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21 -23 OCTOBER 2025

Antwerp, Belgium

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21. OCTOBER | TUESDAY**16:00 - 18:00 GUIDED BOAT PORT TOUR OF PORT OF ANTWERP-BRUGES**

Experience the bustling Port of Antwerp-Bruges from a unique perspective on a guided boat cruise. Discover one of Europe's largest ports, learn about its cutting-edge operations, and see the heart of global trade in action while enjoying a scenic voyage through its waterways.

**18:00 - 21:00 MEET & GREET RECEPTION**

AVAILABLE ONLY TO WOF MEMBERS AND PARTNERS OF THE EVENT!

This relaxed networking session is the perfect opportunity to connect over a beer, share insights, and kick off the event with meaningful conversations in a laid-back atmosphere.

**22. OCTOBER | WEDNESDAY**

08:30 - 09:00 REGISTRATION & MORNING COFFEE

09:00 - 09:15 OPENING SPEECH

09:15 - 09:35 **KEYNOTE** *AVAILABLE

09:40 - 10:30 **DISCUSSION PANEL**

GLOBAL HORIZONS: EMERGING MARKETS AND ROUTES SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TRADE

This panel will explore the opportunities and challenges of connecting Europe to dynamic regions such as South and Central America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Discover how new infrastructure, trade corridors, and evolving industries are reshaping logistics. Gain insights from experts on how freight forwarders, shippers, and service providers can adapt their strategies to thrive in these growing markets. Whether you're looking to expand your reach or enhance your existing operations, this discussion will equip you with the tools to succeed.

09:35 - 10:55 **KEYNOTE** *AVAILABLE

10:55 - 11:20 COFFEE BREAK

11:20 - 12:10 **DISCUSSION PANEL**

STRONGER TOGETHER: HOW SMALLER FREIGHT FORWARDERS CAN LEVERAGE PARTNERSHIPS TO CUT AIR FREIGHT COSTS

Small and mid-size freight forwarders often face high costs and limited negotiating power in air cargo. But what if collaboration—not just competition—was the key to better rates, stronger partnerships, and more control over cargo flows? This panel will uncover how forwarders can team up with airports, handlers, GSAs, and even fellow forwarders to unlock better deals, improved efficiency, and strategic advantages over larger competitors.

12:15 - 12:35 **KEYNOTE** *AVAILABLE

12:35 - 13:35 LUNCH BREAK

13:35 - 14:25 **DISCUSSION PANEL**

SHORTSEA SHIPPING: A GATEWAY TO HINTERLAND BUSINESS POTENTIAL

This panel will delve into the emerging opportunities that shortsea shipping offers for connecting ports with inland markets more efficiently, with a focus on the environmental and cost advantages of shifting freight from road to sea. By fostering collaboration among ports, forwarders, and hinterland service providers, the panel will explore how shortsea shipping can optimize supply chains, reduce congestion, and unlock new business potential for regional markets.

22. OCTOBER | WEDNESDAY

14:30 - 14:50 **KEYNOTE** *AVAILABLE

14:55- 15:45 **DISCUSSION PANEL**

THE NEW WAVE OF GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN REGULATIONS: WHAT EVERY COLLABORATOR NEEDS TO KNOW

As the global supply chain landscape continues to evolve, supply chain collaborators—ranging from manufacturers and freight forwarders to port operators and shippers—must stay ahead of new regulations and policies. This panel will explore the latest international regulations and policies impacting global supply chains, focusing on how businesses can comply, mitigate risks, and turn regulatory changes into opportunities. The discussion will address key areas such as trade compliance, environmental standards, digital data governance, and customs changes, offering practical insights into staying compliant and competitive.

15:45 - 16:10 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:10 - 16:30 **KEYNOTE** *AVAILABLE

16:35 - 17:25 **DISCUSSION PANEL**

SMART TOOLS FOR FREIGHT FORWARDERS: NAVIGATING THE COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS FOR EFFICIENCY AND GROWTH

This panel will explore the practical, cost-effective tools and technologies available to freight forwarders that can enhance operational efficiency, streamline processes, and ultimately improve the bottom line. The discussion will focus on helping forwarders navigate the wide array of available solutions and assess the costs and benefits of investing in them—whether they're looking to improve communication, automate routine tasks, or optimize their supply chains.

17:30- 21:00 **WOF CONNECT & COCKTAIL**

*Join us for an exclusive walking dinner **powered by Port of Antwerp-Bruges**, where business meets pleasure in a relaxed and engaging atmosphere. Connect with industry peers, forge new partnerships, and enjoy exquisite cuisine while immersing yourself in the vibrant energy of the evening. Don't miss this perfect opportunity and toast to future collaborations!*



10:00 - 16:30 **ONE-TO-ONE NETWORKING**

23. OCTOBER | THURSDAY

08:30 - 09:00 **REGISTRATION & MORNING COFFEE**

09:00 - 12:00 **WORKSHOPS & ONE-TO-ONE NETWORKING**

12:00 - 13:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

13:00 - 15:00 **ONE-TO-ONE NETWORKING**

15:00 **FAREWELL & GOOD-BYE**

LET'S PARTNER UP!

Elevate your brand to new heights, standing out prominently in front of a diverse audience of international and local freight forwarding companies, logistics service providers, e-commerce platforms, and exporters