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FORWARD Belgium: key points



Customs

FGAS Regulation: share your questions and concerns

Following the implementation of the **new F-Gas Regulation**, questions remain within the logistics sector regarding its **practical implementation** and the **impact on customs formalities**. FORWARD Belgium is therefore collecting questions, concerns and specific practical examples from the sector to present them collectively to the competent authority. This will enable any ambiguities to be identified and, where necessary, further clarification to be sought.

Do you have any questions, experiences or points for consideration regarding the FGAS Regulation? [Please send them to FORWARD Belgium.](#) The more specific the examples, the better we can substantiate the challenges and needs of the sector.

Turnaround times for customs checks

FORWARD continues to actively monitor the **long processing times for customs checks**. Following consultation with the AAD&A and Minister Jambon, the causes of the delays were identified and various measures were initiated to improve inspection capacity and throughput. We remain committed to greater transparency, faster processing and a more efficient inspection process.



Sustainability

FORWARD Goals for Sustainable Development

The evaluation committee has recently assessed the applications from companies whose FORWARD GOALS certificate is due to expire. We are pleased to announce that BDP International, Cryo Logistics Belgium, Manuport Logistics, Naxco Belgium and Vedrova have successfully renewed their GOLD label for the period 2026–2028. This recognition confirms their ongoing commitment to sustainable and socially responsible business practices.

Is your label due to expire soon, or would you like to take part in **FORWARD GOALS** for the first time? If so, please contact the FORWARD Belgium secretariat.

[More info](#)



Human Resources

Internships and entry-level vacancies sought at KdG

Karel de Grote University College is looking for **work placements** for **third-year students** on the **Supply Chain Management** programme for the 2026–2027 academic year. In addition, companies can also publish **vacancies for entry-level roles** to reach newly qualified Supply Chain Professionals.

This offers a great opportunity to get to know new talent and potential future employees.

Further information on the internship programme, practical arrangements and registration options [can be downloaded here](#).

Interested? Please consult the document or contact the [internship coordinator at Karel de Grote University College](#) directly.

Call for company visits for Transport & Logistics students at AP

The Transport & Logistics Graduate programme at AP University College Antwerp is looking for companies willing to host first-year students for a company visit. This gives students the chance to gain an insight into the practical aspects and the diversity of our sector. Interested companies can organise a visit on 2 December 2026, 16 December 2026 or 6 January 2027 (morning).

[Further information can be obtained from the FORWARD secretariat.](#)

FORWARD Annual Event | Tuesday 8 December 2026

On **Tuesday 8 December**, we look forward to welcoming you to the prestigious **Botanic Sanctuary Antwerp** for the FORWARD annual event. In a unique and stylish setting, we will look back on the past year together, strengthen existing relationships and forge new valuable connections. You'll also enjoy an exceptional gastronomic experience, curated by the team of three-star chef **Viki Geunes**. We look forward to raising a glass with you to a successful year and a promising future.

[More info and registration](#)



Young FORWARD Belgium

Never a dull moment in liner shipping | 26 November 2026

On **Thursday 26 November 2026**, Young FORWARD Belgium & BSV The Next Generation are organising an inspiring information session for students from Karel de Grote University of Applied Sciences, the University of Antwerp and Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. During a keynote speech, **Stefan Verberckmoes** (AXS Marine/Alphaliner) will take participants on a journey through the rapidly evolving world of container shipping, focusing on current challenges such as market disruption and sustainability.

This will be followed by an **informal networking session** where students and professionals can meet one another.

Members of (young) FORWARD Belgium can attend this session free of charge.

[More info and registration](#)



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Book your personal appointment



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

We'd be delighted to visit you to explain everything in detail.

[Book your personal appointment here](#)

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