



Press release

Joint Food Port-Dryport Seminar 24th May 2011, Bruges

On Tuesday 24 May the Development Agency of the Province of West Flanders and VOKA - Chamber of Commerce West Flanders are organising an international seminar within the framework of two Interreg IVB North Sea Region projects: Food Port and Dryport.

The seminar focuses on **innovative logistic chains** in the food and retail sector and the added value of dryports and inland distribution centres for the organisation of the logistic chains. Companies will be informed about the ongoing activities in the two projects. Guest speakers include representatives from Dryport and Food Port and guest speakers from 2XL, VUB - University of Brussels, Yorkshire & Humber, Colruyt and Forth Ports who will present **concrete cases**. The **West Flanders Development Agency** will present the first results of a pilot project in which three West Flemish vegetable companies cooperate and fill reefer containers in Zeebrugge that are transported to Italy by train.

Food Port 'Connecting Food Port Regions. Between and Beyond' aims to increase the access and improvement of logistic systems from different food clusters in the North Sea Region. The intention of the Food Port project is to strengthen the food industry through the development of practical solutions that promote an efficient and sustainable logistic chain.

Dryport 'A modal shift in practice' aims at less road congestion through the set-ups of 'dryports'. These are logistic centres in the hinterland where goods are stored, consolidated, stripped and/or distributed in close cooperation with major sea ports. The transport in between is realised preferably with environmental friendly transport modes as inland waterways and rail.

**The seminar will be held on 24th May 2011
at NH hotel, Bouveriestraat 2, 8000 Bruges.**

**Opening seminar by Flemish Minister of Mobility Hilde Crevits at 09:00.
Registration from 08:30.**

Working language is English. More info: www.food-port.eu/events

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