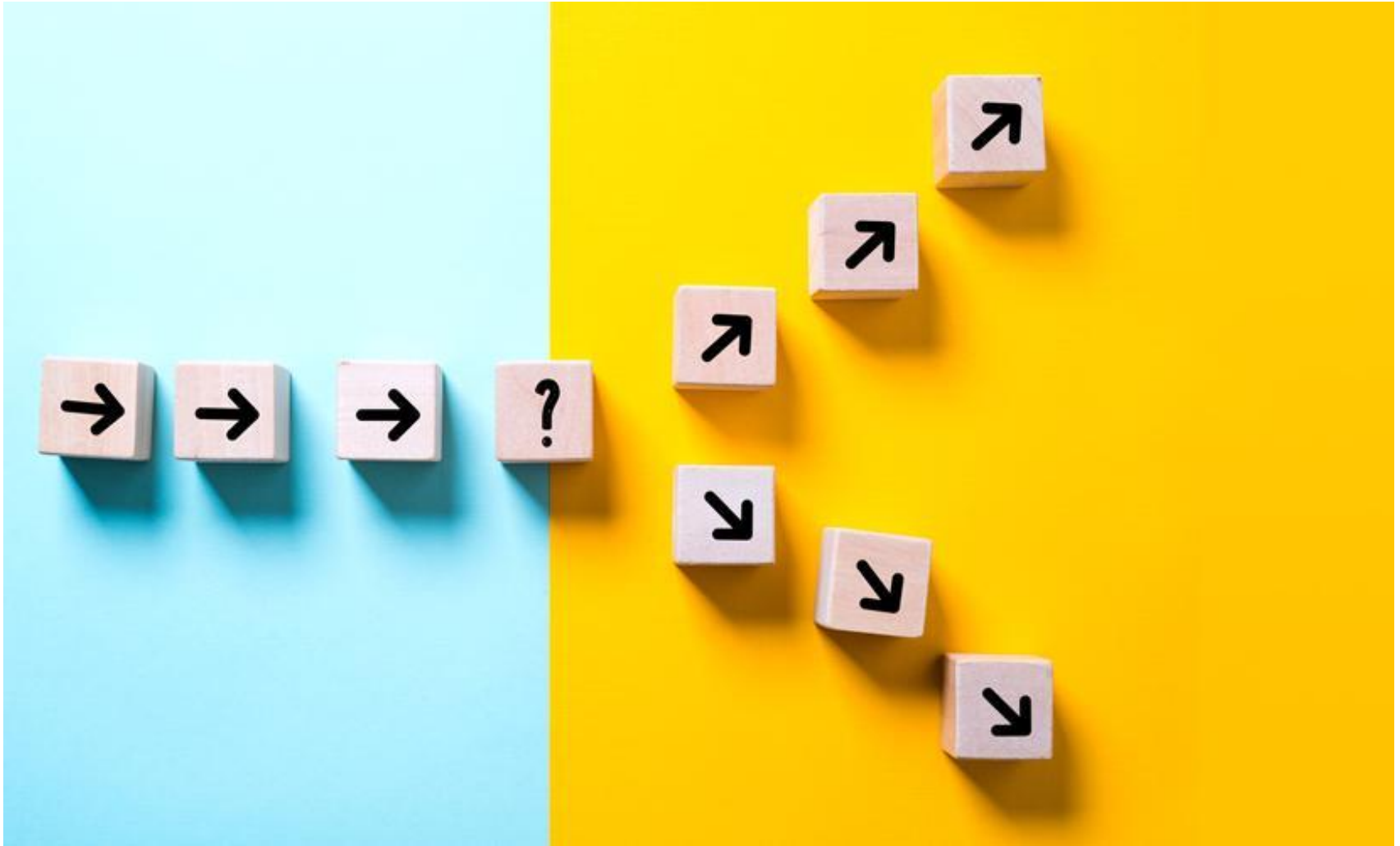
# Example 2: no accessibility to long time series



# Example 3: definition navigable waterway



# Research





# Aim

- To study the relation between maritime shipping and inland navigation container traffic
- To conduct a trend extrapolation → possible and probable future developments of trends



# Research question

*What are the future perspectives of container inland navigation?*



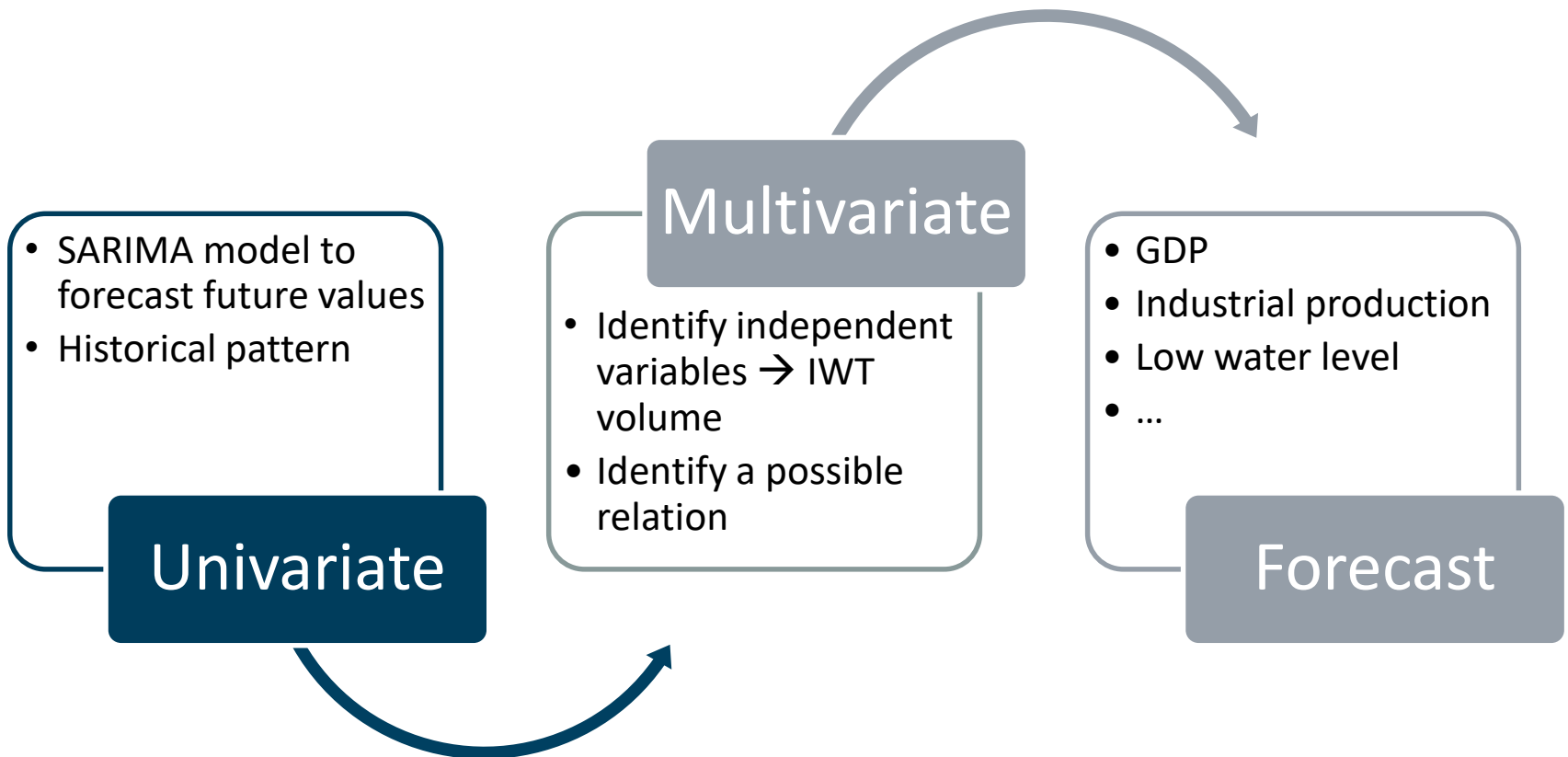
# Empirical research: scope

- Container throughput → collected by Destatis (01.1993-06.2020)
- Port data → container throughput

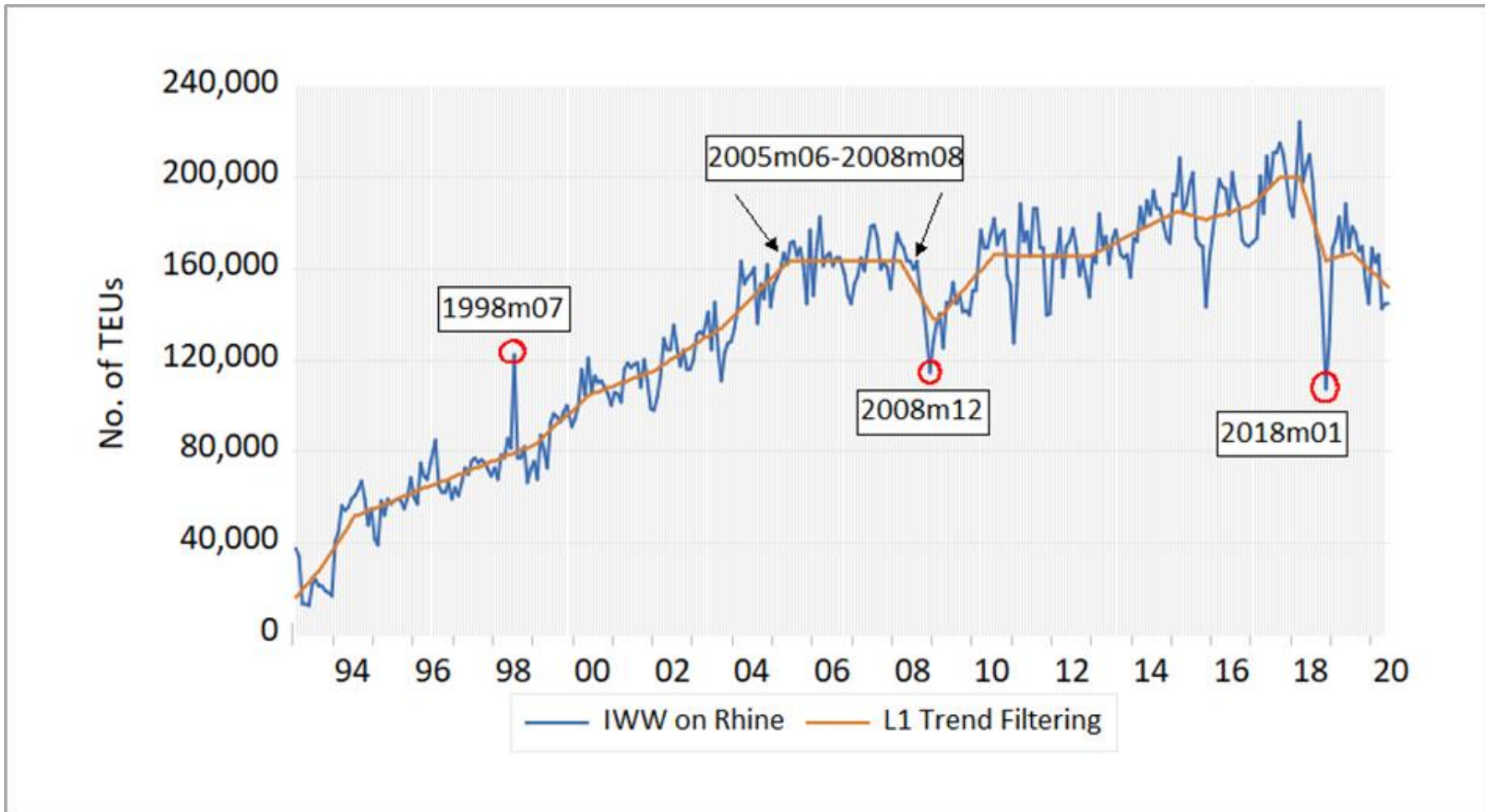


Source: CCRN (2019)

# Conceptual scheme / research process



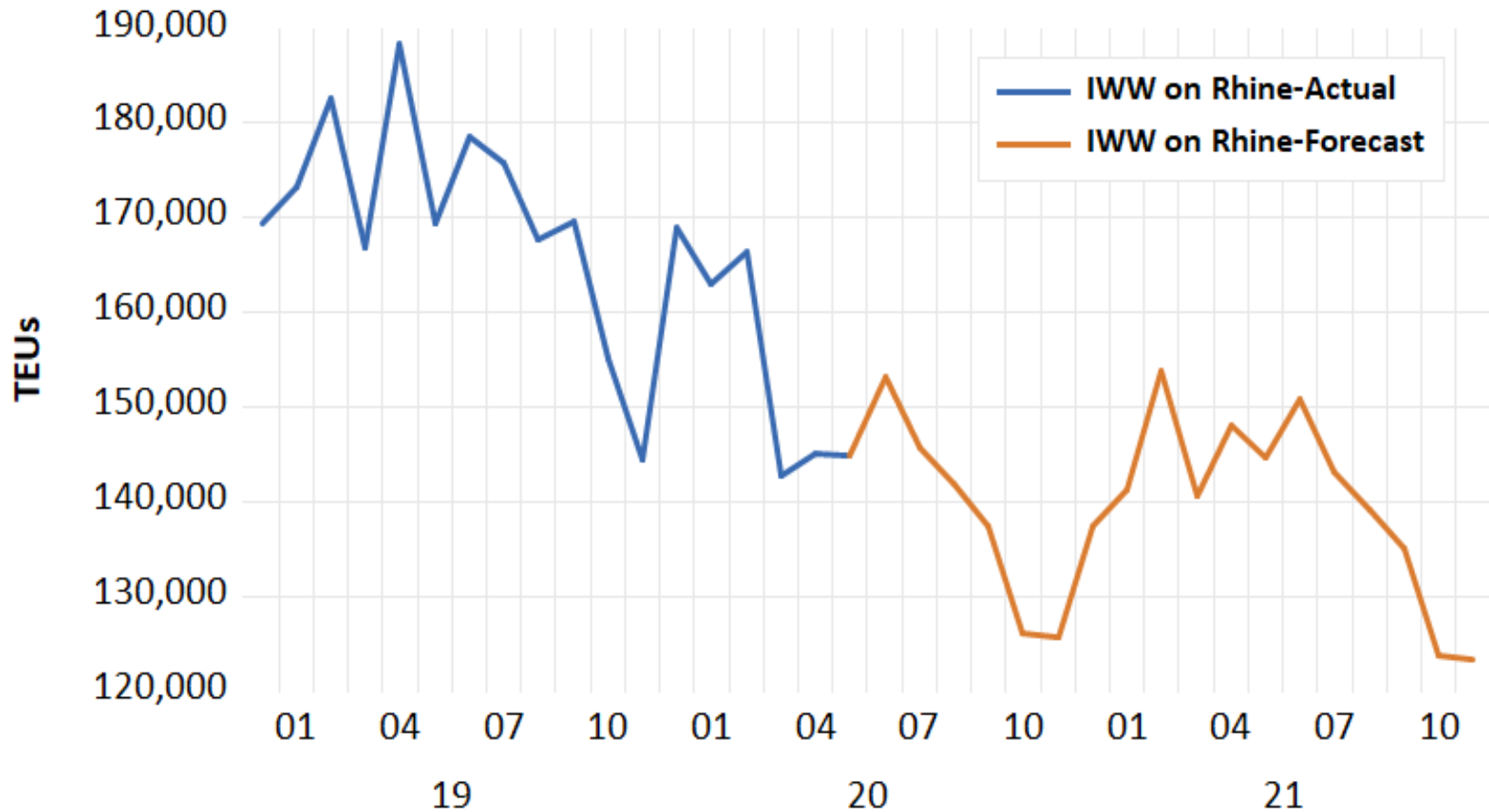
# Results



Source: own composition based on data from Destatis



# Forecast (05.2020-12.2020)



Based on the long-time data set of Destatis (starting from 01.1993)  
Based on the historical pattern, includes seasonalities

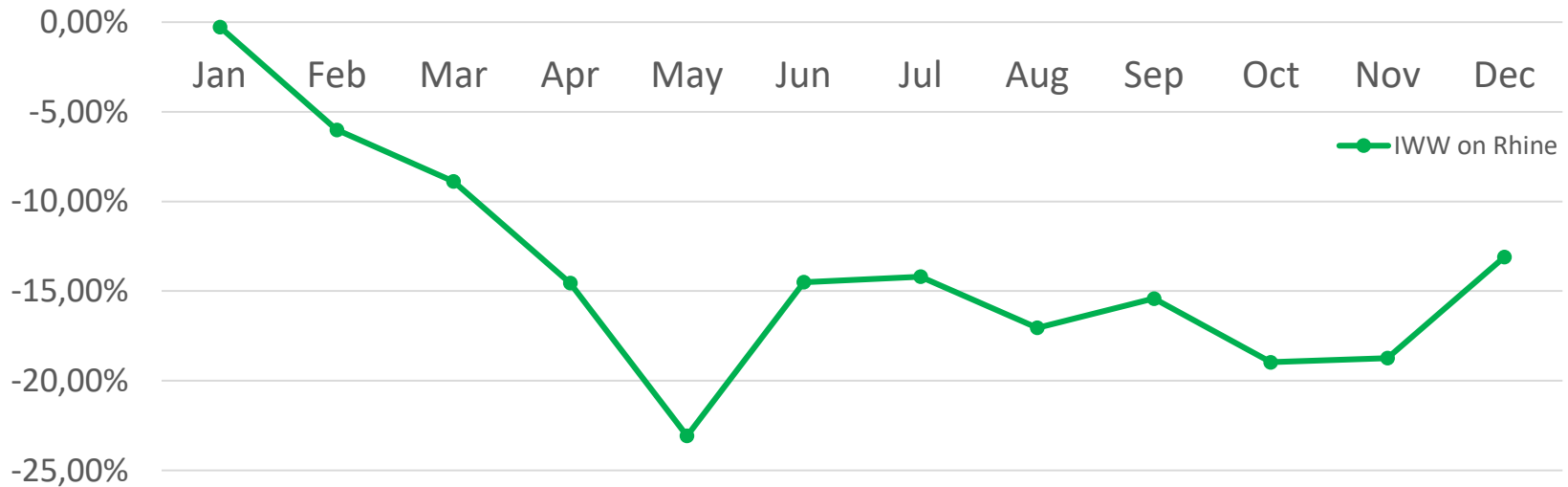
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2019-2020 m/m % growth

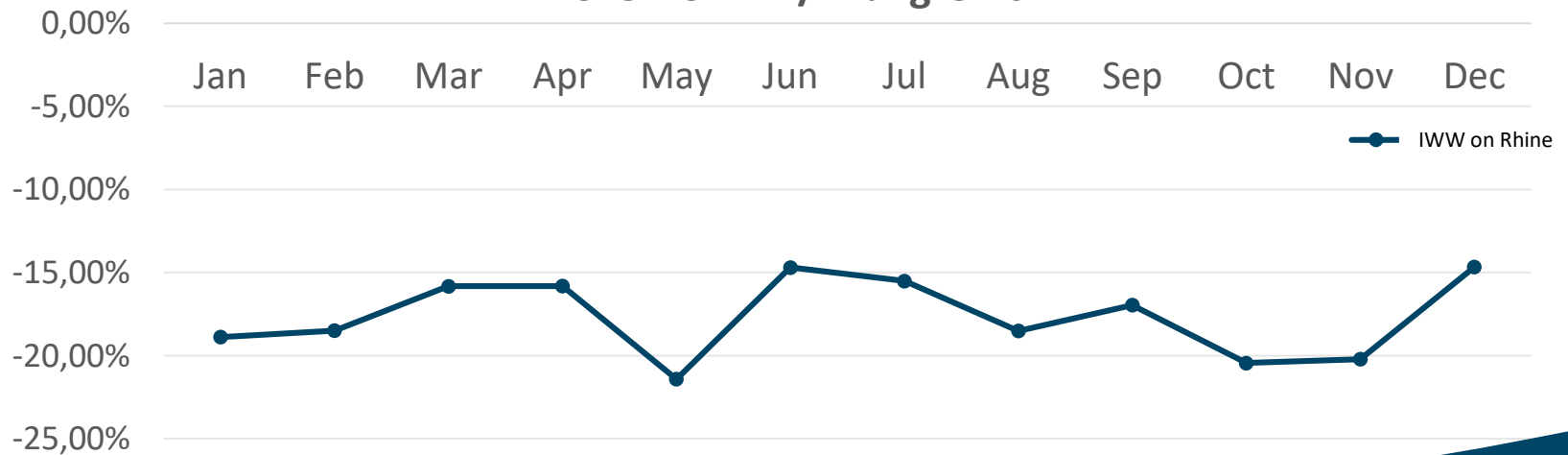


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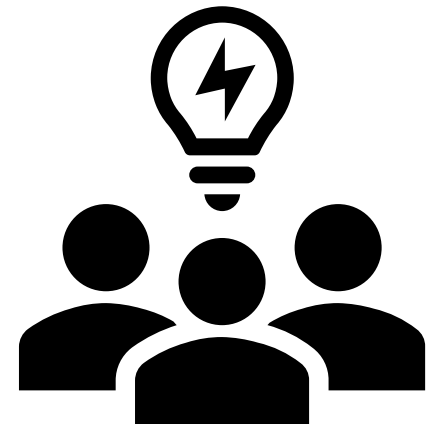


## 2019-2021 m/m % growth



# Conclusion

- If you have good time series datasets, you can get interesting results
    - Policy decisions
    - Business decisions
  - Impact of low water level
  - Further research
    - Include exogenous factors (GDP, industrial production, low water level,...)
    - Include scenarios
- Set-up a data centre is necessary



# Pitch 1

Dr. Norbert Kriedel

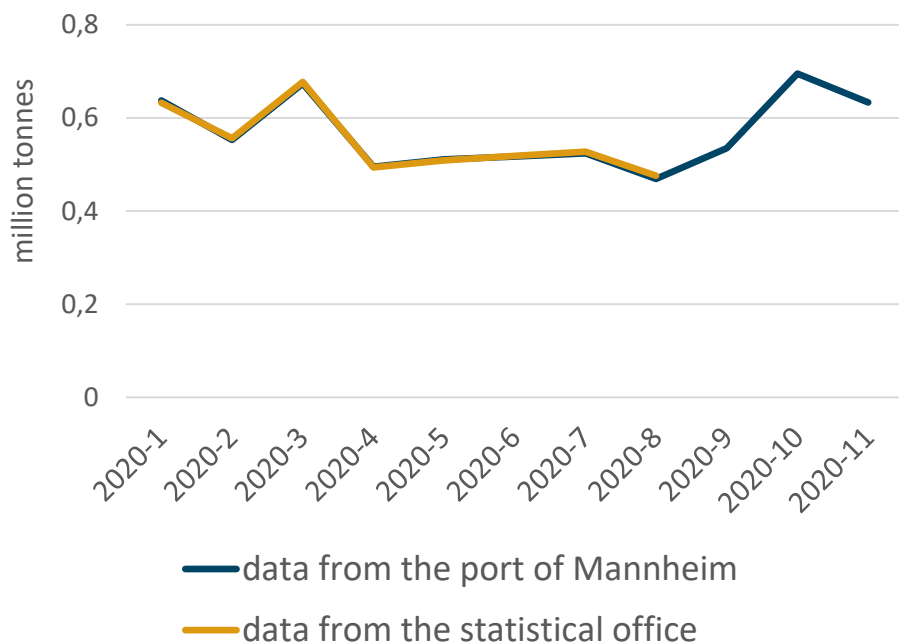
*Administrator for Statistics and Market Observation, CCR*



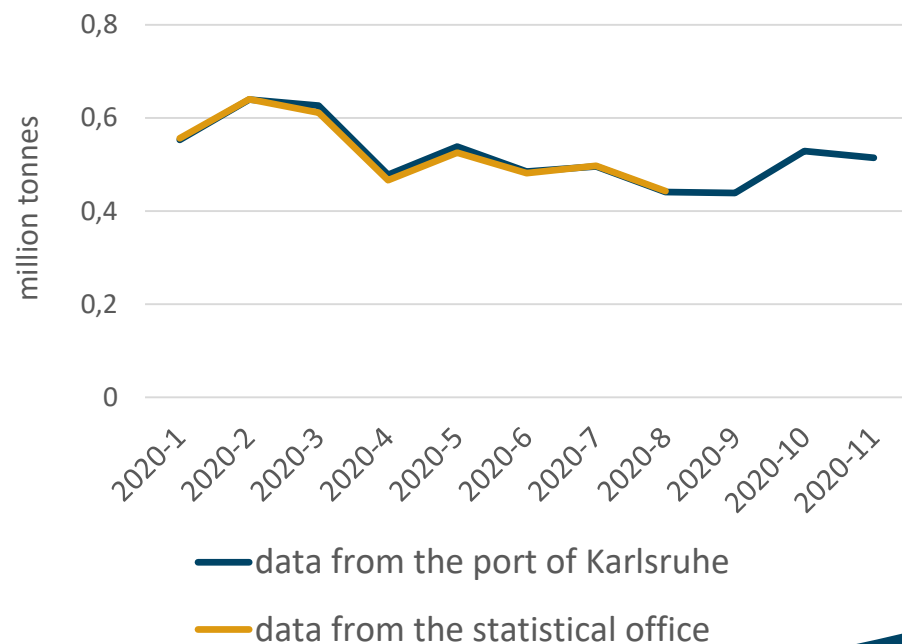
# Data availability – Timeliness and Granularity

- Data from statistical offices have considerable timely delays
- Data from waterway administrations and from inland ports are available earlier and in greater detail (granularity)

Waterside transport in the port of Mannheim



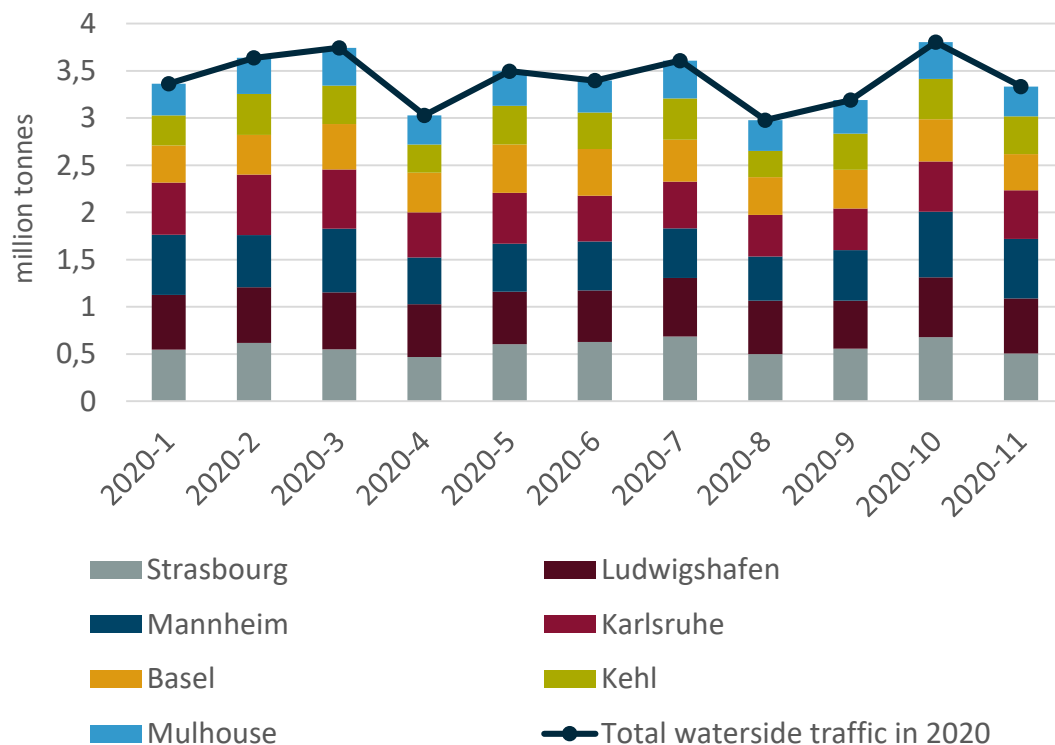
Waterside transport in the port of Karlsruhe



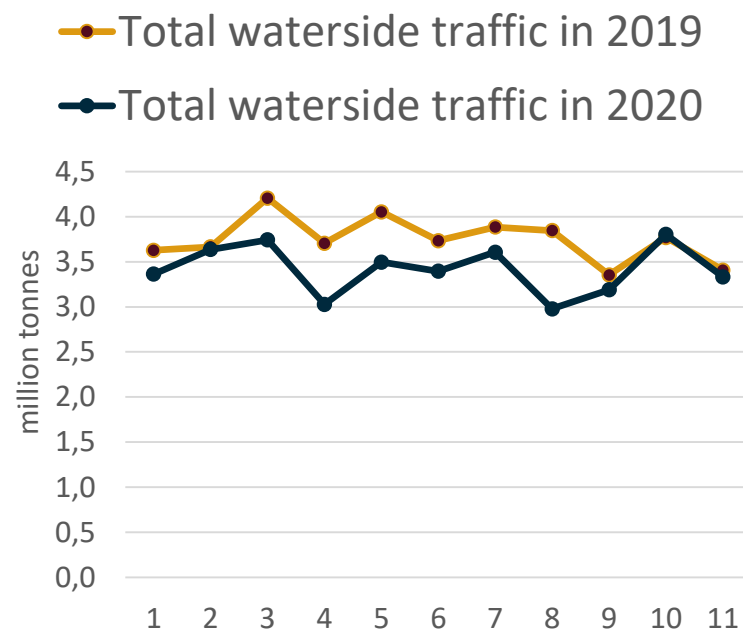
# Data availability – Timeliness and Granularity

If monthly ports data are available for several major ports, this allows to “scale up” the result and draw conclusions regarding the evolution of Rhine transport:

## Monthly waterside traffic in seven major Upper Rhine ports



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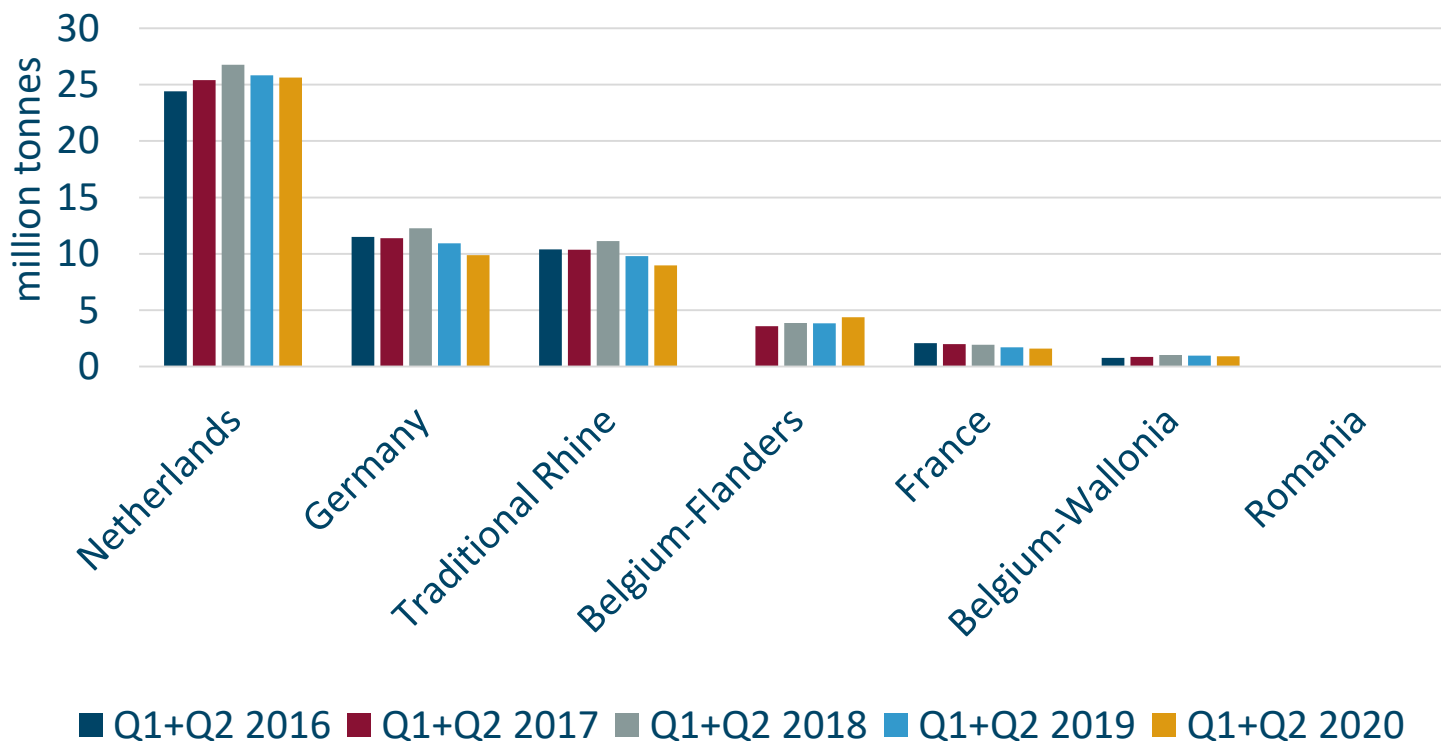




# Data availability – Dry bulk, liquid bulk, container transport

The source of these quarterly data are waterway administrations (BE-Flanders, BE-Wallonia, France), statistical offices (NL, DE, ROM) and Eurostat.

IWW Container transport per half year



Container transport on a large scale is only present in Rhine countries, but not in Danube countries.

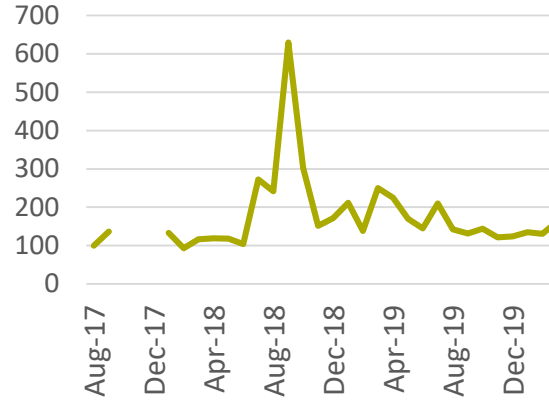
# Data availability – Freight Rates

Cooperation between CCNR and the CITBO tanker barging corporation allows to make monthly analysis of spot market (and time charter) rates in the region Flushing – Antwerp – Rotterdam – Amsterdam - Ghent:

**Gasoil and components**



**Chemicals**

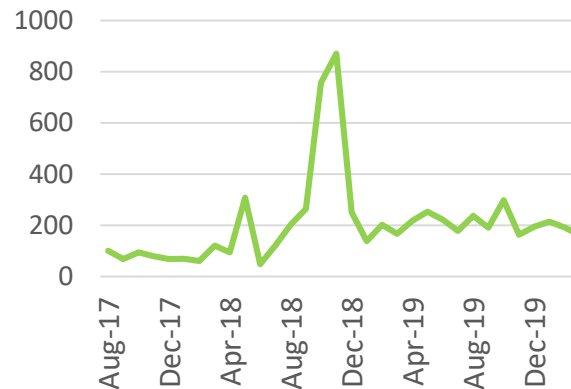


Calculation of an index  
(August 2017=100)

**Biodiesel**



**Gasoline and components**



Low water effects on freight rates in August and September 2018

## Pitch 2

Frédéric Swiderski

*Director and Economic Advisor*

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# Institute for Transport by Barge (ITB)

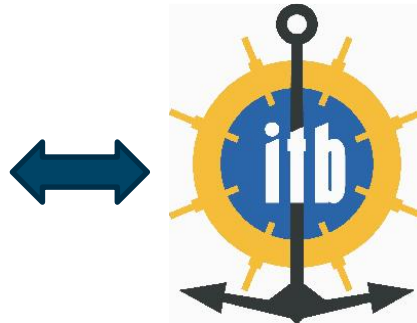


Representatives of Federal and regional Administrations

Inland navigation private organizations representatives

FPS Mobility and Transport

Ports and regional agencies



Accountants

Inland navigation schools

Insurance Companies

Trade unions

FPS Economy

Universities and Research centres

International and national Networks (IWT platform (ESO-EBU), FBB, EDINNA, COMPETING, IVR, CCNR, VNF, SAB, ...)

Data collection networks

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## MACRO-ECONOMIC DATA



**FUEL price**  
Day to day - index

! Open data !

## Portail de la Navigation intérieure

Un des objectifs principaux de l'Institut pour le Transport par batellerie asbl consiste en la fourniture périodique d'informations économiques sur l'activité de transport de marchandises par voie navigable.

Sur base de ces données, on peut procéder à une analyse des paramètres primordiaux de l'évolution du secteur de la navigation intérieure que constituent tant l'offre de cale que les prestations de transport de marchandises.



**B-FLEET**  
quarterly  
evolution

**Inland Navigation  
goods transport**  
( quarterly  
transport volume  
of goods )



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## MICRO-ECONOMIC DATA

NL | FR | EN



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ACTUALITEIT GASPIJEPRIJZEN DOEL BRONNEN WETTELIJKE BEPALINGEN CONTACT  
ENQUÊTE

Quarterly  
SURVEY

! **BAROMETER!**  
Yearly turnover  
& cost evolution  
since 2006  
No open data

### Het portaal van de Binnenvaart

Een van de voornaamste objectieven van het instituut voor het Transport langs de Binnenwateren v.z.w. is de periodieke levering van economische informatie over de activiteit van het goederenvervoer over de binnenwateren.

Aan de hand van deze gegevens kunnen de primordiale parameters van de evolutie van de binnenvaartsector – zowel het ladingvervoer als de vervoerprestaties – geanalyseerd worden.

BELGISCH WATERWEGENNET

BELGISCHE BINNENVAARTVLOOT

VERVOERDE VOLUMES OP DE  
BELGISCHE WATERWEGEN



4ème trimestre 2020 : ENQUÊTE OBSERVATION DU MARCHÉ NAVIGATION INTERIEURE

4ème trimestre 2020 (octobre-décembre)

Nederlands (België) ↓  
Français  
Nederlands (België)

Freight rates :  
Evolution with  
FPS Economy in  
the future ?

1. Gelieve uw type van schip te willen vermelden: (indien u droge lading vervoert, hoeft u

niets aan te duiden.)

- Vloerbare lading  duwbakken  
 Containers  Droge lading

## Pitch 3

Herlinde Liégeois

Head of the unit steering exploitation, *De Vlaamse Waterweg nv*





budget of  
€ 400 million a year

171 cities and towns  
linked by our waterways

1362 employees

6000 jobs in inland navigation  
120000 indirect jobs

73 weirs

80% of Flemish companies  
within 10km of a waterway

1076 km  
navigable waterways

131 locks

888,000 TEU a year  
70.2 million tons a year

78 marinas

800 bridges

2.8 million truck loads  
less on our roads a year

1100 km banks

1263 Flemish inland ships

195 km quay walls

17 ferries

2046 km towpaths



# Challenges in data collection

1. To inform the users of the waterway for safe navigation -> VisuRIS.be -> [www.riscomex.eu](http://www.riscomex.eu)

**Network coverage**

**Locks, bridges, berths & terminals**

**Notices to Skippers**

**Waterlevels**

Aalter/KI Gent-Oostende	Waterstand	5,75 m TAW	27/05/2020 11:15	Actief	Normaal
<b>Data</b>					
Waarde	5,75 m TAW				
Meetsgidsig	27/05/2020 11:15				
Ontvangstgidsig	27/05/2020 11:36				
Data status	Actief				
Alarm status	Normaal				
<b>Metadata</b>					
Leverancier	HIC				
Website	<a href="http://www.waferinfo.be">http://www.waferinfo.be</a>				
Tijdsreeks	Pv				
Locatie	Aalter/KI Gent-Oostende				
Parameter	Waterstand				



Co-financed by the European Union  
Connecting Europe Facility

# Challenges in data collection

## 2. Harmonization of data

Example: Corona comparison between countries

Example: Benchmark comparison number of exams and qualification certificates in inland navigation

New directive on crew qualifications 2017/2397 - monitoring

Other examples: Greening, accidents reporting, ...

## Challenges in data collection

### 3. Make innovations possible

Automated navigation: we need data to develop policy and regulation

- Technical requirements of vessels
- Crew qualifications
- Manning requirements
- Navigation rules
- Levels of autonomy

Pilotprojects: important to share information between countries

# Panel

Thierry Vanelslander

*Professor University of Antwerp*

*Copromotor Dennie Lockefer Chair*



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# Which IWT data is needed?



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# Survey: 28 questions



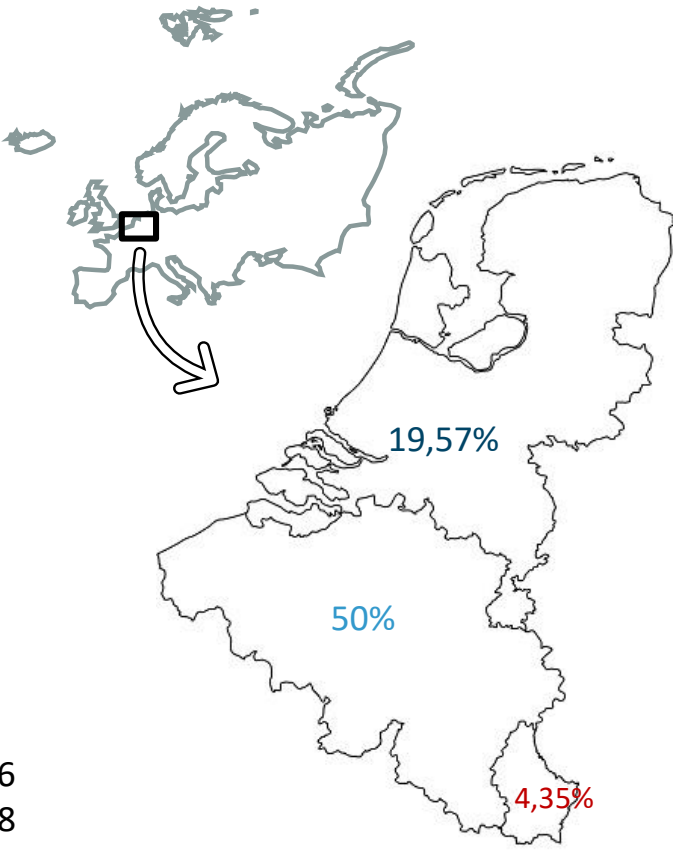
Education,  
research centre  
& consulting  
39,13%



Government  
19,57%



Logistics service  
provider  
6,52%



Missing data



Needed data

♂ 78,26%

♀ 17,39%



Problems



Solutions

Audience size: 256  
Surveys started: 58  
Responses: 48  
18% response rate

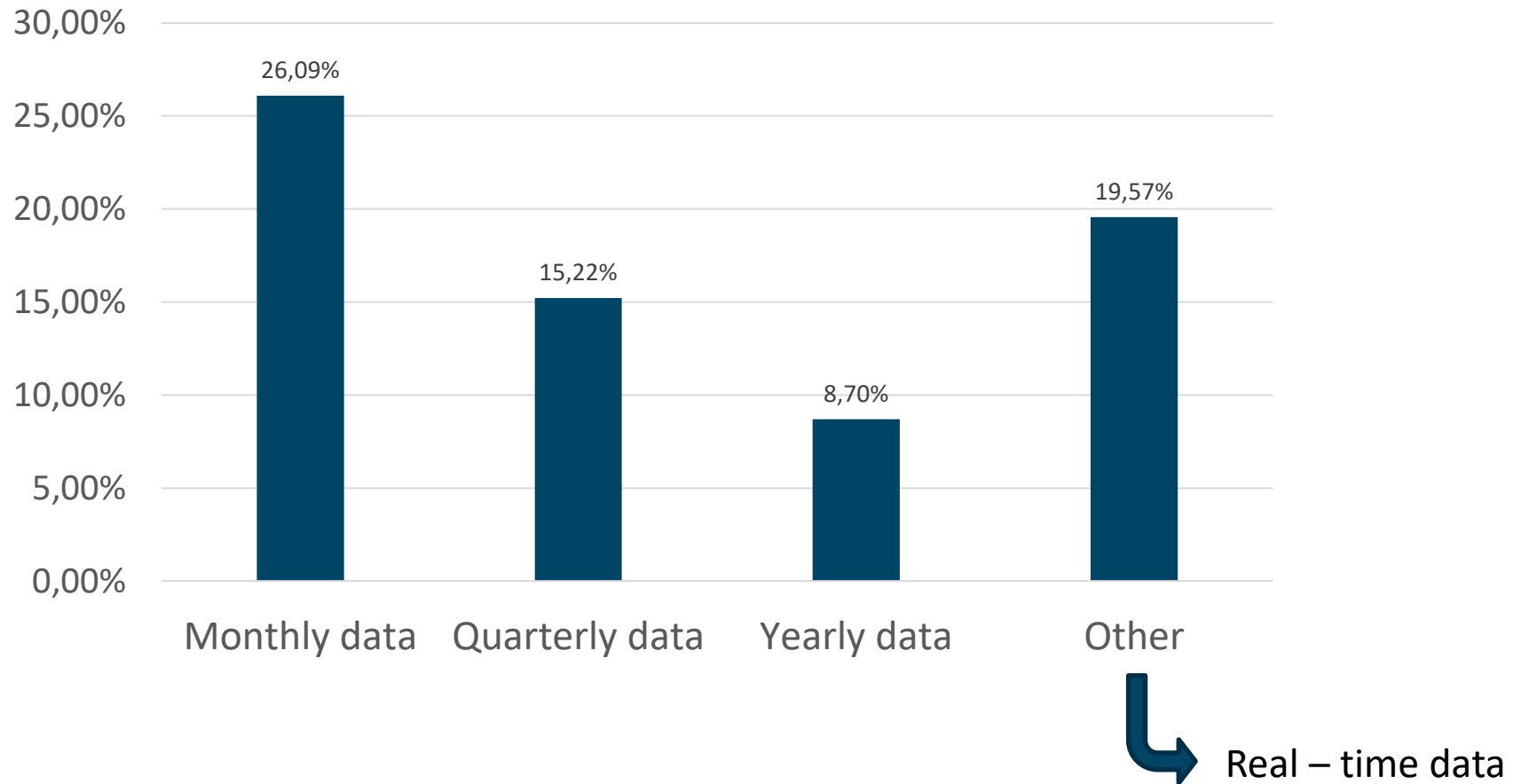


# Survey: Which data is needed?

Education, research centre, consulting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long time series</li> <li>- Costs</li> <li>- Inland ports</li> <li>- Real-time inland navigation flows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planning</li> <li>- Fleet data</li> <li>- RIS data</li> <li>- Emissions data</li> </ul>
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operational capacity</li> <li>- Technical data on alternative fuels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Cargo) traffic</li> <li>- Eu standardisation</li> </ul>
Logistics service provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intra Port of Antwerp</li> <li>- Operational data: ETA, possible events on the inland</li> </ul>	
Shipper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ETA/ ATA</li> <li>- Confirmation container on board, discharged</li> <li>- Temperature of the cargo</li> </ul>	
Finance & insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Claims data (specified per type of claim)</li> </ul>	
Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registration of accidents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Active fleet</li> </ul>
Freight forwarder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sailing schedules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Freight charges</li> </ul>
Carrier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Level playing field inland shipping – road</li> </ul>	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Movement of ships between terminals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cargo data</li> <li>- Waste collection</li> </ul>

# Survey

Which frequency should the IWT data have?



# Which crucial IWT data is missing and what are the challenges?

What are the gaps?



# Survey

Which IWT data is missing according to you?

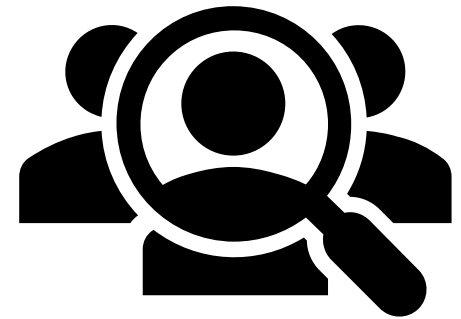
- Costs
- Timeslots
- Inland AIS data from official sources (Germany)
- EU data
- IWT data outside NL/BE/DE/FR

# Survey

## What challenges & problems with IWT data do you experience?

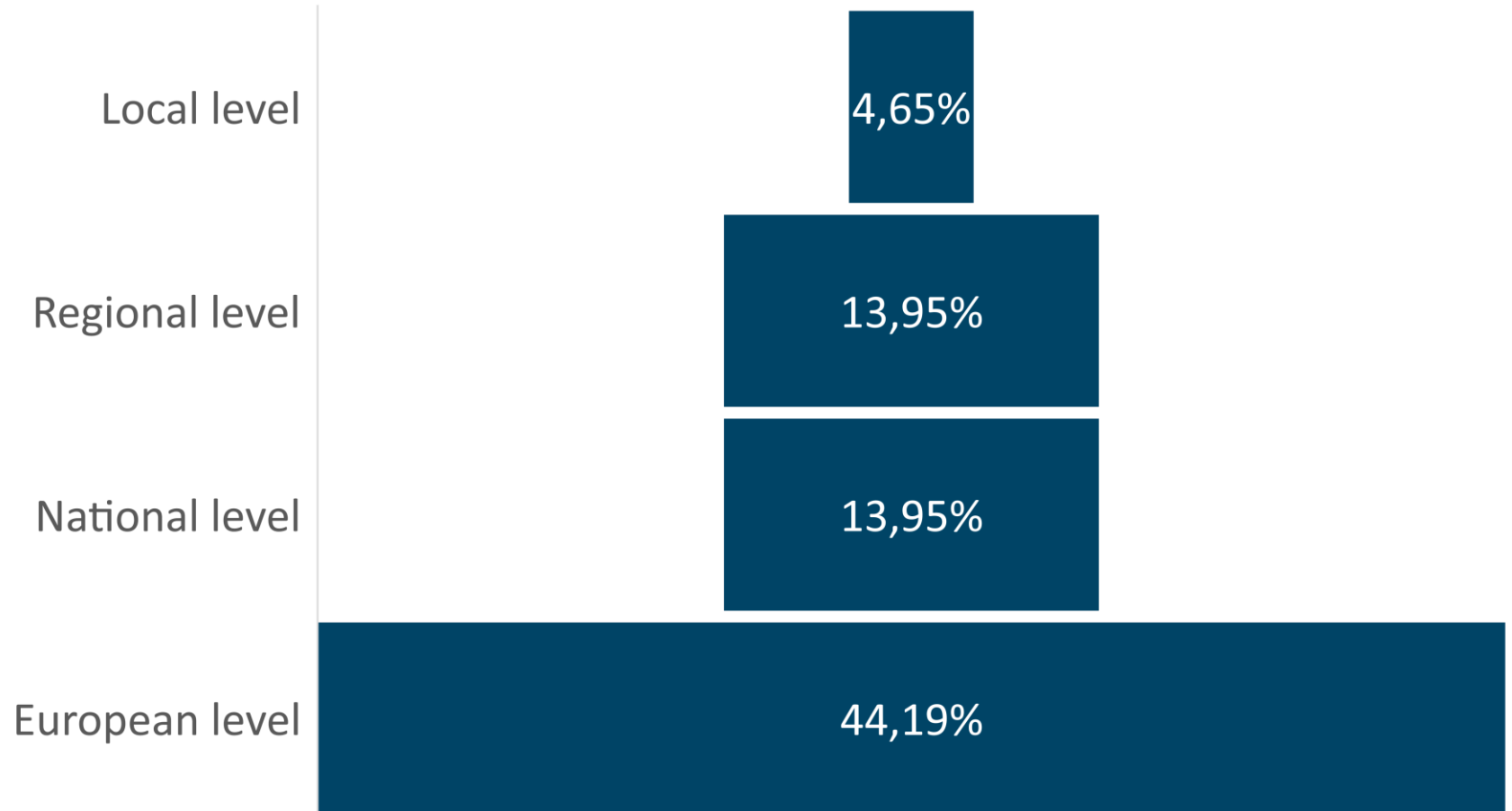
- Untransparent
- Availability
  - No data available
  - Scattered
  - Different institutions collect and distribute data
- Accuracy
  - Missing & outdated data
  - No detailed data
- Access
  - GDPR
  - Ownership of data and privacy
- No harmonization

# Who should collect data?



# Survey:

On what level should IWT data be collected?

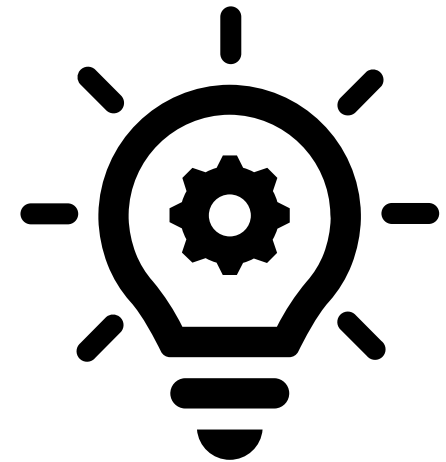




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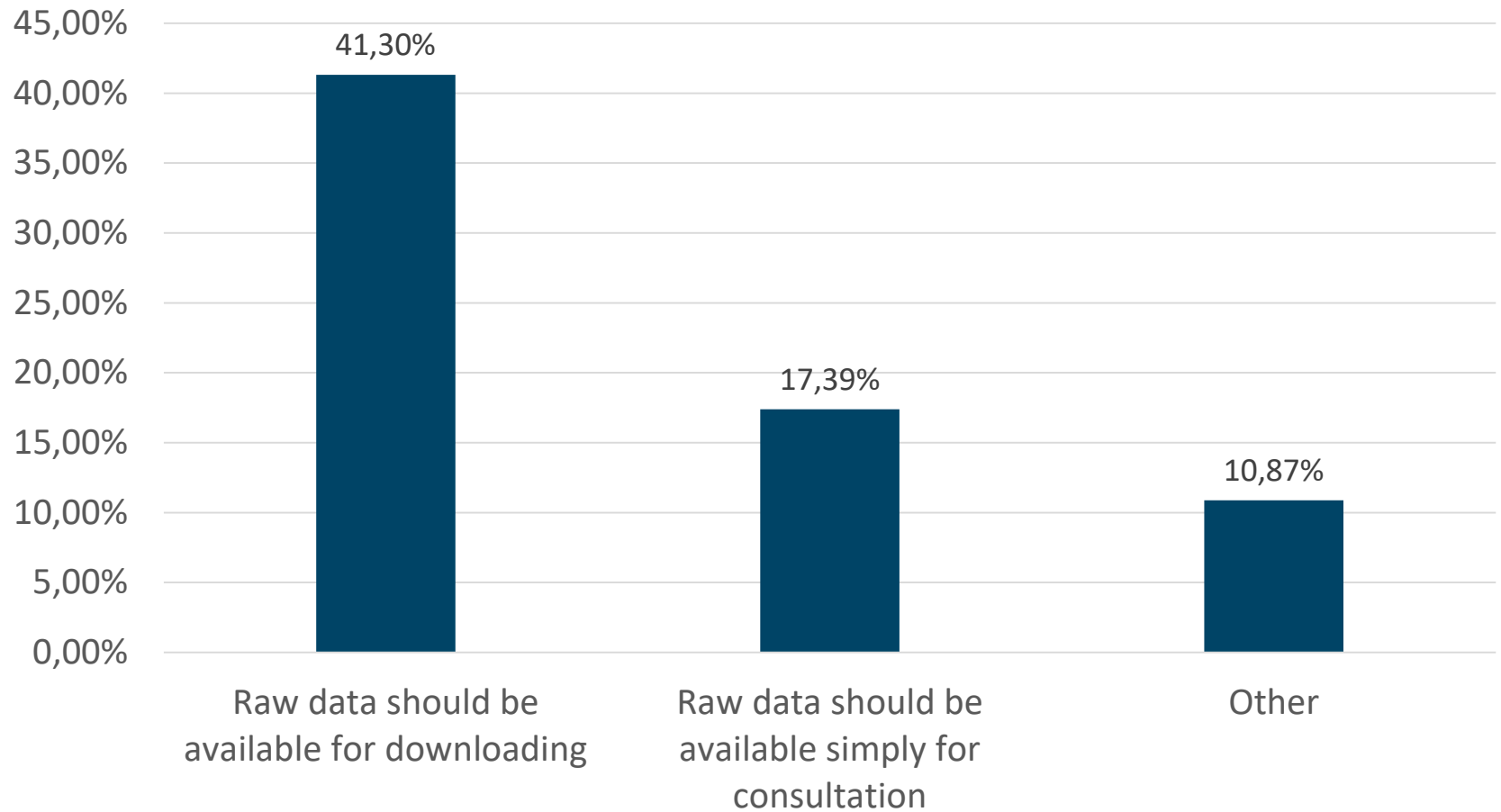
How should the data be available?

Who should take the next step?



# Survey

How should the availability of IWT data be?



# Survey

## Which solutions do you suggest?

- Open access (platform)
- Harmonization
- EU data standards
- Digitization
- Digitalization

# Thank you for your attention



**Noemi Van Meir**

Jobstudent Leerstoel Dennie  
Lockepeer (binnenvaart) bij Univer...



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PhD Student Chair Dennie  
Lockepeer



**Christa Sys**

holder of the BNP Paribas Fortis  
chair on transport, logistics an...



**Thierry Vanelslander**

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