

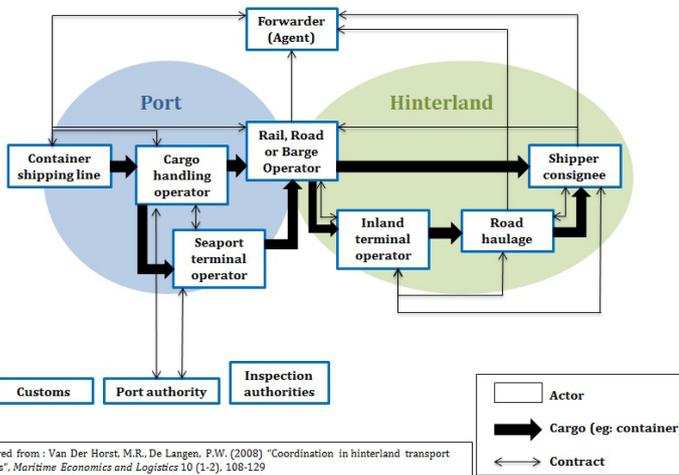


Who are the actors of multimodality?

“Multimodality” in the transport sector, or “multimodal transport” refers to the use of different modes (or means) of transport on the same journey”.

It is about using the strengths of all actors involved in multimodal transport. The image below displays those actors and shows how each mode and node plays a key role.

Different actors in multimodal chains



Horizontal and vertical collaboration in transport solutions serving hinterlands represents a huge potential for supply chains and for the economy as a whole.

Those who invest to offer new intermodal, synchro modal or multimodal solutions must have their say on important issues such as the improvement of hinterland connections and data gathering and sharing, amongst others, and must therefore be involved in upcoming discussions about multimodality.

FEPORT members are responsible for port operations, but many of them increasingly operate privately owned combined transport terminals throughout the European Union. Thus, they have a vested interest in promoting multimodal transport in the direct port hinterland.

Let us hope that upcoming discussions about multimodality will be inclusive at all levels...

(1) For example: [MCT Moerdijk terminal, Netherlands](#); [Dunajska Streda terminal, Slovakia](#); [Milan-Melzo, Italy](#); [TCT Terminal, Belgium](#).

30.01.2018 – UIRR Event in the European Parliament, Brussels



Last January 31st, FEPORT was invited to attend the UIRR Event held in the European Parliament in Brussels.

UIRR teamed up with IANA, the Intermodal Association of North America, to convey their key messages about intermodal freight transport to institutional stakeholders. This was done in the framework of an exhibition held in the European Parliament and hosted by MEP Wim van de Camp, EPP coordinator in the Transport and Tourism Committee.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Transport Commissioner Violeta Bulc and a delegation from the Belgian Ministry of Transport, conveying the message of Minister François Bellot, in the presence of several Members of the European Parliament, high level officials of the European Commission and representatives of the sector.

MEP Wim van de Camp welcomed the audience and expressed his strong interest in the debates that will concern intermodality and the review of the Combined Transport Directive. Efficient insertion of non-road modes of transport, such as rail, inland waterways and short sea shipping, into land transport is strongly desired by the European Parliament as this can materially contribute to EU competitiveness.



In her opening speech, Commissioner Violeta Bulc highlighted the role collaboration of transport modes embodied in intermodal will have to play in the drive to decarbonise and to drastically reduce the pollution and congestion caused primarily by road transport. She underlined the need for regulatory solutions that make the joint functioning of a high number of diverse actors to fulfil a single transport assignment, which will focus on digitalisation and are expected to be part of the Third Mobility Package forecast to be unveiled in May.

Mr. Dirk Verdickt, Senior Advisor to Belgian Transport Minister François Bellot, conveyed the firm support of his Government to intermodality as this is viewed as the solution to solving Belgium’s significant road congestion and transport-



related air pollution problems. Intermodal transport is viewed as a major pillar of Belgium's competitiveness and prosperity, while a significant contributor to the well-being of its people.

Mr. Phil Shook, the Leader of the IANA delegation, emphasized the need for intermodal actors on both sides of the Atlantic to exchange their best practice and thus learn from one another. The relentless pursuit of ever improved services are the only guarantee for the continued success of intermodal in both North America and Europe.

Mr. Ralf-Charley Schultze, UIRR's President, stated that learning from each other in a globalized world must also be global. This is why UIRR reached out to its American counterpart, IANA. It is the responsibility of every sector of the economy to do its best and improve its productivity and competitiveness.

"We fully support UIRR's efforts aimed at showing the potential that lies in the use of combined transport. The exhibition in this respect is a very good initiative" said Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

"More and more FEPORT members operate privately owned combined transport terminals throughout the European Union. They therefore hope that the revision of the above mentioned Directive will be a good opportunity to unleash the potential of combined transport", concluded FEPORT Secretary General.

After the official opening, the participants continued discussing multimodal transport and intermodality at the lunch debate organized by the European Logistics Platform.

Source : UIRR and FEPORT

30.01.2018 – ELP event on "The Future of Multimodal Transport", Brussels



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As a member of ELP, FEPORT was invited to participate in a lunch debate hosted by MEP Wim van de Camp, member of the TRAN Committee and of the ELP advisory board. In his introductory remarks, Mr. van de Camp noted, with reference to the

multimodal year 2018, that modal shift is the starting point of multimodality and that not only rail, but also inland waterways and shortsea shipping have to be considered as sustainable solutions within the logistics chains.

Mr. Rickard Backlund, Senior Manager Logistics, SSAB Europe, provided the customers' perspective on the need for multimodal transport. As a large shipper, SSAB wishes to increase its rail share as much as possible but there are obstacles such as the Rastatt incident, derailments, weather disruptions, which force them sometimes to go back to road transport.

Mr. Sam Bruynseels, Managing Director of Lineas Intermodal, presented the company's work in developing new rail freight services with bundled freight through its Green Express Network. For him, the rail sector needs to improve its service offering, by asking its customers what the sector needs to do to get them to shift to rail and to ensure that price, quality and ease of use are optimum, while enabling business and profits to grow.

Ms. Magda Kopczynska, Director for Waterborne Transport in Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport presented in a nutshell the Commission's intention for the 2018 Multimodality Year and said that the focus will be on digitalization given its enabling role for multimodality, with a specific initiative on electronic transport documents, building support for physical and digital infrastructure in the CEF, and on economic incentives for multimodal transport.

ELP Chair Ms. Nicolette van der Jagt, closing the event, reminded attendees that ELP will celebrate its fifth anniversary this year.

Source : ELP and FEPORT

31.01.2018 – PEMA Annual General Meeting, Bilbao



Last January 31st, FEPORT was invited to speak and attend the PEMA Annual General Meeting held at the Maritime Museum and kindly hosted by UniportBilbao in Bilbao, Spain.

The opening day of the meeting, again sponsored by UniportBilbao, saw guests welcomed with a museum tour and boat trip to the Port of Bilbao, where Capt. Javier López, Chairman



of the Maritime Cluster, spoke about the history of the local maritime industries.

Digitalisation was among the themes widely discussed during the

event. Mr. José Llorca, Chairman of Puertos del Estado, stressed the importance of digitalisation in the ports sector, saying that it was *“crucial to the quality and efficiency of services, and to align [the sector] with the industrial revolution 4.0.”*

Keynote speeches regarding the main challenges faced by the port industry were also delivered by Mr. Iván Deosdad, Capt. Richard Brough OBE, technical advisor at ICHCA International, Mr. Arantxa Tapia, Minister of Development and Industry, Basque Government, Mr. Felipe Jaber Bringas and Mr. Asier Atutxa of UniportBilbao.

During her presentation, FEPORT Secretary General, Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid focused on the main dimensions of the 4th industrial revolution and their impact on the port industry. She explained that it would be a mistake to consider that digitalization is the only innovation that will disrupt maritime logistics chains and the port business.



Other major transformations driven by societal and environmental concerns require agility and creativity from all actors. Mr. Boris Wenzel, Managing Director of Terminal Link, confirmed that a mindshift is needed from all parties.



“Cooperation between terminals and port equipment manufacturers to define technical standards taking into account the environmental and regulatory evolutions is desirable”, remarked Mr. Boris Wenzel.

PEMA member meetings are held twice a year, including the Annual General Meeting that is usually held in the first quarter of the year. Committee members and the PEMA board also meet separately during the year. PEMA will be present at TOC Europe in Rotterdam in June, and its next Autumn Members meeting will be held in Hong Kong on October 9th to 11th, 2018.

01.02.2018 – Security Union: European Commission launches a call for proposals for a €50 million pilot to support the creation of a network of Cyber Security competence centres across the EU

On February 1st, the European Commission launched [a call for proposals](#) for a €50 million pilot to support the creation of a network of cybersecurity competence centres across the EU. The winning consortia, including also university labs and research centres, should scale up existing research for the benefit of the cybersecurity of the Digital Single Market, with solutions that can be marketable. The experience collected in the selected projects will contribute to the design of the future competence network which will include a European Cybersecurity Research and Competence Centre.

08.02.2018 – Trade Contact Group Meeting, Brussels

FEPORT participated in the 20th meeting of the General Legislation Section of the Customs Expert Group (CEG/GEN/20) jointly held with the Trade Contact Group (TCG). The meeting focused on the amendment process for the Union Customs Code Implementing and Delegated Acts. All amendments, included those related to the criteria for a guarantee waiver under the Union Customs Code, will be presented to the European Parliament by May for adoption.

20.02.2018 – TRAN Hearing on the impact of Brexit on maritime transport, Brussels



European Parliament

Third in a series of the hearings about the ‘impact of Brexit on transport’, this hearing focused on the maritime sector, including shipping companies and ports. As the negotiations between the UK and the EU enter their second, sector-specific stage, the Members questioned their guests about their concerns, projections and wishes concerning the negotiations and legal and practical consequences of the UK leaving the EU.



The hearing was opened by Ms. Karima Delli, Chair of the TRAN Committee. The first part of the meeting concerned shipping companies where Mr. Martin Dorsman (Secretary General, ECSA European Community Ship-owners' Association), Mr. Martyn Griffiths (Director for Public Affairs, CLIA Europe) and Ms. Sue Mackenzie (Director of Operations and Business Transformation, P&O Ferries Ltd.) presented their views.

The second part of the meeting was related to ports. Discussions involved expert such as Mr. Joachim Coens (CEO of the Port of Zeebrugge), Mr. Eamonn O'Reilly (CEO of the Port of Dublin) and Mr. David Leighton (Group Head of Corporate Affairs, Associated British Ports).

Concluding remarks were presented by the Chair, Ms. Karima Delli.

22.02.2018 – DTLF – Corridor cargo flow optimisation sub group, Brussels

The DTLF "Cargo flow optimization" subgroup meet on February 22nd. The overarching objective of DTLF is to improve digital interoperability in logistics and freight transport across Europe. The subgroup of the DTLF discussed how this can be achieved, taking into consideration cargo flow optimization. All subgroups members view the sharing of information as desirable. Discussions are focusing on how information could possibly be share, who should share information and how.

26.02.2018 – DINA Meeting, Brussels

The first meeting of the Digital Inland Waterways Area (DINA) expert group took place on February 26th. The objective of DINA is to promote the digitalisation of inland waterway transport, including its interconnection with other transport modes, thereby contributing to its improved competitiveness in the multimodal supply chain. The meeting focused on the Digital Framework for Transport, and how inland waterways fit into this framework, the Digital Single Market and existing digital initiatives in inland waterways.

28.02.2018 – SAGMaS, Lisbon

The 50th Stakeholder Advisory Group on Maritime Security (SAGMaS) took place on February 28th. SAGMaS was established as a forum in which stakeholders can express their views on the work of the Regulatory Committee, MARSEC. The Committee meeting focused on the on-going study on Ferry security as well as cybersecurity.

EVENTS AND INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY FEPORT

14-15.03.2018 – The 3rd Port Technology Container Terminal Automation Conference: Automated Intelligence & AI



[The 3rd Port Technology Container Terminal Automation Conference: Automated Intelligence & AI](#) is due to take place on March 14-15, 2018 in London.

The 2017 conference saw over 120+ attendees from 85+ global companies and 30+ speakers and moderators participate. [Download the 2017 conference report & attendee list from April's event.](#)

In 2018, key industry issues will be debated by global ports and terminals, shipping liners, industry bodies, research agents, consultants, contractors, as well as technology, solution and equipment providers. They will address challenges surrounding process automation, big data analytics, predictive decision making, cyber risk security and many more facets of the fully automated terminals of the future.

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17.04.2018 - ICHCA Seminar on Port-Hinterland Connectivity: minimising risk, maximising efficiency, Hague



ICHCA International is pleased to invite you to attend [Port-Hinterland Connectivity](#), a practical one-day seminar in The Hague, 12 September, bringing all the stakeholders together to explore how to improve safety, security, sustainability and efficiency in managing the flow of cargo between ports and landside logistics operations across road, rail and inland waterway.

The ship-port interface receives a lot of attention from regulatory bodies such as the International Maritime Organization (IMO). However, the interface on the landside of coastal ports and terminals is equally critical and arguably more complex, given the large number of public and private stakeholders and multiple modalities involved. There are also many inland ports, some of very considerable size, which equally need to co-ordinate inbound and outbound transport flows with many third parties, including their maritime counterparts.

Meetings of the month

FEPORT Customs and Logistics Committee, Brussels	01.02.2018
FEPORT Port Policy Committee, Brussels	14.02.2018
FEPORT Board of Directors, Brussels	15.02.2018
FEPORT Social Affairs Committee, Brussels	20.02.2018
FEPORT Environment, Safety and Security Committee, Brussels	22.02.2018

Upcoming meetings

FEPORT meetings

FEPORT Port Policy Committee, Brussels	12.04.2018
FEPORT Board of Directors, Brussels	19.04.2018

FEPORT Customs and Logistics Committee, Brussels	16.05.2018
FEPORT Social Affairs Committee, Brussels	16.05.2018
FEPORT Environment, Safety and Security Committee, Brussels	24.05.2018
FEPORT General Assembly, Lisbon	01.06.2018
<u>Industry meetings</u>	
Social Dialogue, Brussels	07.03.2018
High-level Ministerial Conference on European Multimodal Freight Transport, Sofia	20.03.2018
DTLF Plenary, Brussels	22.03.2018
Transport Research Arena Conference: "A Digital Area for Transport", Vienna	16-19.04.2018
ICHCA Seminar on Port-Hinterland Connectivity: minimising risk, maximising efficiency, Hague	17.04.2018
TEN-T Days with dedicated sessions on multimodality and digitalisation, Ljubljana	25-27.04.2018
European Shipping Industry Stakeholders Forum, Varna, Bulgaria	03-05.05.2018
European Mobility Week, across Europe	16-22.09.2018
CIVITAS Forum Conference, Umea	19-21.09.2018
<u>Institutional meetings</u>	
European Parliament Plenary Session	28.02-01.03.2018
European Parliament Transport Committee meeting, Brussels	05.03.2018
European Parliament Plenary Session	12-15.03.2018
European Parliament Transport Committee meeting, Brussels	19-20.03.2018
European Parliament Transport Committee meeting, Brussels	12.04.2018
European Parliament Plenary Session	16-19.04.2018

