

**Welcome to the LO-PINOD (Logistics Optimisation for Ports Intermodality: Network, Opportunities, Development) project newsletter. This edition features upcoming events as well as the latest news and information from the project.**

Led by the Institute for Sustainability, LO-PINOD focuses on building an efficient, balanced and sustainable transport network. Funded by the North Sea Region programme, part of the EU Inter-regional (INTERREG) initiative, the project aims to make regional ports in the North Sea Region more accessible, sustainable and competitive. It will enhance the multi-modal transport network and demonstrate efficient movement of goods to make better use of available capacity.

## Latest events

**North Sea Cruise Conference in  
Brunsbüttel and Oostende**  
4-8 October

Project partners, Brunsbüttel ports and the Port of Oostende hosted a conference for around 40 port operators, cruise industry specialists and local authorities to discuss port diversification and explore the growing opportunities presented by the North Sea cruise industry.

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For more information on the event please visit [www.lopinod.eu/news/cruising-into-oostende/](http://www.lopinod.eu/news/cruising-into-oostende/)

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## Pursuing synergies

LO-PINOD participated in the E20 project's high profile conference 'E20 Route to Success' in September to identify and explore synergies with other, related transport projects.

The conference opened with an investigation into the potential of a new west-east transport route including a discussion on multi-modal logistics links and capacities. Under the topic "New approaches to west-east logistics in Europe", the Institute presented LO-PINOD and highlighted current progress. The event was also an opportunity to network with transport and logistics representatives from the private, public and academic sectors.

The E20 project promotes a west-east United Nations (UNECE) defined route covering some 1880km connecting Northern Europe with Russia.



## Port partners open their doors

The Belgian port of Oostende and the German port of Elbehafen (part of Brunsbüttel Ports) recently opened their doors to promote the LO-PINOD project to thousands of local visitors.

Port open days are an important part of helping ports to integrate with their local communities – a key objective of the LO-PINOD project. In recent times, many ports have become distant from the communities in which they operate and are seen as a source of noise and traffic congestion.

However thriving ports are also an important source of local employment and their activities often benefit the local economy, particularly businesses providing support services in the area.

**HUSUM WindEnergy 2012**  
18-22 September

As part of the LO-PINOD project, the Brunsbüttel Ports promoted its renewable energy activity at the HUSUM WindEnergy trade fair in Brunsbüttel, Germany from 18-22 September.

As the largest international wind energy trade fair, HUSUM WindEnergy has always been an important meeting place for representatives from the renewable energy industry for the last 25 years. Every two years HUSUM WindEnergy provides a good environment for making new business contacts and consolidating existing contacts.

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For more information on the event visit [www.husumwindenergy.com](http://www.husumwindenergy.com)

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## Debating, networking and learning in Bremerhaven

Once again, LO-PINOD was represented at the annual INTERREG IVB North Sea region conference which, this year, was held in the maritime city of Bremerhaven.

These events aim to bring together organisations involved in projects funded by the EU Inter-regional (INTERREG) initiative, to share experiences and promote mutual opportunities and learning. An audience of around 300 delegates is regularly attracted, including partners in many of the North Sea region projects, the INTERREG secretariat, the North Sea Commission, local dignitaries and other interested stakeholders.

For LO-PINOD, these events provide an excellent opportunity to show-case the project's activities and to discuss possible synergies and opportunities with other European projects. Project representatives can also learn about future policy developments and strategy within the region and to participate in that important debate.

For more information visit [www.lopinod.eu/news/debating-networking-and-learning-in-bremerhaven/](http://www.lopinod.eu/news/debating-networking-and-learning-in-bremerhaven/)



## Activity focus: New heights for Harlingen

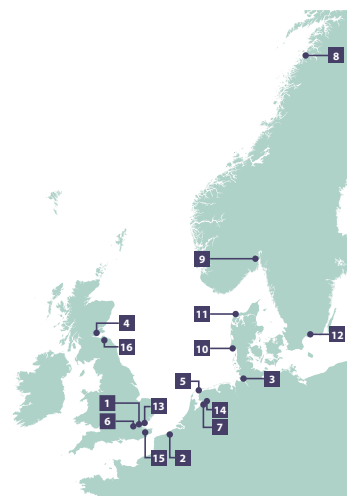
LO-PINOD is helping regional ports enhance their capabilities and enable them to take a more central role in the European freight transport network. With funding from the project, partner Harlingen Seaport has recently invested in two new wharf-side cranes to give it a greater opportunity to meet the growing needs of the northern European transport community.

Harlingen Seaport is strategically situated between the large seaports of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Hamburg, making it a regional seaport with an international position. For the Netherlands, Harlingen Seaport is the 'gateway to the world' is becoming more and more important, which the recent introduction of a new container line between Harlingen and Rotterdam demonstrates.

The two cranes were purchased second-hand last year and have been modified to accommodate the demands of multi-purpose work. Enhancements to allow the cranes to support a range of port activities have included increasing their operational speed and improving their ease of handling. All required test certificates, which have also been obtained.

For more information visit <http://www.lopinod.eu/news/new-heights-for-harlingen/>

## LO-PINOD partners



### Lead partner

1. Institute for Sustainability

### Partners

2. AG Port of Oostende (Belgium)
3. Brunsbüttel Ports GmbH (Germany)
4. Forth Ports (UK)
5. Harlingen Seaport (Netherlands)
6. Kilbride (UK)
7. Municipality of Meppel (Netherlands)
8. Port of Bodø (Norway)
9. Port of Drammen (Norway)
10. Port of Esbjerg (Denmark)
11. Port of Hanstholm (Denmark)
12. Port of Karlshamn (Sweden)
13. Port of Sheerness (Peel Ports Ltd) (UK)
14. Provincie Drenthe (Netherlands)
15. Ridham Sea Terminals Ltd (UK)
16. SEStran (UK)

## Other news:

## Official launch of the MTC Policy Paper

LO-PINOD is cooperating with another EU-project, called Maritime Transport Cluster (MTC). MTC has issued an interesting paper about the maritime transport in the North Sea region

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