

Welcome to the fourth 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 (NSR) programme, part of the EU Inter-regional (INTERREG) initiative, the project aims to make regional ports in the NSR 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.

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Committee of the Regions OPENDAYS event

LO-PINOD at the EU OPENDAYS 2014

The Institute for Sustainability will be presenting the findings from the LO-PINOD project to help encourage a step-change in European transport policy at a workshop in Brussels on 9 October.

The LO-PINOD workshop will offer policy decision-makers, experts, academia and business representatives from over 36 cities the opportunity to hear how regional ports have been working together to deliver environmental, economic and social benefits to their areas. The workshop also aims to encourage debate and discussion to influence future EU policies.

The event is part of the 12th edition of the EU OPENDAYS European Week of Regions and Cities 2014. The EU OPENDAYS 2014 is organised by the EU Committee of the Regions and the European Commission Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO).

For more information visit www.lopinod.eu/news/opendays2014



Port of Ostend

Sustainable freight distribution for ports

The Kilbride Group is working with the Institute for Sustainability and port partners to create a report that will encourage other regional ports to successfully integrate multi-modal transport connections and develop more sustainable ways to distribute goods.

Ports rely on effective links with their local and regional markets. Enhancing sustainable connections between the port and surrounding areas will help regional ports offer a more attractive and viable service to the freight transport sector. This will also help meet national and European targets for emissions and congestion reduction.

This research will be collated into a 'Sustainable Freight Distribution Strategy' report, which will be officially launched at the LO-PINOD project's final conference in October.

For more information visit www.lopinod.eu/news/freight-distribution

Exploring opportunities for port development in Ramsgate

Thanet District Council has undertaken a study into the economic feasibility of broadening the Port of Ramsgate's services and diversifying its offering to new customers.

Before the council embarked on a large redevelopment project, a number of factors including the range of potential markets, possible volume of traffic, and the revenue that would be generated, were considered. Areas that had strong potential for investment and improvement were also reviewed, such as building a new quay to attract large commercial vessels.

Initial findings of the study recommended the port focused on existing strengths and improving its current services and markets. This would be more viable for the port than moving into new areas.

Thanet District Council is currently exploring options and also ways to improve the management and technical performance of the port. The council will share learning with partners across the region.

For more information visit www.lopinod.eu/news/port-development



Container ship

Discussing the EU Sulphur Directive

On 1 January 2015, a new EU Sulphur Directive comes into force aiming to reduce the amount of sulphur produced by merchant vessels in the North Sea and Baltic. Its purpose is to cut emissions and pollution, which are having a big environmental impact in Europe, particularly NSR countries. The new Sulphur Emissions Control Area (SECA), which includes the North Sea, Baltic Sea and English Channel, targets some of the busiest waterways in Europe and will bring in regulations for approval by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

The directive will have cost implications for operators of both passenger and freight vessels in the SECA. In the short term, the costs of meeting the Sulphur Directive may prove prohibitive for some operators. If availability of short sea shipping routes were reduced, the opportunities for sustainable modes of transport would also be reduced.

However, industry leaders have highlighted how ships can meet the new requirements, including the technology that can be retrofitted to remove sulphur and the impacts for expanded demand for low sulphur fuels.

iTransfer partner SEStran joined the debate at the Scottish Sulphur Directive Summit in Edinburgh to discuss the impacts that the new Directive would have for shipping in and around Scotland. The audience of interested stakeholders included policy makers, representatives from public and private sector organisations that may be affected by the regulations.

The Sulphur Directive will also feature in discussions at the LO-PINOD workshop at the EU OPENDAYS 2014.

For more information visit www.lopinod.eu/news/discussing-the-eu-sulphur-directive



Port of Ramsgate

Upcoming events

The role of regional ports: LO-PINOD final conference on 10 October 2014

LO-PINOD project will present how regional ports have been optimising their operations at its final conference in the Port of Ostend. Full details will follow, but to register your initial interest contact:

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LO-PINOD at the EU OPENDAYS 2014

Encouraging a step-change in European transport policy at the EU OPENDAYS 2014 workshop. Full details will follow, but to register your initial interest contact:

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Recent events

A North-European perspective on the transport industry on 11-12 June 2014

LO-PINOD attended the conference hosted by Port of Bodø in Norway to debate industry issues such as inter-modal transport corridors throughout Europe and beyond.

For more information visit www.lopinod.eu/news/north-european-transport

Innovative solutions at the Baltic Trade and Transport conference on 22-23 May 2014

LO-PINOD joined transport experts to discuss innovative solutions and alternatives for improving modern supply chains in Karlshamn.

For more information visit www.lopinod.eu/news/baltic-trade-and-transport-conference

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