



EUROPEAN SEA PORTS ORGANISATION
LIVORNO | 23 – 24 MAY

For its 2019 Annual Conference, ESPO is taking you to Livorno. The Port Network Authority of the North Tyrrhenian Sea, host of the event, includes next to Tuscany's premier port, Livorno, the ports of Piombino, Capraia, Portoferraio and Rio Marina.

The theme of this 16th edition of the ESPO conference is

“Europe's ports in a new world”

The world is undergoing revolutionary changes. Climate change, digitalisation, geopolitical crises and looming trade wars, automation and increased citizens' engagement are among the main game changers.

Port managing bodies are at the same time dynamic, commercial developers and stewards of economic, sustainable and social growth for the wider port community. They have increased responsibility to stay ahead of upcoming developments and address the challenges. European ports are agile and resilient. Adapting to a new world is imperative. But for many ports that is not enough. As hubs of transport, energy, industry and blue economy, they want to - or are asked to - play a more active role. They can be the ideal matchmaker between all stakeholders in the port ecosystem.

This ESPO conference will set off with an impressive line-up of inspirational speeches drawing up this “new world” we are entering in.

In five subsequent sessions, speakers and audience will be exploring different upcoming game changers in more detail and try to find answers to different questions: what are the new technologies? Who are the new players? How to prepare for a new trade and geopolitical environment? What is the future of work in the port sector? And what can be expected from the new port? What does the port need to be able to play its role? What about policy? What should we expect from the new Commission and Parliament?

As always, the ESPO conference will feature a combination of high-level and off-the-beaten-track speakers, combined with different discussion moments and interaction with the audience.

Moreover, the ESPO conference is more than just a conference. Also this year we have foreseen different networking moments in the fantastic setting of the Livornese heritage. Imagine discussing the new world and its impact on ports in a beautiful 19th century theatre and, during the Conference Dinner, enjoying the Livornese cuisine with the other delegates in an old medieval Fortress in the middle of the port.

So reasons enough to fill in the registration form now and be part of this annual highlight of the European Port Industry.



ESPO Conference – Day 1



Day 1: Thursday 23 May

08.15 Departure from hotels to *Goldoni Theatre*
08.30 – 09.00 Registration and welcome coffee

09.00: Opening Session

Welcome By **Eamonn O'Reilly**, Chairman ESPO
By **Danilo Toninelli**, Honourable Minister of Infrastructures and Transports, Italy
By **Daniele Rossi**, President of Assoporti
By **Pietro Verna**, Commissioner of the North Tyrrhenian System Ports Authority

09.45: Setting the scene

Key note address By **Dame Inga Beale**, Former CEO, Lloyd's of London

Q&A

10.30: Coffee Break

11.00: Session 1 – The New World

Dr Martin Stopford, President, Clarkson Research
Matt Stone, Associate partner at Mc Kinsey and **Oscar Egerström**, Underwriter at TT Club: *Presentation of "Brave new world: container transport in 2043"*, study authored by Mc Kinsey and TT Club

11.45: Session 2 – New Technologies

Moderator : **Sotiris Raptis**, Senior Advisor, ESPO

Paivi Haikkola, Ecosystem Lead, One Sea Autonomous Maritime Ecosystem: *Automation in Maritime Transport and Port Industry*

Dr Steven Shladover, Research engineer, University of California, Berkeley, Path Program: *Platooning: The role of truck platooning in improving the efficiency of port-hinterland connections*

Dr Carlo Rauti, Principal Consultant, University Maritime Advisory Services: *the different technological pathways towards the greening of the shipping sector*

Mattia Cecchinato, Offshore and Sustainability Analyst, Wind Europe: *Ports at the service of the wind industry*

Q&A

12.45: Fireside chat

Between **Pino Musolino**, President of the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority and **Kurt Bodewig**, TEN-T Coordinator for the Motorways of the Sea

13.00: Lunch

14.15: Presentation of ESPO Memorandum for the new Commission and European Parliament

Isabelle Ryckbost, Secretary General, ESPO

14.30: Session 3 – New Players

Moderator : **Bogdan Oldakowski**, Secretary General, Baltic Ports Organisation

Robert Hall, International partner, Logistics & Industrial, Cushman and Wakefield and **Lisa Graham**, EMEA Head of Logistics & Industrial Research & Insight, Cushman and Wakefield: *Changing face of distribution: the shape of things to come*

Joyce Bliiek, Director of Digital Business Solutions, Port of Rotterdam: *Step by step towards a digital port*

Sascha Treppte, Head of Business Development and Strategy, Duisburger Hafen AG: *Developing the European inland transshipment hub for goods trade with China*

Dr Markus Kückelhaus, Vice-President Innovation and Trend Research, DHL Customer Solutions and Innovation: *Digitalisation and the future of supply chains*

Sam Quintelier, Cargo Business Development Manager, Brussels Airport Company: *Air cargo transport, a new multimodal partner for ports?*

15.45: Coffee break

16.15: Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Richard Ballantyne**, Chief Executive, British Ports Association

Faig Abbasov, Shipping Officer, Transport & Environment

Marco Conforti, Past President of Assiterminal, Vice President of CONFETRA

Daan Schalck, co-CEO, North Sea Port

Livia Spera, Political Secretary for Dockers and Fisheries, European Transport workers' Federation

Sotiris Theofanis, Executive Chairman and CEO of the Thessanolyki Port Authority

17.00: Country profile – Analysis of the Italian maritime economy

Alessandro Panaro, Head of "Maritime and Mediterranean Economy"
Department, SRM: *Analysis of the Italian Maritime Economy*

17.15: End of Day 1

19.30: Bus departure from the hotels

Transfer from the following hotels: Max Hotel Livorno, Hotel Rex, Grand Hotel Palazzo, Hotel Granduca

20.00: Conference Dinner

Old Fortress, Piazzale dei Marmi, Livorno

Please note that the ground might be uneven and/or slippery. We therefore do not recommend wearing high heels.

23.00: Bus departure from Old Fortress to the hotels

Transfer to the following hotels: Max Hotel Livorno, Hotel Rex, Grand Hotel Palazzo, Hotel Granduca

ESPO Conference – Day 2



Day 2: Friday 24 May

08.30 Departure from hotels to *Goldoni Theatre*
08.30 – 09.00 Welcome coffee

09.00: Implementing “user pays” and “polluter pays” principles in transport

Silvia Maffii, Co-founder and managing director of TRT Trasporti e Territorio: *Presentation of the EC Study “Sustainable Transport Infrastructure Charging and Internalisation of Transport externalities”*

Q&A

9.35 Key message

From **Edoardo Rixi**, Vice-Minister of Infrastructures and Transports, Italy

09.45: Session 4: The New Trade and Geopolitical Environment

Moderator : **Yves Adriaensen**, Manager Market Intelligence, Port of Antwerp

Iana Dreyer, Founder and Editor of Borderlex: *the new trade environment: impact on Europe and its ports*

Navy Captain Hans Huygens, Head of Military Assessment and Planning, European Union Military Staff (EUMS): *the new geopolitical environment: impact on maritime trade and ports*

Mark Watts, Coordinator of UK Transport in Europe (UKTiE): *Brexit: what is next?*

Fireside chat between **Yves Adriaensen**, Manager Market Intelligence, Port of Antwerp and **Mike Di Bernardo**, Deputy Executive Director Marketing and Customer relations, Port of Los Angeles

10.45: Session 5: New Ports

Moderator: **Matej Zakonjšek**, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Violeta Bulc

Prof. **Theo Notteboom**, Professor in Port and Maritime Economics and Management and Director of Center for Eurasian Maritime and Inland Logistics (CEMIL): *Characteristics and role of the European ports in a new world*

Dr. **Cleopatra Dombia-Henry**, President of the World Maritime University, Transport 2040: *Automation, Technology, employment – the future of work*

11.30: Coffee Break

12.00: Closing Roundtable Session: New policy and policy makers

Moderator : **Wim van de Camp**, Member of the European Parliament

Christine Cabau Woehrel, Vice President CMA CGM

Zeno D'Agostino, President of the Port Network Authority of Eastern Adriatic Sea and Vice-Chairman ESPO

Magda Kopczynska, Director for Waterborne Transport in Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport within the European Commission

Eamonn O'Reilly, Chairman of ESPO

Pawel Wojciechowski, European Coordinator for the TEN-T Rhine-Alpine Corridor

13.00: Closing of 2019 Conference

Eamonn O'Reilly, Chairman, ESPO

13.10: Announcing ESPO Conference 2020

Ingvar M. Mathisen, Port Director/CEO, Port of Oslo

13.15: Pick-up of the lunch and departure for canal boat tour

Only for participants who registered

13.30: Departure canal boat tour

15.00: Back from the canal boat tour

Delegates will have the choice to either go back to their hotel or to join the Port Visit by bus.

15.30: Arrival back at hotels

If you are not joining the Port Visit by bus

15.00: Departure for the Port Visit by bus

17.15: Arrival back at hotels



- General information about the ESPO Conference: www.espo-conference.com
- Direct link to registration: <https://espo2019.portialtotirreno.it/registration/>



- Conference Venue: *Goldoni Theatre*, Via Enrico Mayer, 57, 57125 Livorno LI, Italy
- Conference Dinner: *Old Fortress*, Piazzale dei Marmi, 57126 Livorno LI, Italy



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