



**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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

### 09.00: Opening Session

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

### 09.45: Setting the scene

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

Q&A

### 10.30: Coffee Break

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### 11.00: Session 1 – The New World

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**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

## 12.00: Session 2 – New Technologies

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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*

**Katharine Palmer**, Global sustainability Manager, Lloyd's Register: *the different technological pathways towards the greening of the shipping sector* (tbc)

**Diletta Zeni**, Advisor Energy & Climate Change, Wind Europe: *Ports at the service of the wind industry*

Q&A

## 13.00: Lunch

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### 14.15: Fireside chat

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

## 14.30: Session 3 – New Players

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

**Robert Hall**, International partner, Logistics & Industrial, Cushman and Wakefield: *Changing face of distribution: the shape of things to come*

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

**Erich Staake**, CEO and President of 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*

## **15.30: Coffee break**

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## **16.00: Panel Discussion**

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

**Faig Abbasov**, Shipping Officer, Transport & Environment

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

**Jens Meier**, CEO, Port of Hamburg

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

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

## **16.45: Country profile – Analysis of the Italian maritime economy**

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

## **17.00: End of Day 1**

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## **20.00 Conference Dinner**

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*Old Fortress, Piazzale dei Marmi, Livorno*

# ESPO Conference – Day 2



## Day 2: Friday 24 May

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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

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**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

### 09.45: Session 4: The New Trade and Geopolitical Environment

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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*

### 10.45: Session 5: New Ports

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Moderator: **Alisa Tiganj**, Member of the 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 Doumbia-Henry**, President of the World Maritime University, Transport 2040: *Automation, Technology, employment – the future of work*

### **11.30: Coffee Break**

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### **11.45: ESPO Memorandum**

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**Isabelle Ryckbost**, Secretary General, ESPO: *Presentation of the ESPO memorandum 2019-2024*

### **12.00: Closing Roundtable Session: New policy and policy makers**

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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

**Wilfried Lemmens**, Managing Director Belgian Shipowners Association

**Eamonn O'Reilly**, Chairman of ESPO

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

### **13.00: Closing of 2019 Conference**

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**Eamonn O'Reilly**, Chairman, ESPO

### **13.10: Announcing ESPO Conference 2020**

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

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On a first come, first served-basis in the registration system

### **13.30: Departure canal boat tour**

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### **15.00: Back from the canal boat tour**

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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)**

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### **15.00: Departure for the Port Visit by bus**

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### **17.15: Arrival back at hotel**

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- General information about the ESPO Conference: [www.espo-conference.com](http://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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