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FORWARD Belgium: key points



Digitalisation

Fraud & Compliance Risk Cockpit

An analysis was carried out within FORWARD Belgium regarding the potential development of a “**Fraud & Compliance Risk Cockpit**”. The working group examined the potential role that AI could play in compliance and fraud detection, provided that entire processes and relevant data can be incorporated.

Inbound Release Platform

The roll-out of the **Inbound Release Platform** is viewed positively. Consultations recently took place with representatives from customs and the software providers to identify any outstanding issues. It has emerged that only a limited number of customs representatives are currently using the pre-lodged declaration submission feature. However, this can yield significant benefits.

In addition, various follow-up initiatives are still underway within The Way Forward. For example, work is being done on the RTO transfer concept, which could also be made applicable to freight forwarders.



Sustainability

Save the date – Sustainability Committee

On **Monday 15 June**, from **12:00 to 13:30**, the **Sustainability Committee** will meet again at the **CEPA building in Antwerp**. This session will be **interactive**, during which we will discuss current challenges and opportunities within sustainable logistics with the members. The invitation will follow shortly.

Members wishing to submit **proposals or topics** for the agenda may send these [to the secretariat](#).



Human Resources

Call for applications: external examiners wanted (15 & 16 June 2026)

AP University College is seeking **professionals from the sector** to serve as assessors during the defence of the Supply Chain Management bachelor's theses on **15 and 16 June 2026**. FORWARD Belgium supports this call and encourages members to apply for **a morning, afternoon or full day**.

As a jury member, you will attend the students' presentations, ask questions based on your practical experience and assess both content and soft skills. **No preparation is required** – your presence and expertise make all the difference.

An overview of the research questions is available from the secretariat. **Interested in** participating as an external jury member? [Contact the FORWARD Belgium secretariat](#).

Intermodal

Night-time logistics

Night-time logistics remains a key issue within the current mobility challenges in the Antwerp port area. During recent consultations, it became clear that there is **significant unused capacity**, both at night and in the early evening (6pm–10pm).

FORWARD Belgium is closely monitoring this issue and emphasises that further progress is only possible if **all links in the chain**, including freight forwarders, are **actively involved**. That is why we support Alfaport Voka's call to join the *Night-time Logistics working group*. This



group meets in person twice a year, supplemented by interim digital updates.

Interested in taking part? [Contact the FORWARD Belgium secretariat.](#)



Legal

Hotline for suspicious consignments

We are currently investigating how the **reporting centre for suspicious shipments** can be made more accessible, better known and more user-friendly.



Young FORWARD Belgium

9th FORWARD Cup | 5 June 2026

On **Friday 5 June**, the 9th **FORWARD Cup** will take place at the **Jef Mermans Stadium** (City Pirates, Merksem). It promises to be another sporting after-work event featuring mini-football, a great atmosphere and networking within the logistics community.

Supporters are more than welcome from 6.00 pm. The final is scheduled for around 9.30 pm. [You can also find a list of all participating companies on our website.](#)

On our website, you will find WARD, FORWARD's digital assistant.

WARD helps members quickly find the right information, documents and answers to frequently asked questions. By digitising processes and making information more accessible, WARD contributes to more efficient and sustainable operations within our sector.

Less searching, fewer emails, less paper — more time for what really matters.

[You can use WARD directly via our website.](#) The secretariat remains available for any further questions.



Book your personal appointment

If you are unsure which matters are handled by FORWARD Belgium and/or would like to know more about what FORWARD Belgium can do for your business, you are always welcome to book a personal appointment.

We would be happy to visit you to explain everything in detail.

[Book your personal appointment here](#)

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